

MONKTON COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held in the Village Hall on 19th August 2013 at 7.15pm

Parish Council Members Present: Cllr Gavin Douglas (GD), Cllr Lyn Alvis (LA), Cllr Des Wighton (DW), Cllr Peter Bossom (PB), Cllr Ross Buchanan, Mr. Geoff Davis - Clerk

Others Present: Ward Councillor: Neil Butters – present for part of the meeting.

- 1 **051 To receive apologies for absence** – None
- 2 **052 Declarations of interest and dispensations** - None were received or requested.
- 3 **053 Confidential Matters** - None
- 4 **054 MINUTES:** Minutes of Ordinary Council meeting held on 10th June 2013 were approved and then signed by Chairman of Council.

5 **Financial Matters**

055 The RFO Report was Noted and Approved.

Payments made since previous meeting:

17/06/2013	872	Peter Duppa-Miller	Internal audit Fee	100.00
25/06/2013	874	HMRC	Qtr 1 PAYE	83.60
27/06/2013	875	Mr. G Davis	Salary June 2013	161.68
01/07/2013	875a	Ian Croker	Village cleaning	243.82
03/07/2013	878	Mr. N. Leitch	Initial payment Wall repairs	1020.00
15/07/2013	879	Mr. N. Leitch	Final payment Wall repairs	3280.00
22/07/2013	880	CPRE	Membership Renewal 2103-14	29.00
25/07/2013	881	Mr. G. Davis	Parish Clerk 30/6 - 27/7/13	161.68
17/06/2013	872	Peter Duppa-Miller	Internal audit Fee	100.00

Receipts since previous meeting:

28/06/2013	273a,b	Nat West	Interest	3.43
31/07/2013	274a,b	Bath Building	Interest	1.72
08/07/2013	274	B&NES	Village Cleaning	248.69

Bank Balances as at 30.07.2013

Current £2186.74 Bath Building Society £8,000.86
Bath Building Society (Miss Davis) £12,305.65

6 **056 Payments for Approval**

19/08/2013	884	Jeff Avis	Miss Davies Garden etc. May & June	150.00
29/08/2013	885	Mr. G. Davis	Parish Clerk 28/7 - 31/8/13	202.20

6 **19/08/2013 886 Mr. Lyn Alvis Expenses - Petrol 7.00**

Parish Works

- 057 Wall Repairs** – Cllr. Des Wighton reported that the Wall repairs were now complete and that all payments had been made. It was noted that as Bespoke Stone Walling were not registered for VAT only a small amount of VAT would be re-claimable. The Council thanked Cllr. Wighton for all of his efforts in arranging these works. They also thanked the Village Hall committee for their contribution of £1,500 towards the cost of the repairs. A small quantity of surplus stone will be left at the rear of the hall until a use for it is identified.
- 058 Village Notice Board** – Cllr. Peter Bossom reported that the notice board has now been installed and the Council thanked Cllr. Bossom for his work installing the board.
- 059 Lock Up** – Cllr. Des Wighton has contacted a number of suppliers, and quotations will be obtained from these in order to progress this project. It was noted that any potential supplier must be registered with English Heritage in order to be eligible to undertake this work.

7 **Planning**

060 Core Strategy and LDF

The Inspector indicated that the revised Core Strategy does not take into consideration the housing requirement in neighbouring authorities. A hearing on Tuesday 17th September will discuss these issues resulting in Resumption of the Examination in Public or the withdrawal of the Core Strategy.

061 B&NES Placemaking Plan

The progress and development of the Place-Making Plan is likely to be influenced by the issues relating to the Core Strategy. Monkton Combe Parish Council does not wish to comment on the Placemaking Plan Launch document consultation. Cllr. Peter Bossom and Clerk Mr. G. Davis will attend the training event to enable the Parish Councils to respond to the Place Making Plan. The deadline for the response is 21st November 2013.

