

**MONKTON COMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
Held in the Village Hall on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7.30pm**

**Parish Council Members Present:** Cllr Gavin Douglas, Cllr Lyn Alvis, Cllr Des Wighton, Cllr Ross Buchanan, Cllr Ann Stewart, Cllr Simon Call, Mr. Geoff Davis – Clerk **Others Present:** Mike Wareham

- 1 **288 To receive apologies for absence** – None
- 2 **289 Declarations of interest and dispensations** – None.
- 3 **290 Confidential Matters** - None
- 4 **291 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2014** approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 5 **292 Financial Matters** The RFO Report was received and noted.

Payments made as standing payments or approved at the previous meeting:

01/09/2014	938	Ian Croker	Village cleaning	243.82
25/09/2014	939	Mr. G. Davis	Parish Clerk 31/8 - 27/9/14	167.39
25/09/2014	940	HMRC	Qtr 2 Paye	139.60
01/10/2014	938	Ian Croker	Village cleaning	243.82
15/10/2014	941	Ian Croker	Village cleaning - Correction	19.70
15/10/2014	942	Swan Management	Website Domain Management	0.00
23/10/2014	943	Mr. G. Davis	Parish Clerk 28/9 - 25/10/14	167.39

Receipts since previous meeting:

11/09/2014	10	B&NES	Village Cleaning - September	253.67
29/09/2014	11	B&NES	Parish Precept & grant	2,500.00
09/10/2014	12	B&NES	Village Cleaning - October	253.67

**Bank Balances as at 01.11.2014**

<b>Current</b>	<b>£5,153.19</b>	<b>Bath Building Society</b>	<b>£3,076.30</b>
		<b>Bath Building Society (Miss Davis)</b>	<b>£12,306.65</b>

Payments for Approval

08/11/2014	944	Swan Management Services	Website Domain Management – Re-issue of lost cheque 942	60.00
08/11/2014	945	Jeff Avis	Vegetation Clearance works 2/9 to	100.00
09/11/2014	946	Lyn Alvis	Expenses - Gift R. Croker	18.99

- 6 **Parish Matters and Works**
- 293 Request from St Michael’s Church for donation towards cost of new Hospitality Suite (June 2013).** The Parish Council would like to meet with the Church to discuss the apparent misunderstanding surrounding this funding. Furthermore, that in the time that has elapsed since the original discussion Parish Finances are in a significantly different position.
- 294 Un-Insured Risks** - No response has been received from English Heritage in respect of advice sought. The clerk will continue to progress this matter. Cllr. Des Wighton will continue to research and search for title and title deeds for the Village Hall and surrounding areas.
- 295 Parish Councillor Vacancy** – Michael Wareham indicated that he is willing to serve as a Parish Councillor. Cllr. Des Wighton proposed his election as councillor, this was seconded by Cllr. Ann Stewart, and Mr. Wareham was duly elected unanimously.
- 296 Two Tunnels Project** – It was reported that Mr. Ken Horler wished to see the exit from the Two Tunnels Path to the Western side rather than the Eastern side. Cllr. Gavin Douglas will discuss the matter with B&NES PROW in order that the agreements can be changed, and then duly agreed and signed and the installation can go ahead.
- 297** The Parish Council agreed to facilitate the installation of the other two deer gates, which are required to improve safety by restricting access to cyclists to the steps and footpaths to the Tucking Mill Lake grounds. Funding of these works was offered from the local residents and may also be provided by the Parish Councils concerned. The clerk was asked to provide Cllr. Ross Buchanan with details of the gates in order that he can obtain quotations for the installation work.
- 298 Repairs to Village Lockup** – Cllr Des Wighton reported that a quotation for works to the door is awaited.

- 299 **Broadband Improvements for Monkton Combe** – No further progress to report, but alternative provision to BT is being pursued.
- 300 **Neighbourhood Watch** – The next meeting will take place in the Wheelwright Public House.
- 301 **Historic Documents** – Cllr. Ross Buchanan will review the documents and liaise with Cllr. Simon Call in regard to their relevance to the school. The chairman will also discuss their relevance with the Combe Down Heritage centre.

