

Clutton Parish Council

Monday 18th May 2015, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Parish Council

Present: Councillors R. Naish (Chair), V. Adie(part), B. Bailey, J Bush, S. Dagger, A Hillier, P Mullins, I. Myatt, D. Phillips, S. Piddock, A. Starr, D. Veale(part), and D Worskett; Mrs H Richardson (Clerk); 21 members of the public.

Item	Action
59/15	The declarations of acceptance of office were received. Apologies were accepted from Karen Warrington (District Councillor) and declarations of interest were received from Councillors Rosemary Naish, Sophie Piddock and Paul Mullins for item 72/15, however they have been granted dispensation under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011.
60/15	Councillor Rosemary Naish was elected as Chair unopposed. Her declaration of acceptance of office was signed and received.
61/15	Councillor David Worskett was elected as Vice-Chair, having been nominated along-side Councillor Vic Adie. His declaration of acceptance of office was signed and received.

Public Submissions

The applicant for the planning application for Somersby Orchard (**Item 72/15c**) gave an outline of the application and asked for the Parish Councils support. The building is required to house machinery to tend the orchard. It is next to the workshop and not visible. It will be built of natural stone. The previous application for permitted development was not allowed due to the location to the airfield.

Item 71/15 traffic calming – A resident stated that the strongest possible traffic calming measures should go ahead, or something awful will happen. Cars speed down Station Road. Children want to go and meet their friends, but they can't on their own because of the road.

A resident agreed and said that one build out is by her house, but the inconvenience is far less than the scheme not happening. Her son has fallen into a hedge to avoid a speeding car. The village has waited so long for this to go ahead, it must now happen and it's even more vital now we are losing the school crossing patrol. If the measures go ahead more people will walk to school, as it is people drive to school as they are fearful of walking

A resident and teacher representing the school gave option 2 full and total backing. There have been several near accidents on Station Road. It should be taken as a specific case as it is used as a rat run from the A37-39, cars travel at a dangerous speed, there are blind corners and no pavement. We have lost the school crossing patrol and parents will resort to driving to school. A virtual footway will give children a false sense of security and without the build-outs will not work. The zig zags on the road outside the school are already ignored. People don't take any notice of paint on the road.

A school governor (not speaking on behalf of the school governors) echoed previous comments, supporting the published proposals.

A resident spoke in support of 'option 2' and stated that they had had their car written off at the bottom of Station Road.

A resident reported that a friend who is a wheel chair user felt it was impossible to get through the village because of speeding cars.

A resident stated that the bottom of Station Road is too narrow for 2 cars to pass and cars travel too fast.

A resident stated that exiting the Mead, you have to push the car out into the carriageway to see if anything is coming, its extremely dangerous with the speed of cars travelling down Station Road.

A resident supported the traffic calming scheme already agreed, but suggested that we consider speed bumps if the original proposal was likely to be delayed or challenged.

Item: 72/15 – Planning applications at Maynard Terrace

A resident requested that the locations are referred to as fields not sites. The applications state that they are unused fields this is untrue – they are being grazed. It is astonishing that the applications can be resubmitted unchanged.

- 62/15 The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th April 2015 and were approved. One councillor raised an issue with printing out the minutes. No other Councillor experienced the same problem. The issue would be investigated further. Chair
- 63/15 Due to this months busy agenda – the complaints procedure would be reviewed next month.
- 64/15 The lead councillors and working groups were reviewed. Lead Councillors are currently in the 2nd year of a three year rotation, but as one councillor had not been re-elected the following changes were agreed:
Cllr Jenny Bush would become Support Councillor for Children.
Cllr Sophie Piddock and Cllr Paul Mullins would be joint lead councillor for Communications.
- Cllr Rosemary Naish also asked for support councillors to assist her in Finance and administration. Cllr David Worskett and Cllr Ian Myatt agreed to support her.
- It was requested that we set up some working groups to investigate special projects:
Cllr Rosemary Naish, Cllr David Worskett and Cllr Ian Myatt would set up the employee pension scheme.
No one volunteered to investigate the options for rural broadband and so this would be deferred.
Cllr David Phillips agreed to review the councils grant application policy, particularly for smaller applications.
- 65/15 Representatives on village bodies were reviewed and it was agreed that the existing representatives should remain unchanged, although it was suggested that a second councillor should be appointed as 'understudy' if the appointed representative was unable to attend third party meetings so that the Parish Council is always represented.
- 66/15 It was agreed that Cllr Sophie Piddock would review the Standing Orders and bring them back to council for approval. SP
- 67/15 It was agreed that Cllr David Phillips would review the Financial Regulations and bring them back to council for approval. DP
- 68/15 It was agreed that the Asset register would be reviewed for the renewal RN

of the insurance policy and would be brought back in July for approval.

