

SALTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at Saltford Hall, Saltford
on Tuesday 2nd April 2013 at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors - Mathew Blankley (Chair), Kim Johnson (Vice-Chair), Harvey Haeberling, Duncan Hounsell, Rob King, Neil McKen, Kevin Reeves, Robert Taylor and Chris Warren

Officer - Tricia Golinski

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 March 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for inability to attend this meeting were received from Cllrs Jill Williams and Reg Williams.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Harvey Haeberling declared an interest in item 6.2 planning application 13/00939/TCA - The Old Rectory The Shallows, as he is their neighbour.

4. PUBLIC TIME

There were 6 members of the public present.

Steve Hill spoke objecting to planning application 13/00744/FUL - 428 Bath Road.

Matt Young spoke about planning application 13/00961/FUL - 3 Witney Close.

David Marshall spoke about item 12 and urged the Parish Council to support B&NES' proposed Traffic Regulation Order for 'no waiting at any time' markings to replace the existing white 'keep clear' markings at High Street opposite The Batch.

David Marshall also made a plea for traffic lights at the Beech Road/ Manor Road/ Bath Road junction.

Terry Hopkins of Keynsham & District Dial a Ride answered questions on item 7.4.

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair made no announcements.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

1. **Minutes** – The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 19 March 2013 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

2. **New planning applications** –

The Council considered the following planning applications in respect of which Bath & North East Somerset (B&NES) Council had invited comments:

13/00939/TCA - The Old Rectory The Shallows - Fell 1 beech & 1 fir/cypress trees - Mr & Mrs Pascoe

It was resolved that B&NES Council be advised that this Council **supports** this application, and reports that the planning application documents were not available on B&NES website.

13/00744/FUL - 428 Bath Road - Erection of a single storey rear extension and first floor side extension over garage (resubmission) - Mr & Mrs T Elvins

It was resolved that B&NES Council be advised that this Council **supports** this application, and draws attention to the narrow gap there would be between properties and the consequent difficulty of access. Also reports that the planning application documents were not available on B&NES website.

13/00895/TCA - Walnut Cottage 31-33 High Street - Crown reduced by approximately 30% 1 Walnut tree - Mr Andy Tadd

It was resolved that B&NES Council be advised that this Council **supports** this application.

13/00961/FUL - 3 Witney Close - Erection of a first floor side extension over garage and play room - Mr & Mrs Matthew Young

It was resolved that B&NES Council be advised that this Council **supports** this application, and points out that the new extension would come right up to the property boundary which raises questions of access to the side of the property for maintenance. Also reports that the planning application documents were not available on B&NES website.

13/00922/FUL - 481 Bath Road - Erection of a single storey kitchen extension to side, reposition detached garage, provision of loft conversion and associated works - Mr Parkes

It was resolved that B&NES Council be advised that this Council **objects to** this application due to the proposed garage's proximity to the boundary and consequent loss of light to the neighbouring property in Lansdown Road.

3. **B&NES Proposed Changes to the Submitted Core Strategy** – The Council considered Saltford Parish Council's response to B&NES Proposed Changes to the Submitted Core Strategy. It was agreed that Cllr Duncan Hounsell would circulate a draft response for all members to discuss, and the response would be agreed at the May Council meeting.

4. **Decisions** – The Clerk reported the following applications which had been

PERMITTED with conditions by B&NES Council:

13/00202/FUL - Scout Hall 18 Chelwood Road - Erection of entrance lobby and changing room to the front elevation - 1st Saltford Scout Group

13/00278/FUL - Saltford Golf Club Golf Club Lane - Erection of a raised area of decking to the rear of the casual bar on the clubhouse - Saltford Golf Club

13/00369/FUL - Wychwood Garth The Glen - Erection of a front extension above existing double garage - Mr Christopher Hobbs

5. Planning items of urgent information – There were none.

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 2013 be authorised and the schedule signed by the Chair.
- 3. Community Awards expenses** – The Council retrospectively approved expenditure of £200 on Saltford Parish Council's Community Awards winners' donations to chosen organisations (budget heading Council Led schemes).
- 4. Keynsham & District Dial a Ride application for financial assistance** – The Council agreed to make a grant of £500 to Keynsham & District Dial a Ride (budget heading Miscellaneous Grants).

