

SALTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at Saltford Hall, Saltford on Tuesday 3rd April 2012 at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors - Reg Williams (Chair), Duncan Hounsell (Vice-Chair), Mathew Blankley, Tina Curtis, Harvey Haerberling, Kim Johnson, Rob King, Neil McKen, Kevin Reeves, Chris Warren and Jill Williams

Officer - Tricia Golinski

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 March 2012 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for inability to attend this meeting were received.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

4. PUBLIC TIME

There was 1 member of the public present.

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair reminded Members that the next meeting on 1 May is the annual meeting at which appointments to committees are made, and Members should inform the Clerk if they do not want to continue in membership of a committee.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

1. **Minutes** – The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20 March 2012 were confirmed as a correct record.

2. **B&NES Consultation on the Draft Sustainable Construction & Retrofitting Supplementary Planning Document and Neighbourhood Planning Protocol** – The Council agreed that these two consultations will be considered at the next meeting of the Planning Committee, and any proposed responses will be taken to the next full Council meeting.

3. Decisions – The Clerk reported the following applications which had been PERMITTED with conditions:

12/00348/FUL - 21 Victoria Road - Erection of a single storey rear extension - Mr & Mrs S Gilmour

12/00418/FUL - Glen Cottage, The Glen - Installation of 3 clear glazed dormer windows, and a replacement conservatory with terrace above - Mr & Mrs K Dawe

The Clerk reported the following applications which had been REFUSED:

12/000504/TPO - Elm House Chestnut Walk - Remove limb, crown lift and reduction of beech tree - Mr R Goodwin

The Clerk reported the following appeal to the Planning Inspectorate which had been DISMISSED:

Appeal ref. 12/00011/HOUSE – 59 Norman Road – appeal against B&NES’ decision to refuse permission for application 11/05170/FUL for a proposed detached garage and gym replacing existing detached garage

4. Possible Contraventions – There was no report from B&NES on matters which had been referred to them for clarification as to whether a contravention of planning controls had taken place.

Cllr Reg Williams reported that there are possible unauthorised advertisement banners at Tescos, Tiddlers Nursery and Sposa Elegante, and the Clerk was asked to report these to B&NES.

Remaining outstanding possible contraventions:

08/00651	Mead Lane	Boat mooring
10/00632	3 Tying Road rear of The Crown	Caravan on site
10/00021	Saltford Marina	Office and shower facility building
11/00366	Mead Lane	Narrowboat moored residentially
11/00513	River Mead Lane/cycle track	Two narrowboats moored
	Bird in Hand, High Street	Security lighting recently installed in car park in a Conservation Area without permission
	Footpath from Avon Lane	Unauthorised diversion of footpath

5. Planning items of urgent information – Cllr Kevin Reeves reported that a reply has been sent to Owen McDermott regarding application 12/00032/FUL at the Bird in Hand, and that a reply is awaited from the case officer of this application to the question of why the Parish Council were not made aware of

the submission on the 5th March 2012 of details substantially revising this application.

7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. Monthly Financial Report – the report was discussed and accepted by Members.

2. Schedule of Expenditure – It was **RESOLVED** that the expenditure for all items listed in the schedule for the month of April 2012 be authorised and the schedule signed by the Chair.

8. SALTFORD STATION CAMPAIGN

Cllr Duncan Hounsell reported that at the recent meeting of the West of England Partnership, he had argued for the re-opening of Salford Station to be brought forward to phase 1 of the Greater Bristol Metro project, but that the West of England Partnership said no to this and left it as part of phase 2 of the Greater Bristol Metro project, although with an informal understanding that projects could be brought forward when ready. There are 4 bidders for the new Great Western franchise and the successful bidder will be announced in December 2012.

Cllr Chris Warren reported that Corston Parish Council was supportive of the campaign to re-open Salford Station, and that its concerns about traffic could be addressed by the shuttle bus proposed by Bath Spa University going through Corston.

