

SALTFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at Saltford Hall, Saltford
on Tuesday 3rd June 2014 at 7.15pm

PRESENT:

Councillors - Reg Williams (Vice-Chair), Adrian Betts, Marie Carder, Harvey
Haeberling, Rob King, Kevin Reeves and Jill Williams

Officer - Tricia Golinski

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

The Chair welcomed Cllr Marie Carder to the Council.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the Council meeting held on 6 May 2014 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, Rob Taylor, Neil McKen and Chris Warren.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared.

4. PUBLIC TIME

There was 1 member of the public present.

5. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair made the following announcements:

- The count of traffic on the A4 through Saltford Mondays to Fridays (5 day average of traffic in both directions) during 2013 was 29,053. The figure for the period from 17 February 2014, when the A431 Kelston Road was closed, up to 21 May 2014, was 31,042.

6. PLANNING MATTERS

- a) **Minutes** - The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 20 May 2014 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Cllr Harvey Haeberling joined the meeting at 7.25 pm.

- 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:

14/01823/FUL - 507 Bath Road - Erection of replacement extractor fan – Golden Moments

It was resolved that B&NES Council be advised that this Council **objects to** this application as contrary to Policy D.2 (f).

- c) **Decisions** – No decisions were reported.
- d) **Placemaking Plan Working Group** – Cllr Kevin Reeves reported that Saltford's Placemaking Plan Working Group had made a final submission to B&NES in response to B&NES' comments to their initial submission, and that now there was no further need for it the group would be disbanded.
- e) **Paperless planning workshop** – The Council considered the report from B&NES' workshop on paperless planning applications. Cllr Reg Williams reported that at the recent ALCA meeting, Dunkerton Parish Council offered to show other parish councils how to do paperless presentations at their meetings. Outstanding questions such as how to display the existing and proposed plans on one screen may be answered by the further information sent by B&NES, which is online at <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/planning-and-building-control/planning/planning-advice-and-guidance/parish-and-town-council>. Cllr Adrian Betts volunteered to look at this and bring recommendations to the Council.
- f) **Planning items of urgent information** – No items were reported.

7. 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 June 2014 be authorised and the schedule signed by the Chair.
- c) **Defibrillator parts** – The Council authorised payment of £62 for one charging stick and one set of electrodes, parts which expire on the defibrillator on 28 May.

8. DEFIBRILLATOR ROTA

The Council reviewed the procedure for fortnightly defibrillator checks and submissions. Cllrs Neil McKen and Adrian Betts agreed to undertake this on a rotation basis.

9. RIVER LITTER

The Council considered possible actions to help reduce and remove the litter in the river and in the riverbanks at Saltford. It was agreed to write to the Environment Agency describing the problems of the state of the river and banks and asking for

its advice and any action that the EA can take.

10. PUBLIC TOILETS, THE SHALLOWS

The Council considered B&NES Council's plans for the refurbishment of the toilets at The Shallows to provide one fully accessible unisex facility with a 24 hour operation, at a cost to the user of 20p. It was agreed to request that the opening hours are kept the same as at present, i.e. open in daylight hours only.

11. FOOTPATH ADJACENT TO TUNNEL HOUSE

The Council considered the flooded and potholed condition of the footpath which runs parallel to the railway and is accessed from Norman Road. It was agreed to report this to B&NES Public Rights of Way Officer.

12. FOOTPATH MAPS

The Council considered the footpath maps produced by the Parish Council which had been removed from sale in view of the recent decision by a local landowner to close some permissive paths in Saltford. Cllr Reg Williams suggested that some maps could be put back on sale with stickers attached noting that some permissive paths were now closed. It was agreed to defer the decision about this until the July Council meeting.

13. ANNUAL VILLAGE WALK 2014

The Council agreed to hold the 2014 Annual Village Walk on 13 August at 7pm and that the walk would be to Kelston Tump (Round Hill), subject to the Council approving the risk assessment which will be presented at its July meeting.

14. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

No reports were made.

15. ITEMS OF URGENT INFORMATION

No items were reported.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

Next Council meeting: 1 July 2014

Next Planning Committee meeting: 17 June 2014

Chairman.....

Date confirmed and signed.....