

SALTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Councillors Reg Williams (Chair), Duncan Hounsell (Vice-Chair),
Mathew Blankley, Harvey Haeberling, Kim Johnson, Rob
King, Neil McKen, Kevin Reeves, Rick Taylor and Jill Williams

Officer Tricia Golinski

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 December 2011 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 Cllr Tina Curtis.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

4. PUBLIC TIME

There were 3 members of the public present.

Gill Self of Saltford Environment Group and Keynsham Fair Trade group requested the Parish Council's support for making Saltford a Fair Trade village. The Chair requested that she sends details of what is involved and the matter will be put on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

Geoff Brown spoke about the need to improve the bus service in the evenings. Cllr Duncan Hounsell suggested he raise the matter at the next meeting of B&NES' Public Transport Liaison Group, which is expected to be held in Keynsham.

5. SALTFORD STATION CAMPAIGN

Cllr Duncan Hounsell reported on progress of the campaign to re-open Saltford Railway Station. There are about 30 active campaigners, with Chris Warren as the leader, Phil Harding doing the website and Cllr Duncan Hounsell making contacts with relevant organisations. Friends of Suburban Bristol Railways also campaigns for the re-opening of local stations, including Saltford. Saltford Station Campaign has had informal talks with First Great Western and Network Rail, and B&NES is considering acting as promoter. An estimate has been made by the campaign group of a minimum of 300 passengers a day, producing revenue of up to £15 million over 30 years. B&NES, via the West of England Partnership, is to press for Saltford to be included in the specification for the new Great Western franchise, which is currently out for consultation. B&NES has commissioned a feasibility study into opening the station, due at the end of March.

Chris Warren reported that the station campaign petition was very successful, with over 2,000 signatures and with over 90% of responses being positive. The petition identified approximately 300 daily users and 500 weekly users. Jacob Rees-Mogg MP is to present the petition to parliament. The campaign is to meet Bath Spa University and Corston Parish Council.

6. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

1. **Neighbourhood Planning** – Cllr Kevin Reeves reported that B&NES held a meeting in December on the Neighbourhood Planning Protocol, at which they summarised the position regarding neighbourhood planning. The planning aspects of the Localism Act are expected to come into force in April 2012. Neighbourhood planning will be a permissive tool to aid development in communities. In a parish, only the Parish Council can be the organisation responsible for a neighbourhood plan. Information is online at www.bathnes.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning. The Parish Council needs to consider whether, when and how to do a neighbourhood plan. A neighbourhood plan is subservient to B&NES' Local Development Framework, has to be consistent with it, and can fill in any gaps in the LDF where local neighbourhoods want to encourage something to happen. There are pilot neighbourhood planning schemes in some areas with government funding.
2. **Planning Committee terms of reference** – The Council agreed the terms of reference for the Planning Committee which had been drafted at the last meeting of the Planning Committee and circulated to members.
3. **B&NES Gypsies, Travellers & Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations DPD Consultation** – The Council considered a response to B&NES' consultation on gypsies, travellers and travelling showpeople site allocations, which had been drafted by the Planning Committee. Some amendments were made and the following response was agreed:

Saltford is a small parish with the village surrounded by the Bristol/Bath Green Belt. The DPD states that Gypsy and Traveller sites are considered inappropriate development on Green Belt land.
B&NES' Core Strategy does not include Saltford as a village suitable for any development due to the lack of available land within the village.
There are no existing unofficial Gypsy and Traveller sites.
In the context of the above, there are no sites within Saltford Parish that fulfil the site selection criteria proposed within the DPD.
4. **Minutes** – The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20 December 2011 were confirmed as a correct record.
5. **New Planning Applications** – The Council considered the following planning applications in respect of which Bath & North East Somerset Council has invited comments.

replacement boathouses and shared facilities for Saltford Rowing Club including boat storage for University of Bristol Boating Club, Avon County Rowing Club, Monkton Combe School and a shared facilities area including workshop, changing rooms, gym, office and club area (Resubmission) - Saltford Rowing Club

It was **RESOLVED** that Bath & N E Somerset Council be advised this Council **supports** this application in principle, subject to: improved access and visibility; containment of traffic in connection with the site to the site; condition imposed that no alcohol be consumed on the premises; support is bounded to this application and there would be concern about any subsequent application which included an alcohol licence or moving the footpath or residential premises; would like to see a forecast of utilisation patterns of the site; concern about noise pollution from club area and question the need to be open until 11pm.

11/05338/TCA - Pound Cottage Queens Square - Remove 1 willow tree - Mr M A Brown

It was **RESOLVED** that Bath & N E Somerset Council be advised this Council **supports** this application subject to the proviso that it is replaced with another appropriate native tree.

6. **Decisions** – The Clerk reported the following application which had been PERMITTED with conditions:

11/05071/FUL - 1 Lansdown Road - Erection of a two storey side extension and reconstruction of existing single storey rear extension - Mr & Mrs M Pickrell

7. **Possible Contraventions** – The Clerk reported the following update from B&NES on matters which had been referred to them for clarification as to whether a contravention of planning controls had taken place:

Ref. 10/00632 – 3 Tynning Road rear of the Crown - Unauthorised stationing of a caravan: No action had been taken due to medical reasons, but a visit will be made early in the new year to see what the situation is and the Council will be informed.

