

MONKTON COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on 16th June 2010 at 7pm

Parish Council: Cllr Kevin Murphy (KLM) (Chairman), Cllr Lyn Alvis (LA),
Cllr Ray Franks (RF),
Cllr Alison Sturgess-Durden (ASD) Mrs Jane Angell Clerk

Others Present: None

1 **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Alison Bossom

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

3 **MINUTES**

Minutes from Normal Meeting 19th May 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4 **MATTERS ARISING:**

Monkton Combe School

- Traffic in village – The possibility of introducing Community Speed Watch was discussed at length at the Annual Meeting. The general consensus of the parish council was that it was not a workable option. Cllr Lyn Alvis to contact school for input.
- Music Block: total refurbishment of the music block is the next programmed proposal. Cllrs Alvis and Franks attended consultation on the 2nd June 2010 and reported a general consensus agreed.
LA Formal planning application awaited.
- Cllr Alvis noted that recent flyers in the village indicated that Monkton Mill may be closing down and coming on the market shortly. Cllr Alvis to contact Amanda Cracknell (bursar) to enquire whether they may have plans to acquire it.
LA • A liaison meeting is to be set up with Amanda Cracknell in due course.

Cllr **New Councillors**

NB Cllr Butters agreed to consult B&NES Council Solicitor regarding the quorum required for decision making, should the Parish Council increase its numbers to 7 Councillors. Awaiting response clerk to email minutes of 19th May meeting to Cllr Butters.

- a. *LA* **Footpath alongside Monkton Combe School / Combe Down Allotments.** Stuart Ballard of B&NES is discussing a proposal with Monkton School to have the path re-surfaced and bollards installed. Cllr Alvis to monitor.
- b. *LA* **Mount Pleasant Quarry Footpath** – Ian Croker has cleared the path as it was not cleared by the youth offending team. Cllr Sturgess – Durden noted stones have fallen onto the path, Cllr Alvis to raise it with Ian Croker.
- c. *LA* **Gate onto Playground** –
/KLM The gate has dropped since installation. Cllr Alvis to speak to Rob Pope to return and adjust gate and add a spring for self closing.
- d. **Signage for Car Park and Playground** – Signage has now been installed.

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- e. **KLM Mill Leat** – The Chairman reported he had received Land Registry details. *To be discussed at next meeting.*
- f. **LA Fencing on Summer Lane**
Barbed wire section – Cllr Alvis to continue to chase Nick Sperring (B&NES) as it is considered a hazard to pedestrians and cyclist.
Fencing further up Summer Lane toward Combe Down – B&NES have agreed poor state. They will remove knocked down bollards and replace with new. Cllr Symonds of Combe Down Ward agreed it was in a poor state and will attempt to get B&NES to do something. *Maintain contact with Cllr Symonds*
- g. **LA Second Bridge (over Midford Brook)** – Cllr Alvis reported that the work was currently being undertaken.
- h. **Weir Fundraising** – Opportunities for raising funds and possible project ideas were discussed at the **AB** Annual Meeting. Request ideas from village in Newsletter.
- i. **Clerk New Councillors** – Clerk to ask Peter Duppa-Millar whether reduction of seats is possible and what the quorum number is for 7 councillors.
- j. **AB Surfaces of Drungs** –Innox resurfaced and new kerbstones installed. Weed growth through tar mac to be monitored Cllr Sturgess-Durden to follow up with correspondence with Stuart Ballard.
- k. **AB Brassknocker Hill**
Water Runoff– Cllr Bossom reported a new surface water problem this has now been dealt with.
Road Signage - no signage yet installed. Cllr Bossom to chase. *To be reviewed at next meeting.*
- l. **KLM Cardboard Collections** - Only two residents reported to Clerk they had still not received blue bags. Request email Clerk to send email to Council Connect.
- m. **KLM Mapping Seminar**
The opportunity for a Parish Plan was discussed at the Annual Meeting. Parish mapping, in association with B&NES and Bath Spa University to be reviewed at next meeting in light of general view expressed at Annual Meeting that a Parish Plan may be worth considering. Chairman will discuss further with Martin Laker of B&NES, team leader, systems and GIS.
- n. **AB Phone Box** – Future use as a phone box remains under threat. Ideas were discussed at the preceding Annual Meeting. Item to be put in Newsletter.
- o. **Grit Bins** – awaiting refill. – *All to Monitor*
- p. **ALL Schedule of Roles & Responsibilities Document** – KLM to issue to Clerk and Cllr Sturgess-Durden. *To be discussed at next meeting.*
- q. **RF Viaduct Pub** – Cllr Franks had advised the Annual Meeting that the property was being put on the market. The for sale sign has gone up. *To monitor.*
- r. **Dog at bottom of Church Drung** –Parishioners have made complaints about barking. To be monitored. Cllr Alvis to speak to the owner.

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PLANNING

Note **Monks Retreat, Church Lane** Ref: 10/01378/LBA
Proposed internal alterations and replacement windows. Planning and Listed Building consent granted

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by B&NES.

Note **Church Farm Barn, Church Lane Ref: 10/00019/FUL**

Proposed relocation of tack room previously granted planning consent. New application pending decision.

