

SALTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at Saltford Hall, Saltford on Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors – Ben Eve, Jon Godfrey, Phil Harding (Vice Chair), Duncan Hounsell, Kyle Rice and Farida Wilson
(Cllr Liz Macnaughton is on an agreed leave of absence)

Officer – Tricia Golinski

In the absence of the Chair, the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chair.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 June 2017 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 Chris Warren (Chair), Adrian Betts, James Macnaughton and Rob Taylor.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

4. PUBLIC TIME

There were 7 members of the public present.

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair congratulated Saltford Community Association on a successful Saltford Festival 2017. Saltford's new Heritage Centre opened in St Mary's church hall during the Festival: this is a Saltford Environment Group (SEG) and St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) development, supported by the Parish Council. The Heritage Centre will be available for special events, and for Saltford Primary School, and will be seeking volunteers.

6. CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk made no announcements.

7. REPORT FROM B&NES WARD COUNCILLORS

B&NES Cllrs Francine Haerberling and Emma Dixon sent their apologies and the Clerk gave the following report from Cllr Francine Haerberling: A meeting was held with B&NES officers and councillors about the Water Space Strategy and it was agreed to amend the proposals

for The Shallows in Saltford. Some items that were in the plan, such as the kiosk, selling teas, and charging for parking, have been removed from the plan. The pollarding of some trees, removal of some bushes and provision of a small slipway will remain in the plan.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

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

17/02570/FUL - 42 Grange Road - Replacement of front boundary wall - Mr Dennis Higgins

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

17/02374/FUL - 6 Mill Cottages, The Shallows - External alterations to facilitate natural stone cladding to match existing building - Ms Mandy Mabbs

It was resolved that B&NES Council be advised that this Council **SUPPORTS** this application **subject to the use of suitable materials in keeping with the age and construction of the building.**

17/02896/FUL - 511 Bath Road - Erection of single storey rear extension - Mr Mike Randazzo

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

17/02908/FUL - 33 Montague Road - Erection of 2 storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory - Mr & Mrs Luke & Sian Tucker

It was resolved that B&NES Council be advised that this Council **OBJECTS TO** this application **due to concerns over the size, scale and loss of amenity to neighbouring properties due to loss of light and privacy at this location.**

- b) **Decisions and Appeals** –The Clerk reported that the following applications have been PERMITTED (with conditions) by B&NES Council:

17/02110/FUL - 51 High Street - Construction of dormer window extensions to front and rear roof slopes - Mrs Sandra Tavakoli

17/01598/LBA - Jeffrey's Lodge 23 High Street - Internal and external alterations for the replacement of existing timber windows and doors to existing rear extension, timber bow windows to match with stone work below window and window seat fitted internally. Installation of 8no conservation roof lights in existing roof. Lowering of the existing ground floor level and new even steps from existing kitchen to be fitted - Ms Victoria Jones

17/01581/FUL - 22 Uplands Road - erection of single storey dwelling and garage - Mr David Lamb

The Clerk reported that the following applications have been WITHDRAWN:

17/02563/FUL - 5 Beresford Close - Loft conversion with rear facing dormer

windows - Mr Maggs

17/01562/FUL - 2 The Batch - internal and external alterations to remove C20 porch, erect two storey side and rear extension, replace windows and generally refurbish interior - Mr Campbell

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- c) **Planning items of urgent information** – Cllr Phil Harding reported that a resident had notified him that a tattoo parlour was planned for 499 Bath Road (next to Tesco). Such a change of use would be likely to require planning permission, which would provide the Parish Council and members of the community with an opportunity to respond to B&NES Council on the plans.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) **Monthly Financial Report** – The report was discussed and accepted by members.
- b) **Schedules of Expenditure** – The expenditure listed in the schedules for the months of July and August 2017 was authorised and the schedules signed by the Chair.

10. THE FUTURE OF SALTFORD POST OFFICE

The Council discussed the news that the current Post Office and Saltford Flowers is to close on 23 December 2017, and noted the potential social impact of the loss of a Post Office in the village. It is understood that the Post Office franchise will be available to other applicants and that the Post Office could be in another location in Saltford.

11. BT PHONE BOX ADOPTION

The Council discussed issues relating to the adoption of the BT phone box at the junction of The Shallows and High Street. This will be considered again prior to signing the contract with BT, once appropriate legal advice has been obtained. It was agreed to seek ideas from the community about what uses could be made of the phone box.

12. YOUTH SHELTER REPAIR

The Council authorised expenditure of up to £40 on a rotary wire brush, primer, topcoat paint and rust neutraliser to treat the corrosion on the youth shelter (budget heading Council Led Schemes).

13. BATH ROAD TRAFFIC LIGHTS, CENTRAL SALTFORD

Cllr Duncan Hounsell noted that the maximum wait for pedestrians at the two crossings in central Saltford is 30 seconds, and for vehicles waiting on the pressure pads to exit Beech Road and Manor Road the maximum wait is 70 seconds. The new traffic lights have the capacity for different time delays at different times of the day. It was agreed to invite the relevant B&NES Council officer to attend the September meeting to discuss the issues and what might be possible.

14. DRAFT PARISH CHARTER

Saltford Parish Council’s response to the draft Parish Charter was agreed.

15. REPORTS FROM LINK MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Phil Harding will be attending the River Avon Users Consultative Committee (RAUCC) meeting next week and hopes for a report from B&NES Council on the Mead Lane mooring trial. Residents have reported problems with the trial, and the process for introducing an overnight parking ban as promised by B&NES has not been started.

Cllr Duncan Hounsell noted that there has been no report from B&NES Council regarding the re-opening of Saltford Station, and suggested inviting the new B&NES Cabinet Member for Transport to meet the Parish Council.

Cllr Duncan Hounsell reported that Saltford Business Network is visiting Saltford Brass Mill on 14 July.

Cllr Kyle Rice reported that Saltford Football Club is to renovate the changing rooms using charitable donations and is looking for volunteers.

16. ITEMS OF URGENT INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Duncan Hounsell reported that Keynsham Food Bank will have a distribution centre at St Mary’s church hall on 7 July from 10.30 to 12.00 and this is expected to be a regular event.

17. PUBLICITY

The Council agreed items to include in its SCAN page and ideas for its next e-newsletter.

The meeting closed at 8.28 pm

Chair’s signature.....

Date confirmed and signed...../...../.....

Next Council meeting: 5 September 2017
Next Planning Committee meeting: 18 July 2017