

Clutton Parish Council

Monday 21st September 2020 Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council

Present: Councillors J Bush, D Hayward, R Naish, A Parfitt, T Starr (part), N Skinner, D Veale, K Warrington, G Williams (Chair), S Davis (Ward Councillor) and Mrs H Richardson (Clerk) and 3 members of public

Item		Action
	<p>Public Submissions: A resident asked the Parish Council to allow her chicken & ducks to use the private path at the back of Moorsfield. A resident said he had attended the meeting to find out what the Parish Council plans were for the path at the back of Moorsfield and wouldn't want it opened up for general access. He also pointed out there was a badger set along the path. A resident spoke in support of allowing chickens & ducks to use the path.</p>	
132/20	Apologies were received from S Barran. Tony Parfitt declared an interest in 135/20d, Gareth Williams declared an interest in 135/20d, Rosemary Naish declared and interest in 135/20c	
133/20	The minutes of the meeting on Monday 20 th July were approved.	
134/20	It was reported that Surebond Surfaces have agreed to install a wear pad underneath both swings and confirmed it will come with a warranty. The misleading Maynard Terrace signs have been reported to CURO, who have acknowledged our concern, but not offered a solution.	
	<p>Planning Consultations:</p>	
135/20	a) 20/02640/FUL: Greyfield Wood Farm, Greyfield, High Littleton. Erection of a garage & home office. It was reported that the clerk had submitted a delegated response: No Objection but the building should not be considered for conversion to a dwelling. b) 20/02550/FUL: Glan Avon, 1A Carlton Close. Convert existing garage in to living accommodation and erection of new detached garage. It was reported that the clerk had submitted a delegated response: No Objection c) 20/02983/FUL: Parcel 9820 Clutton Hill, Clutton. Erection of an agricultural building on hardcored area. The Parish Council resolved to SUPPORT this application as the proposed pig pens are small, unobtrusive had no significant impact on neighbours. d) 20/03210/FUL: The Flat, Valley View, Venus Lane. Conversion of ground floor shop into 2 bed dwelling and erection of extension. The Parish Council resolved to support this application. The premises is in a residential street and has been left empty for a number of years. The village is in need of more smaller properties.	
136/20	<p>Planning Decisions:</p> a) 20/02258/FUL: 7 The Mead Clutton: Erection of a new self-contained dwelling, constructed as an extension to a host dwelling, following demolition of an existing detached garage. PERMIT b) 20/02027: Parcel 2015 Northend Lane: Siting of a static caravan for an agricultural worker WITHDRAWN c) 20/02550/FUL: Glan Avon, 1A Carlton Close. Convert existing garage in to living accommodation and erection of new detached garage. PERMIT d) 19/05110/FUL: Three Ways, Station Road. Erection of a single storey 2 bedroom dwelling adjacent to existing bungalow. REFUSE e) 20/00929/FUL: Council Depot, Stowey Road. Demolition of existing office accommodation and replacement with new modular office and welfare facility.	

Extension to existing gritting vehicle storage shed. **PERMIT**

- 137/20 The Parish Council reviewed the NALC consultation 'Planning for the Future' and was also informed that if anyone had any comments on the White paper 'changes to the planning system' they could still be submitted if sent to the Clerk.

Finance, Legal, HR & Admin

- 138/20 The monthly finance report and payment for August & September were approved.
- 139/20 The pay awards for Clerk & Village Operative following Local government Services' pay agreement 2020 – 2021, were approved.

Parks, Open Spaces & Environment

- 140/20 The Parish Council approved expenditure for arboriculture works in Station Park as recommended by the Arboriculture report. In addition to the recommended actions from the report the Parish Council asked the tree surgeon to trim the branches of the goat willow adjacent to Burchill Close (G2) - this should be treated as a one-off and is not a precedent for future years or other trees. The Parish Council approved Company A as it was a more detailed quote and least expensive.
- 141/20 The Parish Council reviewed the Village Operatives report of actions resulting from the RoSPA playsafety inspection report. It was resolved to accept the report and the Village Operative would be asked to continue with the recommended actions. Any significant costs will be referred back to council for approval.