The Council agreed to review all outstanding possible contraventions in February after the meeting with B&NES Cllr Paul Crossley.

Remaining outstanding possible contraventions:

11/00579	20.10.11	6 High Street	Non-compliance with condition relating to materials
11/00056/ LBWORK	27.01.11	61 High Street	UPVC windows been put in Grade II listed building
08/00651/ UNDEV	16.07.08	Between Mead Lane & River Avon	Residential moorings – change of use required?

10/00021	14.01.10	Salford Marina	Office and shower facility building not yet moved to location for which planning permission was given.
11/00513/ UNDEV	20.09.11	River Mead Lane/cycle track	Two narrowboats moored.

8. **Planning items of urgent information** – Cllr Duncan Hounsell reported that the B&NES website links to the Planning Portal which gives potentially confusing planning advice, and it was agreed to bring this to B&NES' attention.

8. 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 January 2012 be authorised and the schedule signed by the Chair.

3. **Budget 2012/13** – The Council approved the draft budget for 2012/13 which had been discussed at the December meeting.

9. AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA

The Council considered its response to Bath & North East Somerset Council's consultation on an Air Quality Management Area for Salford.

It was agreed to suggest that bus drivers are asked to switch off their engines if idling at the bus stop outside the Crown or outside the shops. It was agreed by majority vote to suggest a by-pass for Salford. It was agreed to request a meeting with a B&NES air quality officer after which any further responses would be agreed.

10. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER ORGANISATIONS

There were none.

11. CHURCHYARD AND ALLOTMENT SITE MAINTENANCE

A closing date of 20 January was agreed for the receipt of tenders for the churchyard and allotment site maintenance contract. Tenders received will be reviewed by members of the Churchyard and Allotments Working Group (Cllrs Reg Williams, Neil McKen and Kevin Reeves) who will make a recommendation to the next Council meeting.

12. CIVIC SERVICE

The annual Civic Service will be held on Sunday 19 February at 9.30am at St Mary's church, and members of the Council will be asked to do some readings.

13. TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

The Chair explained that the Parish Council had agreed to take on the actions on traffic and transport from the Parish Plan and that some communication had taken place with

B&NES. It was agreed to lobby B&NES to progress the two following issues:

- Improve the safety and operation of the junction of the A4 with Manor Road and Beech Road
- Relieve parking problems, particularly on Manor, Tynning, Beech, Rodney and Stratton Roads, High Street, and Bath Road shops

A site meeting is to be requested with B&NES Strategic Director or appropriate staff, to see the problems associated with these two issues. A reminder about the sensors at the Manor Road/Beech Road junctions is to be put in SCAN.

14. PARISH PLAN IMPLEMENTATION WORKING PARTY

Cllr Duncan Hounsell reported that the Parish Plan Implementation Working Party met on 6 December and discussed the following:

- They want to extend the group and will put an article in SCAN and ask the Sports Club for suggested members.
- There has been no progress yet on Neighbourhood Watch expansion. Only parts of Saltford are covered by Neighbourhood Watch. It is planned to promote it at a joint event with the Police in the summer.

The Parish Plan Working Party has a provisional next meeting date of 19 March.

15. CUTTING ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION IN SALT FORD

Cllr Duncan Hounsell noted that 51% of those responding to the Parish Plan supported the reduction of street lighting in the early hours. He proposed that the Council works with B&NES on reviewing the timings of street lights and also reviewing the types of street lights in Saltford, and this was agreed.

16. PUBLICITY

The following items were agreed for the Parish Council's page in SCAN:

- The Air Quality Management Area consultation.
- The Parish Council's new website
- A reminder of how the sensors work at the Beech Road/Manor Road junctions.

17. PARISH CLUSTER MEETING

It was agreed to raise the following item for discussion with B&NES at the Parish Cluster meeting on 18 January:

A recent planning contravention in Saltford has highlighted what seems to be an anomaly in the planning contravention procedure. A non-compliance with a condition relating to materials was identified and a case opened by Enforcement Officers. However they have said that they are unable to enforce it because the

development is yet to be finished which is why the materials don't currently match. As the application has been started it does not have an expiry date and therefore until the scheme is completed as per the application the matching materials condition cannot be enforced. (This case is in Saltford's Conservation Area, but it is the principle behind it rather than the specific case that we would like investigated).

18. YOUNG PEOPLE

Cllr Neil McKen reported that an inter-generation event will be held at 7.00pm on 24 January in Saltford Hall. Following a visit to Keynsham's Time Out centre, Cllrs Neil McKen and Kim Johnson would like to make a proposal for more formal links with this facility for Saltford young people.

19. ITEMS OF URGENT INFORMATION

Cllr Jill Williams reported that the litter outside Davies and Way's office is bad and asked if B&NES can enforce a clear-up.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm.

Next Council meeting: 7 February 2012

Next Planning Committee meeting: 17 January 2012

Chairman.....

Date confirmed and signed.....