Little Dale, Mill Lane Ref: 10/01671/FUL

KLM Retention of mobile home. It had been RESOLVED to raise No Objections to the application.

Ralph Allen School Ref: 10/01780FUL

Erection of two storey art block. It was RESOLVED to raise no objections.

Planning Protocol & Procedures

KLM The Chairman tabled a draft written proposal for consultation and commenting upon applications received. The Chairman will update draft. *For discussion and adoption next meeting.*

Cllr NB The Chairman also made reference to a B&NES Planning Protocol dated December 2004. This was issued to Cllr Butters at 19th May meeting who agreed to investigate whether an updated version had been produced by the Council. *Pending Response.*

5 HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS

LA Hedge on Shaft Road bordering golf range is encroaching onto road. Cllr Alvis to speak to maintenance man at Combe Grove Hotel.

6 CORRESPONDENCE

LA Playground Inspection Report:- Split in seat on rocker. Cllr Alvis to ask Ian Crocker to check. *To be monitor.*

7 CLUSTER / LIASION MEETINGS

A Police Parish Forum Meeting (8.03.10)

- RF**
- Anti social behaviour now a main police priority. Target is 35% detection rate. Smaller numbers now committing more crimes. Many culprits from Bristol area.
 - Beat surgeries will be trialled at Peasdown St John and Freshford. If we are interested contact PCSO support at Radstock Police Station.
 - Second edition of Police Newsletter due to be distributed to all members of the public soon.
 - Report on Police Contact Vehicles with Police H.Q. Decision expected soon.
 - Next meeting 16th June 2010. 7pm Radstock Police Station.

B Parish Liaison Meeting – 9 June 2010 – Attended by Cllr Alvis

- LA**
- Sarah Bevan Chairperson of B&NES explained about a planned display of Parish Reports in the Guildhall, it was suggested that a photo of Monkton Combe with name of Monkton Combe Parish Council on it would be suitable.
 - The revised draft B&NES Core Strategy should appear in November 2010. Local Development Scheme on B&NES website.
 - Transport funding likely to be axed.

C AB Valley Parish Alliance (VPA)

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VPA is being launched on 23.06.10. Winsley and Westwood have now signed up.

D **LA** **Parish Cluster Meeting** – Nothing to report

E **Forthcoming Meetings:**

- **Parish Liaison Meeting 20.10.10**
- **Pact Meeting 5.07.10**

8 **BILLS AND ACCOUNTS**

Additional Party form signed for Nat West current account.
Mazars audit notice to be displayed.

Payments:

01.06.10	750a	Ian Crocker	Village Cleaning	241.31
01.06.10	750b	B&NES	Car Parking	22.00
16.06.10	751	Jeff Avis	Gardening	88.13
16.06.10	752	Zurich	pub lib ins	481.44
16.06.10	753	Lyn Alvis	mileage	15.85

Receipts:

14.06.10	203	B&NES	Village Cleaning	243.82
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Account Balances at 31.05.10

Current Account	100.00
Reserve Account (Miss Davis Garden)	2466.61
Reserve Account (MCPC)	7970.75

9 **RED BOX**
The Chairman advised that a new ‘agenda’ file had been added to red box. Any items a councillor wishes to bring forward to the next meeting should be placed in the folder.
The Red Box was passed to Cllr Franks for circulation.

10 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

KLM The Chairman advised he had responded to a B&NES consultation on the council Winter Maintenance Service.

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- LA**
- Mike Newton (Secretary of Village Hall) – to discuss possible replacement bench top of Perry Hill.
 - Shaft Road – The large refuse truck that empties green bins is eroding bank and damaging hedgerow. The truck is too wide. Cllr Alvis will speak to B&NES.
 - Village Hall Meeting attended by Cllrs Sturgess-Durden and Lyn Alvis.

- RF**
- ALCA Special General Meeting**
- The meeting was called by the Executive Committee in response to the resignation of six of the largest councils following a change in the way subscriptions are calculated which has been voted through at the Annual General Meeting held on 23rd September 2009. The change had adversely affected the subscription fees payable by these councils. The resignations would turn an estimated ALCA surplus of £982 into an estimated deficit of £15,909 unless the decision was reversed. Three of the six councils had indicated that they would withdraw their resignations if the decision was reversed. The estimated deficit would then be only £9718 which would have to be found from reserves.
 - Following lengthy debate it was overwhelming decided by vote to reverse the decision and return to the format for the 09 /10 year.
 - Subscriptions for the smaller councils would remain the same.

- RF**
- PACT Meeting 22.03.10**
- Chris James crime reduction officer will prepare an item for the village newsletter.
 - Englishcombe, Freshford, Newton St Loe and Camerton were the only parish councils who raised any concerns.
 - The councillors recorded their thanks to the former Clerk Rachel Wilcox and agreed that a formal letter be sent to her.
 - The Councillors welcomed the new Clerk Jane Angell and thanked her for the time and effort that had been put in to ensure a smooth handover.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 26th July 2010 at 7pm in the Village Hall

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 10.45pm

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