

SALTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at Saltford Hall, Saltford on Tuesday 7th February 2017 at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors – Adrian Betts, Ben Eve, Jon Godfrey, Phil Harding (Vice-Chair) and Kyle Rice

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 3 January 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 Duncan Hounsell, James Macnaughton, Rob Taylor, Chris Warren and Farida Wilson. Cllr Liz Macnaughton is on an agreed leave of absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Phil Harding declared an interest in item 9. c. St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) grant application, as he is Chair of Saltford Environment Group who are partners in the Saltford Heritage project. While not a pecuniary interest he would not take part in the decision on this item.

4. PUBLIC TIME

There were 2 members of the public present.

Revd Daile Wilshere spoke in support of item 9. c. St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) grant application. St Mary's church hall is to host the display of historical artefacts and provide free use of the hall for heritage functions. Work is needed to the hall to ensure safety of the artefacts. The PCC's contribution is in kind, via the sole use of a room and the free use of the hall for events.

The Chair took item 9. c. next.

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Phil Harding announced that he and Cllr Adrian Betts met with B&NES Council Leader, B&NES Officers, B&NES ward councillors and a representative of Mead Lane Neighbourhood Watch on 17 January regarding the Mead Lane moorings and parking. B&NES had determined that the trial would continue with the two options of moorings for 48

hours and 14 days, and would be reviewed in September. B&NES had agreed to take action towards implementing a Traffic Regulation Order prohibiting overnight parking and that the white H lines would be re-positioned as originally agreed opposite driveways.

6. CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk made no announcements.

7. REPORT FROM B&NES WARD COUNCILLORS

Cllr Francine Haerberling reported that a survey is being done of Saltford residents by the Conservative Party, asking questions about a by-pass and the station; and that B&NES Council is to agree a budget with a 3.5% increase, 2% of which is for social care. Apologies for absence were received from B&NES Cllr Emma Dixon.

8. PLANNING MATTERS

- a. **Minutes** – The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 17 January 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.
- b. **New planning applications** – The Council considered the following planning applications in respect of which Bath & North East Somerset (B&NES) Council had invited comments:

17/00381/VAR - Riverside The Shallows - Variation of condition 12 (plans list) of application 14/05662/FUL (Erection of two dwellings) - Mr Jacob Dawe

It was resolved that B&NES Council be advised that this Council **COMMENTS ON** this application: No further comment.

- c. **Modifications to B&NES Placemaking Plan** – The Council agreed to send the following response to B&NES Council's invitation to comment on the proposed main modifications to the Placemaking Plan:

Modification MM44 (response to Question 5): Saltford Parish Council acknowledges that the Saltford Golf Club boundary should be corrected and requests that the field south of Manor Road shaded black and green should be shown in white in the Placemaking Plan. The field is an open space within the Green Belt and the map should thus accurately reflect its same status in planning terms as the other privately owned farming land in that area of Saltford's Green Belt.

- d. **B&NES Local Plan Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) Call for sites** – The Council agreed to send the following response to B&NES Council's Call for sites:

Saltford Parish Council would be very strongly opposed to any proposal which resulted in the loss of Saltford's Green Belt Land. At a recent public meeting held in Saltford the Leader of B&NES Council gave the assurance that there were no plans or intention to build homes on Saltford's Green Belt.

- e. **Decisions and Appeals** – The Clerk reported that the following application has been PERMITTED (with conditions) by B&NES Council:

16/05744/FUL - Beacon House 553 Bath Road - Works to boundary walls and construction of new garage - Mr & Mrs Godfrey

16/05858/FUL - 469 Bath Road - Erection of 1 ½ storey detached house following demolition of existing bungalow - Mr Allen Zimble

16/06159/FUL - 8 Claverton Road West - Erection of a single storey rear extension - Mr & Mrs S Rumball

The Clerk reported that the following application will be considered by B&NES Development Management Committee on 8 February 2017:

16/05771/FUL - 6 Fairways - Erection of single storey front extension, installation of 2 windows to side elevations and construction of additional parking area - Mr & Mrs B Organ

The Clerk reported that the following appeal to the Planning Inspector has been DISMISSED:

Appeal against B&NES Council's refusal to grant planning permission for application 15/05808/FUL - Parcel 6700 Avon Lane - New 'carbon zero' dwelling on land at Mead Lane – Mr Peter Hall

- f. **Planning items of urgent information** – Cllr Adrian Betts reported that a housing white paper has been published for consultation today.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a. **Monthly Financial Report** – The report was discussed and accepted by members.
- b. **Schedule of Expenditure** – The expenditure listed in the schedule for the month of February 2017 was authorised and the schedule signed by the Chair.
- c. **St Mary's Parochial Church Council (PCC) grant application** – The Council agreed to make a grant of £1,000 to St Mary's PCC towards re-decoration, new secure door locks and modernising the lighting for the establishment of a Salford Heritage Centre in St Mary's church hall in partnership with Salford Environment Group (SEG) (budget heading Miscellaneous Grants).
- d. **Funeral wreath for Audrie Guthrie** – The Council authorised expenditure of up to £50 on a wreath to be sent to the memorial service for Audrie Guthrie, wife of former Salford Parish Councillor Malcolm Guthrie (budget heading General Administration).

10. CHURCHYARD GROUNDS MAINTENANCE MARCH 2017 TO FEBRUARY 2018

The Council agreed to ask Ambience Grounds Maintenance to undertake the churchyard grounds maintenance for the year from 1 March 2017 according to the specification agreed in January.

11. CHURCHYARD TREE WORK

This item was deferred until the next meeting for the advice of members of the Churchyard Working Group.

12. B&NES PARKING STRATEGY QUESTIONNAIRE

The Council agreed the following response to B&NES Council's stakeholder questionnaire for its parking strategy:

i. Which elements of parking supply and management do you think currently work well?

The increase in parking enforcement checks at Saltford shop parade in response to the Parish Council's request in October- December 2016 has been appreciated and we hope this level of enforcement will continue.

ii. What do you see as the main problems and issues?

Commuters using Saltford as a 'Park & Ride'.

iii. What one issue would you consider it most important for the Parking Strategy to address for Keynsham/Saltford?

Prompt implementation of the parking control measures agreed by B&NES in October 2016.

13. TRAFFIC COUNTS A4 SALTFORD 1998 – 2016

This item was deferred until the next meeting.

14. REPORTS FROM LINK MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Phil Harding reported that Saltford Environment Group (SEG) has published the Bath and Camerton Archaeological Society (BACAS) report *Geophysics at Saltford Phase 2*, which suggests that there is a large structure, probably of Roman origin, at the far south of the field.

15. ITEMS OF URGENT INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Ben Eve questioned the reliability and objectivity of the Conservative Party survey of Saltford residents.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Chair's signature.....

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

Next Council meeting: 7 March 2017
Next Planning Committee meeting: 21 February 2017