

Clutton Parish Council

Monday 15th October 2018, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Public Submissions:

A resident raised concern that the traffic lights at the bottom of Station Road are on a blind corner with no warning. Danger of cars crashing into queue of traffic waiting at red lights. Need a sign before the bend.

A representative from **TrueSpeed** said that work will be starting on the A37 on the 22nd October. 3 Way traffic lights will be installed at the top of Station Road during the piling and cabling work. Clutton should be operational in November / December and Clutton Hill should be operational in January. Residents wanting to keep the same number must not cancel their BT account before you transfer to TrueSpeed or the number will be given up.

Clutton Hill was due to be closed in November for TrueSpeed works, however this has been postponed to February.

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council

Present: Councillors R Naish(Chair), J Bush, B Bailey, A Hillier, D Phillips, G Williams, I Myatt, A Parfitt, T Starr, D Worskett, D Veale, K Warrington (Ward Councillor) and Mrs H Richardson (Clerk). and 5 members of public

Item		Action
148/18	Apologies were received and accepted from S Piddock. I Myatt declared an interest in item 149/18	
149/18	The minutes of the meeting on Monday 17 th September 2018 were approved.	
150/18	It was reported that following the last meeting: -Dog waste bins are not being emptied weekly as quoted, with three weeks between visits, clerk to contact Bin-It ^{116/18}) -Wood removed from the back of the play park has been offered to the school for the fireworks. ^(129/18) -Clutton & Temple Cloud News have now found an editor, the Chair met with some of the committee to offer support. ^(141/18b) - The TrueSpeed Network Access Agreement has been agreed ^(147/18) -B&NES have agreed to return the Burchill Close play area to grass, but the Estates Technical Officer was unable to proceed with the purchase until we could establish who had agreed to sell it to us. 139/18	
	Planning	
151/18	There were no planning consultations this month.	
152/18	The following planning decisions were received this month: 18/03654/FUL: 17 Rogers Close. Erection of Front Porch. PERMIT 18/03685/FUL: 6 Moorsfield. 2 Storey Rear Extension. PERMIT 18/03065/FUL: Parcel 0006 Maynard Terrace. Erection of a temporary Sales Building. PERMIT 18/03066/AR: Parcel 0006 Maynard Terrace. Display of 3no flagpoles. ALLOW 18/03583/FUL: Somersby Orchard. Erection of Apple processing and storage building. PERMIT	
153/18	It was reported that the site assessments in response to the HELAA would be submitted by the end of the month.	
154/18	There was no progress to report on the neighbourhood Plan	

Finance, Legal, HR, & Admin.

155/18

The monthly finance report was accepted.

Financial information for the meeting of the Council to be held on 15/10/18			
Cashbook balance reported at September Meeting		£	40,118.68
plus Receipts since last meeting			
BANES - precept	£	21,119.00	
Byrne Allotment	£	7.50	
Western Power Wayleave	£	6.96	
			£ 21,133.46
less Payments since September meeting			
Cheques per Sept meeting	£	2,728.13	
			£ 2,728.13
Balance per Cashbook at 1/10/18		1	£ 58,524.01
Receipts due			
			£ -
Available before October cheques			£ 58,524.01
Cheques to be signed on 15/10/18			
Salary Cheques	£	1,834.51	October
HMRC Oct	£	507.97	Tax & NI
Village Operative Expenses	£	134.29	Repairing bench, repairing gate & Mileage
Clerk Mileage & reimburse surve	£	72.55	Bank, Training courses, Gdn centre vouchers
Primrose Garden Maintenance	£	365.65	Oct Grass Cutting
Avon Local Councils Association	£	40.00	training
DJ Phillips Sportsground & Machii	£	80.44	Hedgecutter attachment
Hankinson Duckett Associates Ltd	£	480.00	Photos for lanscape assessment
PKS Littlejohn	£	360.00	External Auditors
SSE	£	111.25	Lighting Maintenance
			£ 3,986.66
Balance at bank afterMay cheques			£ 54,537.35
less ringfenced			
Legal Fees		1600.00	
Bins		800.00	
Led lights		12088.00	
			£ 14,488.00
			£40,049.35
Outstanding debtors		£	-
Outstanding creditors			
Community Payback	£	360.00	
			£ 360.00
			£39,689.35

156/18

The Parish Council were asked to consider projects to be included in the first draft of the budget and Action Plan – none were put forward. It was agreed that the clerk should look into ways of making the Parish more environmentally aware.

157/18

The 2017/18 AGAR Final External Auditors Report and Certificate were accepted.

158/18

The Progress of S106 applications were reviewed:

Green Space Contribution: £39,300 Approved, awaiting funds

Allotment Contribution: £1916 Application Submitted

Bus Service Contribution: £150k meeting with Officers to propose section 22 permit to provide community bus from Clutton, through Timsbury & Farmborough into Bath. Also it was suggested to speak to Buglers who had wanted to put on a service from Clutton – Bath.

Youth Services: £7.2k JB to put together a proposal

Strategic Highways Contribution: £65.5k -It was suggested that the definition of Strategic should be established as a cycle track was suggested.

School Contribution: Clutton School governors have been advised.