8. PARISH COUNCIL TABLE AT SALTFORD FESTIVAL OPEN MORNING

The Council considered organising a table to publicise the Parish Council at the SCA Open Morning on Saturday 8 June 2013, however there were insufficient members available to volunteer for this.

9. COMMUNITY SONGS OF PRAISE IN FESTIVAL WEEK

Cllr Duncan Hounsell volunteered to respond to Revd Hall's invitation to take part in the Community Songs of Praise on the final Sunday of Saltford Festival Week, Sunday 16 June at 10.30am in St Mary's Church.

10. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEETINGS WITH B&NES OFFICERS

The Council has not received a response from B&NES officers following its request for meetings regarding traffic management issues. Cllr Mathew Blankley is to follow this up.

11. WEST OF ENGLAND PARTNERSHIP LOCAL TRANSPORT BODY

Cllr Duncan Hounsell reported that the West of England Local Transport Body

(LTB) (comprising B&NES Council, Bristol City Council, North Somerset Council, South Gloucestershire Council and the Local Enterprise Partnership) has formed in March as a prerequisite to receiving devolved major transport funding from the Department for Transport. One of the functions of the new body is to prioritise local major transport schemes within the available budget. At its meeting on 13 March 2013, it prioritised schemes against criteria of affordability, minimum cost threshold, and deliverability. The Saltford by-pass scheme did not meet the criteria of deliverability. The top two priorities agreed were the Greater Bristol Metro phases 1 and 2. The “new stations package” (including Saltford station) has reached the agreed project shortlist albeit not in the top 6. Construction is estimated by the LTB to take place in the period 2018/19 to 2023/24, but earlier should other funding opportunities become available and subject to business case.

12. B&NES TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

The Council agreed to support B&NES’ proposed Traffic Regulation Order for ‘no waiting at any time’ markings to replace the existing white ‘keep clear’ markings at High Street opposite The Batch.

13. SPEEDING ON BATH ROAD NEAR THE GLEN

Cllr Duncan Hounsell reported that the problem of speeding on the A4 near The Glen was identified as a priority at the PACT meeting. The Police are arranging for a mobile speed camera to be on site at some time, and are encouraging the setting up of Community Speedwatch.

The Council agreed to request that B&NES paint large white 30 mph signs on both sides of the road.

14. DOG MESS

A press release from the Parish Council about dog mess drafted by Cllr Mathew Blankley was agreed to be sent to local media and the local vet’s surgery.

15. ALLOTMENT RENTS 2013/14

The Council agreed that allotment plot rents for the year 2013/14 would be £65.42 per annum for a full plot.

16. MOBILE YOUTH SERVICE FOR SALT FORD

Cllr Neil McKen reported that B&NES plans to provide a new mobile youth service on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 9 pm at Saltford Hall from the start of May 2013.

17. WEDMORE PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT - YOUTH SHELTER

The Council considered B&NES’ Wedmore Play Area Inspection Report. No action is to be taken with regard to the Parish Council’s youth shelter.

18. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Council agreed to amend its Code of Conduct to reflect the new register of

members' interests which are non-pecuniary. The revised Code is to be based on NALC's template but excluding item 12 of NALC's template version.

19. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

Cllr Duncan Hounsell reported that Salford Business Network held a social meeting on 28 March which was attended by 10 businesses. Its next event is its AGM on 25 April at Salford Golf Club, with a presentation on finance and the budget.

20. ITEMS OF URGENT INFORMATION

There were no items reported.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Next Council meeting: 7 May 2013 at 7.15 pm (annual Council meeting)

Next Planning Committee meeting: 16 April 2013

Chairman.....

Date confirmed and signed.....