

SALTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Council held at
Saltford Hall, Saltford
on Tuesday 15th July 2014 at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

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

Officer - Tricia Golinski

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 1 July 2014 were amended as follows:

15. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Replace:

Cllr Jill Williams reported that the first meeting to discuss Saltford Festival 2015 is on 2 July, and the dates of the festival will be 14 to 21 June 2015.

with:

Cllr Jill Williams reported that the first meeting to discuss Saltford Festival 2015 is on 2 July, and the dates of the festival will be 13 to 21 June 2015.

and otherwise 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 Neil McKen and Kevin Reeves.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

4. PUBLIC TIME

There were no members of the public present.

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair made the following announcements:

- A public meeting to discuss possible ways forward for the previously permissive paths which were recently closed has been arranged for 20th August at 7:00pm at Saltford Golf Club. A notice of this meeting has been

posted on our Parish Council web-site.

- B&NES Council has voted on the revised Core Strategy which incorporates the recommendations of the independent Inspector. The Core Strategy sets out the policies to be followed in B&NES area the next 15 years. The vote was 40 in favour with 21 against. The two B&NES Councillors for Saltford voted against.

6. TREE WORK AT ST MARY'S CHURCHYARD

The Council agreed to ask Tree Elements to undertake the tree work required in St Mary's churchyard.

7. STAFFING COMMITTEE

The Council approved the appointment of Cllr Marie Carder to the Staffing Committee.

8. ITEMS OF URGENT INFORMATION

Cllr Reg Williams reported that he had a letter in *The Week In* on behalf of cyclists in Saltford, publicly thanking B&NES for repairing the central section of the Bath Road at the Manor and Beech Road junction a few days after he had reported the hazard to cyclists.

Cllr Reg Williams stated that on the subject of the reopening of Saltford Station, although Bath & North East Somerset Council had received a report from their Consultants Halcrow costing £8000, which said that there was no commercial case for reopening the station, they have now spent over £60000 of Council Tax on this project all but £3000 of this was on Consultants.

Cllr Duncan Hounsell said that the report Cllr Williams was referring to was a "pre-feasibility" study published in March 2012. This study compared Saltford with three other places with the same catchment areas (population) and used the consultant's own computer modelling. The study provided worst case and best case scenarios. This pre-feasibility study led B&NES Council to commission a Higher Level Output Assessment (HLOA) which used the computer modelling of the Metro West Rail Project and took into account the unique circumstances of Saltford. It was early information provided by the HLOA which formed the basis of the public exhibition event in February this year at which it was stated that there would be an expected £770,000 of fare revenue per annum and 144 car-park spaces. This HLOA has been completed and has only just arrived at B&NES Council. The report has not been read and we all await its findings.

The meeting closed at 7.32 pm.

Next Council meeting: 2 September 2014
Next Planning Committee meeting: 29 July 2014

Chairman.....

Date confirmed and signed.....