

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
CAMELEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT 7.30pm
13th JULY 2011 IN TEMPLE CLOUD VILLAGE HALL**

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: There were fourteen members of the public present. The majority of those present were there because of rumours of possible housing developments. The chair introduced the landowner who was looking to open a "dialogue" with the village however she felt that this meeting was not the most appropriate time and place for any discussion. It was agreed that the Village Hall would be booked on 4th August for such a meeting to take place commencing at 7.30. The doors would be open at 6.00pm should any residents wish to meet beforehand. The Parish Council would provide a chairman. The issue of Dog Fouling on the Playing Field was brought up. Parking around the surgery and the possible danger to pedestrians was brought up. It was reported that a lorry parked in Temple Inn Lane had caused an obstruction. General consensus was that traffic on the A37 throughout Temple Cloud was noticeably faster since the removal of the speed camera. Also reported were that near misses on the pelican crossing were getting more frequent.

PRESENT: Councillors Ms Atkinson (Chair), Mr Dando, Mr Gough, Mrs Gray, Mrs Harvey, Mr Hemmings, Mr Hooper (Vice Chair), Mr Hutchinson, Mrs Parfitt, Mr Welsford and the Clerk, Mr Scutt.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were none

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

None were declared

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

The June minutes were approved and signed.

4. UPDATE FROM CLERK ON OUTSTANDING MATTERS

The meeting was told that the Sperring Trust have sent the grant of £5000 towards the Village Hall as promised. The Clerk has written a letter of thanks.

The Clerk has contacted company who installed play equipment re hole in play surface with photo and awaits response. Clerk will chase.

Highways have been contacted re bushes by bus stop next to Pub car park and had confirmation that the job had been added to the their schedules!

The question of cutting back the trees and shrubs at the Green has been discussed with tree surgeon – job scheduled for late July.

Clerk had written to Bus Co and to B&NES re Bus Shelter – no response and has chased

Footpath south of Eastcourt has been cleared as much as possible.

5. VILLAGE HALL/PLAYING FIELD

It was reported that there was a broken pipe in the changing rooms and a faulty thermostat and that both would be sorted.

The issue of the car park surface and the heating in the hall would be on the agenda for September's meeting. **Action:** Clerk to put on September agenda

Draft accounts for the last financial year were circulated and discussed.

It was reported that a representative from the Village Hall and Parish Council had met a person from the Insurance Company to discuss the fall of a gentleman working for Clutton pantomime. **Action:** Clerk to write to Insurers.

The issue of Dog Fouling on the playing field was discussed. The meeting was told that the problem was irresponsible dog owners with no thoughts for the health of persons who use the playing field for recreation. The provision of signs asking people to "poop scoop", provision of dog bins and articles in the local magazine had no effect. It was agreed that the Clerk would investigate the cost of purchasing further "no fouling" signs. **Action:** Clerk to write to Dog Warden.

It is alleged that some of these dog owners are parents of children at the school who use the village hall car park to park the car whilst bringing the children to school. Whilst there they allow their dogs to run off into the playing field and pick them up when they leave. **Action:** Clerk to write to the School.

The state of the "safety fence" behind one of the goals was discussed. The responsibility for the fence is not clear and it has been patched over the years and the result is not pretty. A new fence is not an option so a decision needs to be made as to what course of action needs to be taken.

6. FINANCE: It was proposed and agreed to pay the following:-

A) Payments		£	Vat
(1)	Clerks June wages	269.54	
(2)	Sweepers June wages	468.11	
(3)	Garage rent July	33.36	6.67
(4)	Tax Apr/May/June	225.11	

B) Payments received			
(1)	Parish Sweeper June	301.05	
(2)	Sperring Trust	5000.00	

7. HIGHWAYS AND ROADSWEEEPING

The speed of vehicles entering the village from the south was reported as being more than 30mph. The question was asked whether the 30mph sign could be moved further away from the bend giving drivers a greater chance to slow down.

Action: Clerk to write to appropriate bodies.

