

SALTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at Saltford Hall, Saltford on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors – Adrian Betts, Ben Eve, Jon Godfrey, Phil Harding, James Macnaughton, Rob Taylor, Chris Warren (Chair) and Farida Wilson (Cllr Liz Macnaughton is on a 6-month leave of absence)

Officer – Tricia Golinski

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 5 December 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 and Kyle Rice.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

4. PUBLIC TIME

There were 2 members of the public present.

Paul Roberts spoke in support of application 17/05793/FUL - 9 Roundmoor Close.

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair wished everyone a Happy New Year.

6. CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Clerk passed on the following announcements from Cllr Duncan Hounsell:

- Chris Essex and John Davies of Saltford Community Association will be at the coffee shop at 10am on this Thursday morning (4th) to chat informally about progress on re-opening a Post Office and securing the library in the village. Any Parish Councillor is welcome to join them.
- A reminder that nominations for our Community Awards must be submitted to the Parish Clerk by 9th February.

7. REPORT FROM B&NES WARD COUNCILLORS

There was no report.

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:

17/05793/FUL - 9 Roundmoor Close - Erection of 2 bedroom bungalow following demolition of existing garage - Mr Paul Roberts

It was resolved that B&NES Council be advised that this Council **SUPPORTS** this application **with the proviso that, because the new build is close to a neighbouring property, that measures are taken to maintain the privacy of both properties.**

17/05920/FUL - 26 Tynning Road - Erection of front porch, single-storey rear extension, rear dormer and new drive following demolition of existing rear bay, rear dormer and chimneys - Mr & Mrs Chris Miners

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

17/05932/FUL - Vine Cottage Avon Lane - Erection of a riding area and a new storage facility for agricultural machinery and foodstuffs - Peter Hall

(Cllr Rob Taylor declared an interest as he knows the applicants)

It was resolved that B&NES Council be advised that this Council **SUPPORTS** this application **ONLY on the basis that use of the areas in the application is for equestrian and agricultural use only.**

17/06097/FUL - Echo Gate 27 Rodney Road - Erection of 3 detached dwellings and garages (Resubmission) - Hallwave Ltd

It was resolved that B&NES Council be advised that this Council **MAKES NO COMMENT ON** this application.

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

17/05108/FUL - 29 Uplands Road - Erection of 2 storey extension over existing garage and attic conversion with rear dormer window - Mr & Mrs Boyd

17/05163/SDCOU - Beechwood Stables Norman Road - Prior approval request for change of use from Storage Class B8 to 2 Dwelling Houses Class C3 - Mrs Claire Selwood

17/05278/FUL - 1 Manor Road - Erection of extension to existing link detached garage and conversion into habitable accommodation - Mr & Mrs Marshall

The Clerk reported that the following applications have been REFUSED by B&NES Council:

17/03084/FUL - Rosemere Homefield Road - Construction of a new dwelling and gatehouse following the demolition of an existing dwelling - Helen Franklin

c. Planning items of urgent information – Cllr Adrian Betts announced that he will

stand down as Chair of the Planning Committee in May 2018.

9. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. Monthly Financial Reports – The report was discussed and accepted by members.

b. Schedule of Expenditure – The expenditure listed in the schedule for the month of January 2018 was authorised and the schedule signed by the Chair.

c. Boxcryptor subscription – The Council authorised expenditure of £55.39 to renew the annual subscription to Boxcryptor encryption software (budget heading General Administration).

d. Railfuture membership – The Council authorised expenditure of £21 to renew the membership of Railfuture (budget heading Subscriptions).

e. 2018/19 budget and precept – The Council agreed the draft budget for 2018/19 and agreed that the precept to be levied by Saltford Parish Council for 2018/19 will be £33,111, an increase of 3%.

10. WEST OF ENGLAND JOINT SPATIAL STRATEGY (JSP) AND B&NES NEW LOCAL PLAN

Cllr Adrian Betts thanked the members of the working party for their work on the West of England JSP and B&NES' New Local Plan. The Council agreed to the responses to both consultations proposed by the working group.

11. CHURCHYARD GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATION 2018

The Council agreed the specification for regular grounds maintenance at St Mary's churchyard for the year commencing on 1 March 2018. Quotations for this will be sought and considered at the February meeting.

12. ALLOTMENT RENTS AND ALLOTMENT TENANTS' PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE 2018/19

The Council agreed to renew the public liability insurance with Shield for the 13 allotment tenants for 2018 at a cost of up to £75.00 (budget heading Insurance).

It was agreed to keep allotment rents for the year 2018/19 at the same level as the current year (£20 per year for a full plot and £10 per year for a half plot).

The Council noted that it has yet to hear from Curo as to whether the licence on the allotment site will be renewed from November 2018.

13. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY REVIEW OF B&NES

The Council considered the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE)'s consultation on draft recommendations for ward boundaries in B&NES. It was agreed to send the following response from Saltford Parish Council:

Queen Charlton does not fit easily in an expanded Saltford Ward. There is no

geographical, historical, or community link between Saltford and Queen Charlton. This is illustrated by the route taken by most people between these two communities which is through the town of Keynsham and out the other side. Queen Charlton more naturally aligns with Whitchurch near Bristol.

14. BRISTOL AIRPORT

Cllr Adrian Betts reported that he and Cllrs Chris Warren and Duncan Hounsell had met with senior managers at Bristol Airport, to discuss the mainly summer and early hours nuisance caused by inbound flights whose routes converge over parts of the south of Saltford. Their purpose was to see where some minor adjustments could be made so that these inbound flights could be slightly redirected to fly over the nearby fields rather than over housing. The Bristol Airport managers said that major redirections of flight paths could only be made through a long process with central government; smaller adjustments would need the movement of route beacons. A noise meter was offered later in the year.

Bristol Airport is currently consulting on a large scale expansion, with proposals for a doubling of passenger numbers by 2025 and a trebling of passenger numbers by 2045. The plans for expansion do not show a new runway so the direction of the inbound planes would be the same as now, many of which overfly Saltford.

The Council agreed to send the following in response to Bristol Airport's consultation:

Saltford Parish Council objects to any plans to expand the number of flights over Saltford without very positive actions by Bristol Airport to move inbound flight paths from flying over residential areas to over green fields. One of the Pillars of the Bristol Airport consultation must be to show their active management of measures to mitigate the nuisance to their neighbours of aircraft over flying their neighbours' properties.

15. ASSET CHECKING PROCEDURE

The Council reviewed its twice-yearly procedure for specified councillors and the Clerk to check the community assets for which the Parish Council has responsibility.

16. REPORTS FROM LINK MEMBERS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports.

17. ITEMS OF URGENT INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr Chris Warren reported that the ex-BT phone box will soon be taken away for re-painting.

18. PUBLICITY

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

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Chair's signature.....

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

Next Parish Council meeting: 6 February 2018
Next Planning Committee meeting: 16 January 2018