The Parish Council approved expenditure for the purchase of a childrens fitness station to be sited in the playarea to replace the old wooden spider. The Parish Council have asked the Ward Councillor to support the project financially using the Ward Councillors Initiative fund.

Highways, Rights of Way & Infrastructure

- 142/20 The Parish Council accepted the report of the meeting with Gary Peacock (B&NES Highways) reviewing the highways issues raised throughout Station Road. Locations for speed testing have been agreed and will be confirmed with a highways officer on site on 25 September.
- 143/20 The Parish Council reviewed the NES Parking TRO Annual Review and supported the proposal for double yellow lines in the turning circle in Tynings
- 144/20 The Parish Council reviewed the arrangements for the playground in relation to Covid 19. It was reported the Sanitiser was being used excessively and had cost £467.60 since June. It was noted that the dispenser administers a large dose of sanitiser with each push and so the Village Operator would be asked to customise the dispenser to give a smaller dose to avoid waste.
- 145/20 The Parish Council considered the future of the path at the back of Moorsfield and agreed that ownership of the land would remain with the Parish Council, but they would allow a resident to let her Ducks & Chicken roam on the path. The agreement would be put in writing in the form of a licence so that the resident could not claim ownership of the land.

- Tony Starr Left the meeting

- 146/20 It was agreed to ask Volkar to fix two street lights on an ad hoc basis until the new contract is agreed.
- 147/20 The Parish Council agreed to send the Village Operative on a weed spraying course as B&NES were no longer weed spraying the weeds. Cllr Tony Starr agreed to arrange at no cost.
- 148/20 It was agreed that Pete would be asked to clear up some of the leaf fall from trees, to work through the playground list, and to go on the spraying course.

Community Engagement

- 149/20 It was reported that the Parish Council would form a list of people that had helped throughout the pandemic and recognise the community effort.

Correspondence

- 150/20 a) Ecowild: Request for support for erecting opensided structure. The Parish Council agreed to contact Ecowild to support in principle their plan to erect a shelter on land belonging to Greyfield Woods Farm. Planning permission is not required.
- b) Resident: persistent littering in Featherbed Lane
It was reported that there was a recurring problem in featherbed lane with youths gathering leaving litter and evidence of drug taking. The police have been informed and will add it to their rounds. The Village Operative had cleared the rubbish several times.
- c) A37 Vans: Damage to vans following resurfacing.
The owner of A37 asked the Parish Council for support as recent B&NES resurfacing had damaged their stock of Vans. B&NES have now responded to them and sent them a claim form for the damage.
- d) B&NES: Local plan Partial Update consultation
The Parish Council had been sent an update on the Local Plan Partial Update and a consultation on communication.
- 151/20 The **Ward Councillor** reported that she had submitted some ideas on a transport strategy for rural areas. She has also received a report of flytipping on Marsh Lane which has been directed to the appropriate personnel.
- 152/20 a) Clutton United Charities Trustees had planned to hold an event in October to celebrate the 400th Birthday, but this would be reviewed in light of the pandemic. The new website would be launched on the 24th October and they are putting an article in the village newsletter.
- b) It was reported that the Village Hall is now open to a limited extent within Covid guidelines.
- c) The Flood wardens had nothing to report
- d) The Allotment association reported that work on the bamboo was continuing and the allotment awards would be handed out shortly. Melanie Matthews is the new chairman of the Clutton Allotment Society following Neil Skinners resignation.
- 153/20 The Clerk reported that B&NES have declared an Ecological Emergency
The Contractor responsible for emptying dog bin has been seriously ill and so the

service has been interrupted over the last couple of months, but will hopefully normal service will resume.

The Clutton Stone has fallen over again, and Cllr Starr has offered to concrete it in place.

A large branch overhanging Station Park was damaged in high winds, but the neighbouring land owner made it safe. He mentioned that he is having trouble with rubbish thrown over onto his land from youths gathering in Station Park

The Chew Valley Forum has moved from 7th September to 15th October.

The Clerk would purchase more lamppost poppies for Remembrance Day.

Items put forward for the next meeting:

Adult fitness equipment, Ecological emergency chew valley forum.

The meeting finished at 10.03pm

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 19th October 2020 7.30pm.