69/15 The Risk assessment was reviewed and approved.

70/15 The dates and times of the ordinary meetings of the council were fixed for the ensuing year. All would be the third Monday of the month – no bank holidays affected the dates. Clerk

71/15 During public submissions (detailed above) residents spoke of their support for the strongest possible traffic calming measures and recounted anecdotes of near misses and their fear that a serious accident would occur. A further 9 residents raised their hands to say that they were there as parents and supported the traffic calming measures previously agreed. No-one spoke against the measures that had previously been agreed.

Following the public participation session the recommendation was put forward, that following the second marginal speed survey and the challenge from one member of public, the Parish Council should amend plans to an option 4 which included strong gateways into the village which would slow the traffic down, a build out/crossing outside the school (especially important now we have lost the school crossing patrol) and a virtual footway as in option 1. A further speed survey should also be requested, once the measures were put in place to establish whether further measures would be required.

However in the discussions that followed a number of other councillors spoke to voice their disappointment that option 2, (which had previously been recommended by B&NES highways officers, and been discussed at length and supported by the Parish Council), was now not being progressed because of a single challenge and that this was not democratic. The speed surveys were marginal, but as residents know, cars travel too fast. The stretch of road should be considered as a specific case as it is used as a cut through from A37-A39, there are no pavements, there are blind corners, the width of the road changes and it is a route to school. It was also pointed out that the second speed survey was carried out in winter, with darker nights and bad weather, when people were more likely to travel carefully, bringing the average down.

Therefore it was proposed that with the overwhelming backing of the residents the Parish Council put their full weight behind option 2. This was agreed unanimously.

72/15

The following planning applications were considered:

a)15/01644/OUT: Parcel 0006 Maynard Terrace &

b)15/01645/OUT: Parcel 1300 Maynard Terrace.

The Parish council previously objected to the original applications and should do so again particularly pointing to the inspectors report for Site A – Parcel 0006 Maynard Terrace – they are not well situated, there is a higher than average car usage and these developments will add to the concerns about the junction of Maynard Terrace and Clutton Hill. The application is using out of date drawings for Site A which now provides access for both applications. In addition to our previous response, the

Clutton Neighbourhood plan has now been submitted and holds significant weight. Policies in the Neighbourhood plan do not support these applications.

The Parish Council agreed to vigorously oppose both applications.

c) 15/01435/FUL: Land adj Somersby Orchard.

The orchards have been restored and brought back into production, the store is a sensible proposal to store the associated equipment. The Parish Council agreed to support this application.

73/15 The Finance Reports were tabled and accepted

74/15 The following correspondence was reported:

- a) A complaint from a resident that rainwater was running off the allotments into their garden. The Parish Council agreed to investigate.
- b) An invitation from CPRE to their AGM.
- c) A thank you from Clutton With Cameley PCC for their grant.

DP

75/15 It was reported that Bristol Water would be inspecting the water leak at the allotments again on Thursday. It was agreed that if they were unable to provide a solution, a private contractor would be asked to investigate and a budget of £250 was agreed based on a quote already provided.

DP

76/15 The proposed work to repair the steps in the Leisure Area was approved, based on a quote provided by Company A. It had proved difficult to obtain alternative quotes.

77/15 It was reported that the Neighbourhood plan had been submitted and B&NES had reported back that the inspector has finished her report and would be making some site visits. The final report is expected next week and then subject to the report B&NES will arrange a referendum.

78/15 The Ward Councillor was unable to attend due to a ward councillors meeting, however she had written to ask the Parish Council to consider any issues they would like reviewed. In the discussion that followed it was suggested that the issue of the Maynard Terrace/ Clutton Hill Junction should be reviewed along with the progress on the recommended Stage 2 safety audit. It was questioned whether planning applications could be reviewed as previous Ward Councillors had in the past revisited planning applications.

79/15 The Clerk reported that:
'At your place' training session had been booked for 7pm on Monday 29th June at the Village Hall. This will be beneficial to all councillors as legislation continually changes.

Missing signpost and finger post at junction of Marsh Lane and Temple Inn Lane had been reported to B&NES .

The notice of electors rights to view the accounts had been publicised.

Verbal authorisation had been given from the insurance company to fix the Village Car Park Wall.

The Chair has been asked to speak at the NALC Digital Councils workshop in London to present a session on changing to digital.

Peter Duppa Millers funeral arrangements were circulated.

Communication Stats: 106 enews subscribers, 77 Facebook likes.
Website: 679 session, 547 users, 1375 pageviews, 1.25 average session duration.

Close: The meeting ended at 9.04pm