9. ALLOTMENT SITE LEASE AND WATER SUPPLY

Cllr Reg Williams reported on negotiations with Somer Housing over the allotment site lease, which expires in 2013. Somer are proposing to charge £50 for a 5 year licence to use the land for allotments, and to increase the rent to £200 per year. This would mean doubling the rents paid by allotment tenants, even before any increase to pay for water installation. The Council agreed to ask for a 10 year licence in view of the proposal to install a water supply.

Cllr Reg Williams reported that the cost of installing a water supply would be approximately £800 to Bristol Water plus the cost of installing a trench and pipe to the supply and an unknown amount to Somer for a wayleave. It was agreed to find out the full cost of installation.

10. TRAFFIC ISSUES

Cllr Reg Williams reported that at the site meeting with B&NES on 19 March, B&NES agreed to reinstate the original timings on the sensors and the pedestrian crossings for a series of trials, after the works on Bath Hill, Keynsham have finished. The issue of parking on Beech Road is to be revisited once the development of the nursing home is complete.

11. B&NES PROPOSED A4 BRISTOL ROAD 50mph SPEED LIMIT

The Council considered B&NES' proposal to make a permanent order to reduce the existing national speed limit on the A4 Bath Road and Bristol Road and to extend the 30mph limit at the foot of Bath Hill in Saltford from the present position out to the location of the current *approaching 30 mph* sign, and it was agreed to support these proposals.

12. PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP

Cllr Duncan Hounsell reported that the group's initiative to encourage new members had not yet had any success and that they have agreed to operate by email rather than meeting, and will still report quarterly. The group welcome the initiatives on actions identified in the Parish Plan which have been taken by the Parish Council and individual councillors. The idea of garden sharing is to be looked into.

13. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Cllr Reg Williams attended a meeting of B&NES Emergency Medical Service Patients Forum on 7 March, and advised Members to let their GP know if the out-of-hours service does not come up to standard.

Cllr Kim Johnson and Cllr Neil McKen attended Keynsham Young People's Liaison Group meeting on 15 March with the proposal of partnership working with Saltford. The group are to take this proposal to Keynsham Town Council. Financial implications would have to be considered if it was agreed to promote Keynsham's young people's services to Saltford young people. Currently only 5% of their users are from Saltford.

Cllr Jill Williams reported that the first meeting about Saltford Festival 2013 had been held.

14. ISSUES RAISED AT COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

The Council considered the issues raised by members of the public at the recent Councillors' surgeries. It was agreed that Cllr Duncan Hounsell would respond to the individual queries raised. The Council discussed how future Councillors' surgeries should be managed and how issues raised would be addressed. It was agreed to find out when Saltford Library would be available for future Councillors' surgeries.

15. BULB / FLOWER PLANTING

Cllr Jill Williams proposed that the flower beds outside Saltford Hall require attention. The Council agreed that this should be done by Saltford Community Association.

16. CHURCHYARD WILD FLOWER PLANTING

The Council considered a request from Rev. Hall to re-plant wild flowers in the 'wild flower strip' in the churchyard. Cllr Reg Williams noted that some wild flowers were previously planted there but there was now no sign of them and the strip had now been cut. Cllr Jill Williams offered to consult some experts and come back to the Council with a proposal.

17. SALT福德 BUSINESS COMMUNITY NETWORK

The Council agreed with Cllr Duncan Hounsell's proposal to send all known Salford businesses an invitation to the Business Breakfast Launch on 1st May and to issue a press release about this. Expenditure associated with promoting the launch was agreed up to £50 (budget heading Miscellaneous Schemes).

18. ITEMS OF URGENT INFORMATION

Cllr Reg Williams reported that a complaint had been received that a member of Salford Parish Council Planning Committee had not declared the correct sort of interest in connection with a planning application. It is up to members to assess and declare their interests. Where the interest is a prejudicial one the member should not take part in the discussion or vote. Members are referred to *The Good Councillor's Guide* for further information.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Next Council meeting: 1 May 2012

Next Planning Committee meeting: 17 April 2012

Chairman.....

Date confirmed and signed.....