Highways, Rights of Way & Infrastructure

159/18

Temporary Traffic Lights -Maynard Terrace Junction

Both B&NES and CURO have claimed that the Parish Council had requested the traffic lights in response to complaints regarding the arrangement. The Parish Council made it clear that they had not requested the traffic lights. They have

repeatedly asked for the correct procedure to be followed to provide a safe access / junction for residents. CURO had suggested the traffic lights in their construction Method Statement for the junction.

B&NES officers have agreed that the lights are not in the correct position and have instructed that the lights move to the bottom of Clutton Hill, but this has still not been done.

It was noted that this was the first position of the lights and it didn't work as there isn't enough width but will serve to demonstrate that the design of the reprioritised junction will not work.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Chief Executive of B&NES to point out the total ineffectiveness of the officers response since the temporary traffic lights were installed on the 17th September, and to point out that the traffic lights have not been requested by the Parish Council and to ask employees to stop telling people this is the case.

160/18 **Changes to Maynard Terrace Junction.**

B&NES Officers have agreed in principle that the pavement on the northern side of the road is dangerous as it leaves pedestrians on the wrong side of the road on a blind bend, and so have agreed in principle to take the pavement out of the plans. They still need a build-out at the bottom of Clutton Hill to slow traffic, and they will be angling the give way line to allow two vehicles to pass each other at the bottom of Clutton Hill. They have agreed to redraw the junction, but the amendments need to go to CURO who will have to agree to change the plans. It was reported that MJ Church are still working on original plans and already creating the pavement and there appears to be no way to ask them to stop until a safe solution has been agreed.

Reports of encroachment onto private land also need to be addressed.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Cllr Mark Shelford, Cabinet Member for Transport, who have us assurances that the issues would be addressed following his site meeting April 2017. It should also be pointed out that CURO are steaming ahead with original plans. Letter should be copied to the Chief Executive of B&NES.

Parks & Open Spaces

161/18 It was reported that the Clutton Station Park Committee would be meeting again once they had received the Heads of terms from B&NES estates for the purchase of Station Park. Confirmation had been received that the S106 application had been successful and funds would be transferred to us in the next few weeks.

162/18 A request had been received for the Parish Council to erect a second Christmas tree at the top of the village on the corner of Rogers Close (in addition to the tree on the village green) it was agreed to go ahead with two trees even though it may go slightly over the budget of £150. JB

163/18 **Community Engagement**

There was no update from the community engagement portfolio

164/18 It was reported that the Neighbourhood Watch Launch event had been successful and there were a good number of volunteers. They are currently being plotted on the village map to ensure that each street has several volunteers. More volunteers are welcome and should complete a form available from Jenny Bush or the Clerk. The Parish Council approved £100 to spend on new Neighbourhood Watch Road Signs. JB

Correspondence

- 165/18a It was agreed that the Parish Council should take part in the Christmas Tree Festival at Augustine's Church on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd December. SP
- 165/18b The Parish Council received notification from B&NES that the Parish Sweeper Scheme would be terminated and that Clutton had been assigned Category 3 as they would need to increase their precept by less than 10% (9.2%) to compensate for the loss of funding and so would receive no phased transitional funding. It was agreed that this decision would be challenged as the precept was increased last year to employ the Village Operative in anticipation of this decision. Clerk
- *David Worskett left the meeting*
- *Adrian Hillier left the meeting*
- 165/18c A resident reported that an unofficial path had been blocked by a new land owner, preventing a favourite walk from the bottom of Rogers Close. Although the land owner is within his rights, residents can try to apply for a public right of way direct to B&NES using the Public Rights of Way User Evidence Form. Clerk
- 165/18d It was reported that the list of proposed polling stations had been received with no change to the arrangements in Clutton
- 165/18e It was reported that the Parish Council had received the notes from the Stowey Sutton PC meeting with the environment agency regarding the ongoing criminal investigation at Stowey quarry.
- 166/18 The Ward Councillor reported that:
-there would be a consultation for further traffic calming through the village later this year.
-the consultation is imminent for the Clean Air Zone in Bath and will last for 6 weeks.
-B&NES have launched their Young Stars Awards to recognise & celebrate outstanding achievements of extraordinary young people in the district.
-the inspection of the Joint Spatial Strategy is due in 2019.
- 167/18 a) It was reported that the representative to the village Hall committee was still unhappy about the way the finances are reported. JB
b) The Parish Council agreed that the allotment holders should have permission to plant fruit trees on the communal plot 18, but they should be pruned regularly to avoid them growing too big. The Parish Council would fund the fruit trees (up to £300), until the S106 fund were approved.
- 168/18 It was reported that this month the Village Operative has renovated the bench at the Tynings, and has started clearing the unused land at the back of the playpark.
- 169/8 It was reported that the clerk had contacted B&NES regarding the Millennium Stone at the entrance to the Village from the Chelwood End on the A37, as it had been moved by contractors and not replaced properly. B&NES had responded that TrueSpeed had been responsible the stone and had been contacted to put it back in its correct position.

The meeting finished at 9.14pm

Communication Stats: 181 Facebook likes, 134 Newsletter subscribers

Website 228 sessions, 174 unique users, 535 pageviews.