7 **Planning**

- 302 **Place-Making Plan** – The Parish Council has now provided all the further information required and our submission on the Housing Development Boundary Review. No further action is required at present.

**Applications Received**

- 303 **14/04911/FUL - Monkton Combe School Church Lane Monkton Combe Bath BA2 7HG** - Raising height of existing fence around East End of existing artificial pitch. – The Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to this application. However, it asks that the fencing colour used is black, as at the western end.

**Planning Decisions by B&NES**

- 304 **14/03957/FUL – Dundas, Warminster Road, Monkton Combe, Bath BA2 7BN** - Erection of first floor rear extension. REFUSE

**Decisions Pending**

- 305 **13/01737/LBA – Combe Grange, Shaft Road, Monkton Combe, Bath** - Internal alterations for works to restore and refurbish existing fire places and surrounds. NO OBJECTION. Target Decision date 21/08/2013 – The application remains pending. The Council will not consider this any further.

- 306 **14/08543/FUL - The Stables Waterhouse Lane Monkton Combe Bath BA2 7JA** - The retention of two equestrian buildings; retention of amended driveway position. **OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE**

**ENFORCEMENT UPDATE**

- 307 **14/00302/ENF The Stables, Waterhouse Lane, Monkton Combe, Wilts** – Wiltshire Planning Enforcement have received the planning application 14/08543/FUL above. It is Pending a Decision, the target date was 11/11/2014. A Call in Request has been lodged by Wiltshire Councillor Magnus Macdonald if the application is recommended for Approval.

**Other Planning Matters**

- 308 **Response from Jacob Rees-Mogg re:- 14/02574/NACOU - Parcel 9876, Summer Lane, Monkton Combe – Change of Use to an Hotel.** The responses from Jacob Rees-Mogg MP and Brandon Lewis MP were received and noted by the Council. The Council recognises that no further progress can be made with this matter.

- 309 **Scrap yard at Monkton Combe by maintenance car park.** The Parish Council will pursue this with the school. Cllr. Simon Call will discuss the matter with the owner, as the business was expected to have completed its move elsewhere by the end of October.

8 **Highways and Footpaths**

- 310 **Rural 20 mph speed limit programme** – The agreed signage to indicate ‘Narrow Lane with Passing Places’ has been installed by B&NES Highways.

- 311 **Brassknocker crossroads** – The Chairman will follow up on the improvements discussed at the site meeting as still no action has been taken to date.

- 312 **Barrier at Limpley Stoke viaduct** – The clerk reported that no progress has been made on this installation. The clerk was asked to pursue the promised installation with Kelvin Packer – B&NES Highways and Traffic.

9 **Reports**

- 313 **Parish Forum** – There has been no meeting since the last Parish Council meeting.

- 314 **VPA, Bath Preservation Trust & any other Meetings** – The VPA will meet with the Highways Agency in the following week to discuss the 15 week closure of the A36 in February 2015. The VPA also received a presentation on how the problems with boat parking on the Kennet & Avon canal have been resolved.

- 315 **Parishes Liaison Meeting - Report** – The clerk reported back on the main agenda items of this meeting.

10 **Correspondence Received**

- 316 **Local Government Services Pay 2014-16 Agreement** – The clerk reported that revised pay scales have been received from B&NES Council as a result of the Pay Agreement, for implementation in January

2015.

**317 Daffodil Bulbs for Schools and Community Groups** – On offer of Daffodil Bulbs has been received from B&NES Parks Services. The clerk was asked to accept this offer and arrange collection or delivery.

**11 Other matters to report**

**318 Footpath to Midford** – Cllr. Lyn Alvis reported that improvements have been made and will track these.

**319 2<sup>nd</sup> Bridge repairs** – It was reported that no progress has been made to date as B&NES Council need to negotiate access to carry out the works.

**12 Date Of Next Meeting**

**320 Parish Council Meeting – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall**

The following future meeting dates were agreed:-

Parish Council Meetings:- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Annual Parish Meeting:- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Annual Parish Council Meeting:- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May

**The Meeting closed at 21:45**