The possible danger to pedestrians caused by parking on Cameley Road by visitors to the Surgery around the green was discussed and this led onto to a discussion on speeding in Cameley Road. **Action:** Clerk to write and ask Highways to revisit the scene. Several councillors offered to attend any visit.

It was reported that the junction at the top of Paulmont Rise had been painted giving right of way to the right. As a consequence of this change, any car parking in the left fork needs to do so at a safe distance from the give way lines. **Action:** Clerk to write to appropriate bodies.

The general speeding up of traffic on the A37 was discussed. It was reported that the Police would not site a mobile camera because there were not sufficient "incidents" to warrant it. In terms of near misses on the Pelican crossing it was noted that when originally installed the response to pushing the button was instantaneous but this had been changed to a delayed response. The effect was most noticeable amongst children who became impatient waiting for lights to go red and therefore most likely to cross against the lights. **Action:** Clerk to write to appropriate bodies to see if the signal response could revert to "instantaneous".

It was noted that Highways had promised to install a flashing 20mph sign in Temple Inn Lane but that nothing had been done. **Action:** Clerk to write to Highways.

Councillors voiced their concerns over cars parking on the Pavement in various places along the A37, often in such a way that causes pedestrians to step out onto the highway. **Action:** Clerk to write to Police.

Action; Clerk to copy all correspondence ref Highways to B&NES, Jacob Rees-Mogg, Steffan Chiffers and the Police.

8. PARISH PLAN – Update

Cllr Hooper gave a positive report on progress. He confirmed that a letter had gone out to major stakeholders and that he had received replies from two. He told the meeting that the owner of the Old Court had agreed to allow the premises to be used for the launch of the Parish Plan. The date at the end of July was yet to be agreed. The final draft of the pamphlet advertising the Parish Plan Survey was circulated and met with approval. The next meeting of the Parish Plan Committee has been set for 1st August.

9. PLANNING MATTERS

Cameley PC generally follows a policy of supporting, or having no objection to, householders maximising the enjoyment and development of their property providing this does not contravene planning policy, cause insupportable problems for others in the parish, or is detrimental to the general environs of the village.

The full council discussed three applications:-

1. 11/01953/FUL to erect two storey side extension to **Mendip View, Main Road**, Temple Cloud. This application was discussed in detail and a letter from a near neighbour was considered. Since there were no planning issues, it was unanimously agreed that Cameley Parish Council did not object to the planning application.
2. 11/02245/FUL erection of barn following demolition of existing barn (Cam Bridge Barn) at **Temple Bridge**, Temple Cloud. In principal the Parish Council did not object to this application however since this is currently an agricultural building outside any development area Cameley Parish Council requested that if planning permission should be granted then there should be a condition strictly forbidding any residential use. This Council also voiced concerns that it would appear that the site is already being used for residential weekend use. The Council also reported that there is another block built building built at the rear of the site for which there does not appear to have planning permission. This has been reported to Planning Enforcement.

3. 11/02734/FUL erection of a new dwelling at The Jays, **19 Meadway**, Temple Cloud. This application was discussed in detail and whilst the Parish Council was unanimous in agreeing that the design of the proposed building was acceptable, the Parish Council had reservations about the site and objected to the proposal. A) on the grounds of vehicular access to the plot especially considering its position next to the Primary School entrance and the area of no parking (marked with Zigzag) which precludes any parking outside the proposed plot. B) If passed then actually building the house will cause problems and danger to the children at the school.

10. INFORMATION EXCHANGE – it was reported that:-

A local resident had volunteered to lock the gate in the village hall car park each night and to open it each morning. He was authorised to purchase an appropriate padlock up to £25.

A councillor had been approached by the family of the owner of Greenbank, Main Road Temple Cloud to complain about a new building to the rear of her property. It was agreed that the resident should report any complaint to Planning at B&NES.

It was agreed to hold an informal meeting on Wednesday 10th August at 7.30 at the Village Hall to discuss the open meeting that is being held on 4th August. Apologies were received from several councillors and the clerk.

11. NEXT MEETING will be on Wednesday 14th September 2011 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm