

CLATWORTHY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2014 in Clatworthy Village Hall

Present

D.J.Cowling (Chairman), R.Barlow, C. Giddings, P. Goodwin, S.McIntosh, F.Nicholson, K.Turner, N.E.Martin (Clerk)

Apologies

1. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2014 were accepted as correct and were signed by the Chairman.

2. Matters arising

- The Chairman had raised the matter of the trees in the Rectory garden with the owners, but no conclusion had yet been reached.

- The drainage problems on the road between Clatworthy and Forches Cross, and in Jews Lane, were raised with the County Councillor, who will look into the matter and contact the Chairman if she needs further details.

Action: F.Nicholson

- P.Goodwin asked that the large hole in the road outside his house be dealt with urgently. The County Councillor thought the hole was the responsibility of Wessex Water, but as Wessex Water think otherwise, she undertook to investigate the matter and report back within a week.

Action: F.Nicholson

3 Correspondence

- Invitation to CCS networking event and AGM on 23 October at Langford Budville. C.Giddings to attend.

Action: C.Giddings

- Invitation to Brendon Hills Group meeting on 6 October at Raleigh's Cross – see Item 6 below.

4 Planning

The District Councillor reported that the application for removal of the agricultural tie at Higher Beverton Farm had been rejected.

No new planning applications have been received.

5 Treasurer's report

Apart from the minutes of the last meeting no other records have been received from E.Kidner (previous Clerk). The Chairman will contact him to remind him we need them as soon as possible and P.Goodwin offered to collect them, so that they can be sorted and passed to the new Clerk.

Action: D.J.Cowling, P.Goodwin, N.E.Martin

6 Update from District Councillor, Keith Turner

Housing

There has been no progress on the provision of affordable housing in Brompton Ralph as there is currently insufficient need identified. He asked the Council to encourage local people (in particular young adults) to register with Somerset Homefinder <http://www.homefindersomerset.co.uk/> if they want to live independently, but cannot find or afford local housing.

Brendon Hills Group

We are encouraged to attend the next meeting on 6 October. We can send three representatives from the Parish Council, one of whom should be the Clerk as minute taking is to be shared between the parishes. Issues such as mobile phone coverage (the proposed mast at Raddington) and the Lengthsman scheme could usefully be addressed.

S.McIntosh would like to attend, other attendees still to be agreed. N.E.Martin to follow up.

Action: N.E.Martin

Transfer of Assets

The District Council is looking to divest itself of small patches of land across the district and the Parish Council should consider whether there is any 'un-owned' land within the parish that should be acquired.

There is also a draft policy document available for comment (by 30 September) on the 'standards, principles and processes' to be adopted by the Council when considering the transfer of land or buildings. The document can be viewed at the library, or the Council offices , or on-line at:

www.westsomersetsays.com/consult.ti/ComAsset/consultationHome

Flood levy

It has been proposed that a county wide levy, of 2% of Council Tax, should be imposed to help control flooding on the Somerset Levels.

7 Update from County Councillor, F.Nicholson

Budget

Somerset will be required to cut their budget by 10% next year and since by far the largest part of their spend is on social care, the cuts are bound to fall on things such as hedge cutting and road maintenance.

8 AOB

Clatworthy's top five priorities

The Parish Council need to rewrite the priority list to ensure that it conforms with the appropriate criteria, i.e., that the items identified would be of social benefit to the community, and not address standard maintenance issues such as road repairs. These lists are used to help decide who should receive financial assistance when grants became available to the area.

Action: All Parish Councillors

Date of next meeting

Tuesday 9 December at 7.30 in Clatworthy Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.25