

MONKTON COMBE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Village Hall on 16th March 2015 at 7.30pm

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

Also present: B&NES Ward Councillor Neil Butters

- 1 **358 To receive apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr. Ann Stewart
- 2 **359 Declarations of interest and dispensations** – None.
- 3 **360 Confidential Matters** - None
- 4 **361 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 19th January 2015** approved and signed by the Chairman.

- 5 **362 Financial Matters** The RFO Report was received and noted.

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

02/01/2015	949a	Ian Croker	Village cleaning	253.67
29/01/2015	950	Mr. G. Davis	Parish Clerk 28/12/14 - 31/01/15	211.60
01/02/2015	950a	Ian Croker	Village cleaning	253.67
11/02/2015	951	Information Commissioner	Data Protection registration 2015/16	35.00
26/02/2015	952	Mr. G. Davis	Parish Clerk 1/2 - 28/2/15	169.28

Receipts since previous meeting:

12/01/2015	15	B&NES	Village Cleaning - January 2015	253.67
06/02/2015	16	Wessex	Deer Gate Installation costs	825.00
25/02/2015	17	B&NES	Village Cleaning - February	253.67

Bank Balances as at 01.01.2015

Current £4,891.51 Bath Building Society £3,076.30
Bath Building Society (Miss Davis) £12,306.65

Payments for Approval

16/03/2015	953	ALCA	Annual Subscriptions 2015-16	51.34
26/03/2015	954	Mr. G. Davis	Parish Clerk 1/3 - 28/3/15	169.48
26/03/2015	955	HMRC	Qtr 4 PAYE	137.60

- 6 **Parish Matters and Works**
- 363 Parish Council Elections** - The clerk presented the Nomination packs to the council and explained the process and timescale.
- 364 New Financial Regulations** - The clerk presented the new Financial Regulations to the council. These were discussed and noted and will be presented to the new Parish Council for adoption at the Annual Parish Council meeting.
- 365 Un-Insured Risks** - Cllr. Des Wighton reported that the Village Hall Insurance Policy now covered the Car park and walls. All insurance matters are now dealt with.
- 366 Two Tunnels Project** – Wessex Water have agreed and paid the £825 installation cost for these Deer Gates. The Gates have been ordered and are expected to be delivered on 20th March and installed by the end of March. The third upper gate will also be delivered and installed, but awaits permission and agreement from the landowner.
- 367 Broadband Improvements for Monkton Combe** – No further progress to report but a summer meeting is proposed to push matters on.
- 368 Neighbourhood Watch** – Cllr. Lyn Alvis reported that the police system is being changed, so that we will not necessarily see the same PCSO's at each meeting.
- 369 Historic Documents** – The documents continue to be reviewed, are currently with Cllr. Simon Call and their final destination will be determined following this.
- 370 Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace** - The Parish Council was not successful in the ALCA ballot for places to this event. Dundry Parish Council and Bleadon Parish Council were first "out of the hat".

Approved and signed Wednesday 13th May 2015 Chairman

- 7 **Planning**
- 371 **Place-Making Plan** – Both further consultations on the Housing Development Boundary and on the Local Green Space Designation have been considered and there was no response to make.
- 372 **Applications Received - NONE**
- 373 **Planning Decisions by B&NES**
14/05671/FUL - Combe Cottage, St Michael's Court, Monkton Combe, Bath BA2 7EZ - Erection of single storey rear extension. **APPLICATION REFUSED**
- 374 **Decisions Pending**
14/05499/FUL - Tudor Cottage Mill Lane Monkton Combe - Erection of extension within the footprint of the existing garage and erection of shed. **OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE**
14/08543/FUL - The Stables Waterhouse Lane Monkton Combe Bath BA2 7JA - The retention of two equestrian buildings; retention of amended driveway position. **Revised Plans COMMENT ONLY**
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ENFORCEMENT UPDATE
- 375 **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. However, revised plans as above have been filed and these are awaiting a decision.
Other Planning Matters
- 376 **Monkton Combe School – Floodlighting of Hockey Pitch** – It was reported that there has been no further use of the lights. The Parish Council will continue to discuss the issue with the school.
- 377 **Scrap yard at Monkton Combe by maintenance car park.** It was reported that the yard has now been partially cleared indicating some progress towards the anticipated re-location of the business. No response has been received as yet to the letter sent by the clerk.
- 378 **14-03957-FUL – Little Dundas** – The owner has indicated that they intend to submit a revised application and has requested support from the Parish Council. The Parish Council agreed that it is likely to do so subject to a review of the new plans.
- 379 **Developments at Monkton Combe School** – Work has commenced on the new block at the senior school. Part of the wall at the entrance has been removed to improve access for contractor’s vehicles and will be restored once works are complete. The spoil from the ground works for this building is being taken to the quarry at Mount Pleasant, which has been clear felled of it’s trees and will be landscaped once filled to provide an improved landscape. The boulder which had been left in an inconvenient location has now been moved.
- 8 **Highways and Footpaths**
- 380 **A36 Closure – Claverton to Dundas** – The Parish Council have been dealing with the traffic light timing issues at the bottom of BrassKnocker Hill, and the ensuing congestion.
Other than the anticipated increased traffic volumes no other issues have been notified so far.
- 381 **Brassknocker crossroads** – It was reported that the strips had now been painted on the road and that some improvement in traffic speed had been observed.
- 382 **Barrier at Limpley Stoke viaduct** – It was reported that no progress has been made on this installation. It had been hoped to carry out these works during the A36 closure, but this has now been ruled out. It remains in this year’s budget.
- 9 **Reports**
- 383 **Parish Forum** – These no longer take place and the Parish Council awaits the new regime.
- 384 **VPA, Bath Preservation Trust & any other Meetings** – It was reported that the next Bath Preservation Trust meeting will take place in the coming week.
The minutes of the VPA Highways sub-committee were presented. It was further reported that VPA are taking a proactive stance on discussions of the proposed A46/A36 link.
- 385 **Parishes Liaison Meeting** – It was reported that the meeting discussed the following matters.
Care Act 2014, Updates on Place-Making, Housing Development Review, Green Spaces and Community Infrastructure Levy, BANES Council Budget, Improved Broadband, and Review of Paris Sweeper Scheme. Of concern was the review of the Parish Sweeper scheme.

10 Correspondence Received

- 386 BT Adopt a Kiosk** – The Parish has been offered the telephone kiosk at a nominal price of £1. However, it was reported that the telephone remains an important feature within the village so this offer will not be taken up.
- 387 Free Cycle Stands** – The Parish Council has been offered free cycle stands, providing it installs them. However, no suitable location could be determined and so the offer will not be taken up.
- 388 Recruitment of School Crossing Patrols** – The clerk reported that B&NES Council is seeking to recruit people for school crossing patrols. None were in the immediate vicinity of the Parish so no further action.

11 Other matters to report

- 389 2nd Bridge repairs** – It was reported that B&NES Council continue to monitor the situation and are awaiting a drop in water levels to commence work. All access has been agreed.
- 390 Church Drung** – It was reported that Spring water is emerging onto the path. Cllr. Gavin Douglas will follow this up.

12 391 Date Of Next Meeting

The following meeting dates were agreed:-

Annual Parish Meeting:- Monday 20th April 2015

Annual Parish Council Meeting:- Wednesday 13th May

- 392 Annual Parish Meeting Newsletter** – The clerk will prepare the Chairman’s report in conjunction with contributions from councillors, and it will distributed with the village newsletter to every household by the end of March. Tea and Biscuits will be provided at the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 21:38