062 Planning Decisions by B&NES

13/00893/FUL – Ralph Allen School, Claverton Down Road, Claverton Down, Bath - Erection of replacement teaching block. - PERMIT

13/01604/FUL – Monkton Combe Junior School, Church Road, Combe Down, Bath - Erection of replacement Pre prep building; access works; associated landscaping; and a change of use of Glenburnie to a single dwelling. - PERMIT

13/01711/TCA – The Old Farmhouse, Shaft Road, Monkton Combe, Bath - Fell 1x *Euonymus Europaeus* tree - CONSENT

13/02335/VAR – Monkton Court, Church Lane, Monkton Combe, Bath - Variation of condition 4 of application 06/00266/FUL to allow for private rental for vehicles of the existing ground floor garage (Additional storey to reduced garage block to create ancillary accommodation (Resubmission)) PERMIT

063 Decisions Pending

13/02861/TCA – St Michael's Church, St Michael's Court, Monkton Combe, Bath - Fell 2 x Lawson Cypress trees. NO OBJECTION.

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.

Other Planning Matters to Report

064 Excavations in Waterhouse Lane – The Parish Council have contacted Wiltshire Planning Enforcement team and were informed that the works were known, required as repairs to the right of way, and did not require planning permission.

065 Waterhouse Alcohol Licence – The chairman has received correspondence from Simon Wilsher regarding a possible Alcohol Licence application. The chairman will respond to point out that it is possible that there may be no objection to a licence that was intended solely for internal use, for guests and diners. However, until the licence application is made the Parish Council is not able to comment further.

8 Highways and Footpaths

066 Re-Routing of National Cycle Network down Mill Lane – The Parish Council has very serious concerns that Mill Lane is a dangerous route for this path, and that it could instead be routed around Governors field as part of the car park and footpath works.

Relocation of Variable Message Sign to Limpley Stoke – The Parish Council can think of no safe place for this sign. The clerk was instructed to raise the matter at the forthcoming Parish Cluster meeting.

067 Coaches and Lorries on Brassknocker Hill - This matter has been made worse by the number of road closures in force at the present time. The clerk was asked to contact B&NES Highways to co-ordinate and check the various road reports.

9 068 Two Tunnels Geology Information Board and SoundStore Device – The clerk was instructed to proceed with the Applications for Advertising Consent and Planning Permission. Subject to receipt of the necessary funds from the various Ward Councillor Initiative funds, and the above consents and permission, the clerk was instructed to proceed with the procurement of the Information Board and Sound Store device.

10 Reports

Report on Rural Broadband Improvement Project progress – Nothing further to report.

069 Parish Cluster Group – 10th September 2013 – In addition to the item about the Variable Message sign the clerk was instructed to raise the matter of the two additional councillors for Monkton Combe Parish Council.

VPA, Bath Preservation Trust & any other Meetings – Nothing further to report

11 Correspondence Received

50th Anniversary of the Closure of the Somerset & Dorset Railway – No comment at this stage.

070 B&NES Chairman's Community Awards – The clerk was asked to remind councillors for the next meeting.

12 Other matters to report

- 071 Two Tunnels cycle path – Anti-social behaviour at Tucking Mill** – It was reported that the problems with anti-social behaviour at Tucking Mill were much improved following the meeting with Wessex Water and Sustrans.
- 072 B&NES Chaiman’s Civic Service** – Ward Councillor and B&NES Council Chairman Neil Butters informed the meeting that his Civic Service on 13th October 2013, would be held in the Monkton Combe Parish Church with the reception taking place in the school.
- 073 Water Leak – Shaft Road** – Cllr. Lyn Alvis reported that the water leak at the bottom of Shaft Road had been reported to Wessex Water.
- 074 Collapsed River Bank** – Cllr. Lyn Alvis reported that the collapsed river bank by the 2nd bridge, had been reported to B&NES Council Connect as it was on their side of the river.

13 Date Of Next Meeting

Next Ordinary Parish Council Meeting – Monday 14th October 2013 at 7.15pm in Village Hall

The Meeting closed at 22.00