

SALTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at Saltford Hall, Saltford
on Tuesday 6th January 2015 at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors - Adrian Betts, Marie Carder, Harvey Haerberling, Duncan Hounsell, Rob King, Neil McKen, Chris Warren, Jill Williams and Reg Williams (Vice-Chair)

Officer - Tricia Golinski

The Vice-Chair opened the meeting.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The following nomination was received for Chair of the Parish Council for the remainder of the 2014/15 Council year: Cllr Adrian Betts, nominated by Cllr Chris Warren, seconded by Cllr Rob King.

Cllr Adrian Betts was declared Chair of the Parish Council for the remainder of the 2014/15 Council year.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 December 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for inability to attend this meeting were received from Cllrs Kevin Reeves and Rob Taylor.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Duncan Hounsell declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 13 and 14 (Saltford Station and Saltford Station Parking) as he has been spokesman for the station campaign.

Cllr Chris Warren declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 13 and 14 (Saltford Station and Saltford Station Parking).

5. PUBLIC TIME

There were 4 members of the public present.

Chris Essex of Saltford Community Association thanked the Parish Council for the

two grants, and for its support of the permissive paths scheme. So far, £1500 has been received in donations for the permissive paths.

B&NES Ward Cllr Francine Haerberling spoke in support of item 9 (Minutes of meetings), item 10 (Noticeboards), items 13 and 14 (Saltford Station and Saltford Station Parking), and about the lighting at the new toilets in The Shallows, which is too bright.

Phil Harding of Saltford Environment Group spoke about the new Climate Change area of SEG's website; in support of planning application 14/05395/FUL - 42 Grange Road; and against item 14 (Saltford Station Parking).

6. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

7. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) **Minutes** - The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 16 December 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 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:

14/05395/FUL - 42 Grange Road - Erection of detached dwelling and double garage on land adjacent to 42 Grange Road and new double garage to replace existing at number 42 - Mr & Mrs Brodie

It was resolved that B&NES Council be advised that this Council **comments on** this application: **No objection.**

- c) **Reporting of possible planning contraventions** – The Council decided to take this motion in two parts: it **agreed** to the following first part of the motion proposed by Cllr Rob Taylor and seconded by Cllr Adrian Betts:
- Saltford Parish Council will continue to treat all possible planning contraventions in the same way – they are simply forwarded to B&NES Council for investigation as B&NES Council is the planning authority.
- The Council **did not agree** to the following second part of the motion proposed by Cllr Rob Taylor and seconded by Cllr Adrian Betts:
- The name of any councillor reporting an alleged planning contravention in a meeting will be recorded in the minutes of that meeting.
- d) **Decisions** – The Clerk reported the following applications which had been PERMITTED with conditions by B&NES Council:

14/04952/FUL - 6 Grange Road - Erection of two storey extension and a stand alone double garage - Mr Paul Arnold

14/04990/FUL - 69 Uplands Road - Erection of single storey side and rear extension - Mr & Mrs Chirivi

14/04570/FUL - 24 Boyd Road - Erection of single storey rear extension

(Resubmission) - Mr & Mrs Smee

The Clerk reported the following appeal decision from the Planning Inspectorate which has been ALLOWED and consent granted:

Appeal ref APP/F0114/H/14/225231 - Saltford News 504 Bath Road –
Appeal against B&NES Council's refusal to grant consent to application
14/02015/AR for a non-illuminated sign on the side elevation.

- e) **Planning items of urgent information** – Cllr Adrian Betts reported that he would stand down as Chair of the Planning Committee with effect from the next meeting.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) **Monthly Financial Report** – The report was discussed and accepted by Members.
- b) **Schedule of Expenditure** – It was resolved that the expenditure for all items listed in the schedule for the month of January 2015 be authorised and the schedule signed by the Chair.
- c) **Budget and precept 2015/16** – The Council agreed to Option 4 for the 2015/16 budget, and to request a precept of £29,702 from B&NES (plus the council tax support grant of £1290). This is an increase of 1% from 2014/15.

9. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

The Council agreed to the following motion proposed by Cllr Adrian Betts and seconded by Cllr Chris Warren, and for this to be included in the Council's Standing Orders:

Saltford Parish Council adopts the convention that the minute relating to a motion will be simply that of the motion voted on and the decision.

10. NOTICEBOARDS

The Council considered and agreed to the following revised motion proposed by Cllr Reg Williams and seconded by Cllr Jill Williams:

Saltford Parish Council requests that Saltford Motor Services safely fix the 2 noticeboards they have replaced to their bases.

11. PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR ALLOTMENT TENANTS

The Council deferred the decision on the proposal from Cllr Duncan Hounsell that the Parish Council insures the 13 allotment tenants for public liability until further information is received on the cost of the insurance and any excess. The motion will be reconsidered and decided on at an Extraordinary meeting on 20 January 2015.

12. ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATION 2015

The Council agreed the revised specification for the maintenance of St Mary's churchyard proposed by Cllr Duncan Hounsell. It was agreed that quotations will be sought which break down the costs for each element of the specification, and the decision on which organisation will undertake the maintenance from 1 March 2015

will be agreed at the February 2015 Council meeting.

13. SALT FORD STATION

The Council agreed to the following motion proposed by Cllr Chris Warren and seconded by Cllr Duncan Hounsell:

Saltford Parish Council welcomes the resolution passed by B&NES Council Cabinet (E2713) at its December 2014 meeting to continue to develop the business case for a station at Saltford and that this should include the option of opening a station to the west of the village.

14. SALT FORD STATION PARKING

The Council agreed to the following motion proposed by Cllr Reg Williams and seconded by Cllr Jill Williams:

Saltford Parish Council requests that B&NES reject the option by their consultants CHM2Hill suggesting additional car parking for a reopened station on the Avon County Rowing Club site in existing Green Belt.

15. PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 2015

The Council agreed to the following motion proposed by Cllr Duncan Hounsell and seconded by Cllr Neil McKen:

Saltford Parish Council wishes to actively encourage local residents to stand for election to Saltford Parish Council in May 2015. This can include providing information on the Parish Council web-site, an article in SCAN (as per April/May 2014 edition), letters from the Chair or Clerk to local newspapers, information on noticeboards, leafleting the village, and writing to local organisations.

16. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

No reports were made.

17. PUBLICITY

The Council agreed items to include in the Parish Council's page of SCAN and ideas for the next Parish Council e-newsletter.

18. ITEMS OF URGENT INFORMATION

Cllr Duncan Hounsell reported that there will be only a short time in March/April 2015 between the first and last day on which nominations for election will be accepted by B&NES Electoral Services. Details of these dates will be available on the B&NES website nearer the time.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Chair's signature.....

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

Next Council meeting: 3 February 2015
Next Planning Committee meeting: 20 January 2014