

MONKTON COMBE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
Held in the Village Hall on 12 March 2012 at 7pm

Parish Council: Cllr Kevin Murphy (Chairman) (KLM), Cllr Lyn Alvis (Vice-Chairman) (LA)
Cllr Alison Bossom (AB), Cllr Ross Buchanan (RB), Cllr Gavin Douglas (GD)
Mrs Jane Angell (Clerk).

Others Present: None

1 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES:** None

2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

3 **MINUTES:** Ordinary Meeting 23 January 2012. These were approved by all and signed by the Chairman

4 **Bills and Accounts**

a.

Payments:

25.01.12	809a	Natwest	Safe Deposit Box	4.57
01.02.12	809b	Ian Croker	Village	243.82
12.03.12	810	St Michael's	Gate Light	50.00
12.03.12	811	ALCA	subscription	63.26
12.03.12	812	HRMC	PAYE	50.20
*28.03.12	813	Jane Angell	Salary / exp	74.63
12.03.12	814	Lyn Alvis	Mileage	23.40

**Post dated*

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Receipts:

b.

24.01.03	243	Natwest	Refund safe deposit	54.57
01.02.12	244	B&NES	Village Cleaning	243.82
01.03.12	245	B&NES	Village Cleaning	243.82

Account Balances as at 29.02.2012

c.

Current £100.00
Reserve (MCPC) £8993.79
Reserve (Miss Davies) £4091.75

PLANNING

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New Applications

Viaduct Hotel, Brassknocker Hill BA2 7JD 12/00513/VAR

Variation of condition 14 of application 11/01720/FUL (Conversion to 9 no. residential units with associated parking (Revised proposal) (Retrospective).

All Councillors agreed there was no objection in principle to the relocation of the bicycle storage and recognised the need for it but OBJECT to the 'off the shelf' design which was considered more appropriate for an urban setting. No response had been received from the previous enquiry of the applicant's architects concerning the design of the boundary walls and bin stores which should be constructed in sympathetic materials, e.g. stone, appropriate to their setting in the AONB.

Approved and signed 3 May 2012..... Chairman

Outstanding Applications

6 South View, Church Lane, Monkton Combe 11/05245/FUL

Application Permitted by B&NES.

Ralph Allen School, Claverton Down Road 11/05199/REG03

Application still pending consideration by B&NES.

Course Of Old Somerset Coal Canal, Warminster Road. 10/02577/FUL

Application still pending consideration by B&NES.

Planning Application Appeal

Ivy Cottage – Ref APP/FO114/A/11/2161918

Appeal dismissed by B&NES.

- 6 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF MEETING 23 JANUARY 2012**
- a **Fencing on Summer Lane** – The request for the removal of the barbed wire for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists has still not been carried out. The Parish Council is disappointed with the lack of response from B&NES.
- b **CLK Tucking Mill Lane Tree** – The tree has now been removed. The Parish Council would like to thank Nick Sperring for his help with this matter. – *Clk to send email.*
- c **GD Tucking Mill, Wessex Water Works** – Cllr Douglas will continue to monitor and update at next meeting.
- d. **RB Fence rear of Village Hall** – Brian Godwin rents the field from Monkton Combe School, he uses the fence to guide live stock into the field as it is not possible to drive the trailer to the gate. Mr Godwin has offered to take the concrete post out to make fence safe. – *to be followed up*
- e. **LA Shaft Road** – (Wall damage) – Cllr Alvis met with The General Manager Debbie Hibbens of Combe Grove Hotel and was advised the wall has now been tidied up but there are no major plans to rebuild or replace the boundary wall at this time. If there are any further incidents of damage to contact the hotel for their attention.
- f. **CLK Playground** – The additional premium for cover for theft of playground equipment to include Public Liability and ‘all risks’ was quoted by Zurich to be £116.05. It was RESOLVED to add this to the policy. The quarterly report advised nut caps missing from cradle swing seat. Annual report due from B&NES – *Clk to contact Zurich / source replacement caps from original suppliers / chase annual report*
- g. **KLM Boyer’s Field Gate Summer Lane** – Cllr Murphy still awaiting response from Rebecca Roberts of B&NES planning department to confirm if a planning application will be needed to re-instate use of gate.- *Cllr Murphy to follow up.*
- h. **GD Bridge naming.** After discussion Leat Bridge or Mill Bridge are two names thought most appropriate. Cllr Douglas will contact Di Franks to put these names forward and suggest a plaque reading Erected by Monkton Combe Parish Council in 2000.
- Monkton Combe School**
- i Music Block – Due to complete end of January beginning of February. Since last meeting a new planning application has been received: 12/00271/VAR
Variation of condition 1 of application 10/03908/FUL to allow further temporary retention of building for period of three years (Erection of a temporary music block adjacent to the swimming pool.)
Having considered this application the Parish Council OBJECTED to this application on the grounds there appears to be inadequate justification for retention of the temporary building which should be removed upon completion of the new Music Block. The application has since been Permitted by B&NES. The reason for this decision is not understood as there seems to be some contradicting statements in the notice. Cllr Douglas will contact B&NES for clarification.
- GD** The roof top plant remains an eyesore. The school acknowledged surprise at the extent and are looking into some form of screening. Concerns have been raised with Councillors throughout the village. Cllr Murphy will enquire to see if anything has been started yet.
- KLM** Governor’s Field – new planning application just received. Councillors will review the plans and

- CLK forward comments to the Clerk.
Library Service Consultation – Cllr Butters advised that B&NES have decided to retain the mobile libraries for this year.
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GD **Barclays signatory Update** – Cllr Douglas will continue to pursue the request for additional signatory forms as there has been no response to date.
- k.
CLK **Annual Parish Meeting Dates** - The 3 May has been chosen to hold both annual meetings. This will conform with the requirements that the Annual Parish Meeting must be held between 1 March and 1 June inclusive and the Annual Parish Council Meeting must be held in May. – *Clk to book the Village Hall.*
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7 **HIGHWAYS & FOOTPATHS**

- CLK **Mount Pleasant path leading to Combe Down** – The section of path from Mount Pleasant to the school has now been resurfaced in tarmac. Clerk to send email to the Council thanking them for completing this work. The section adjacent to the school road is still to be completed. If the building of the new school goes ahead this will cause disruption and likely more damage to the path adjacent to the school road. - *to be monitored*

8 **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- ALL **Roles and Responsibilities** – Due to other items on the agenda and pending changes within the Parish Council it was agreed this should be deferred.
- ALL **Review Maintenance / Renewal Requirements** – For further discussion next meeting. Update inspection schedule for circulation to all councillors.
- CLK **NatWest Update** - Signatory update forms completed as per request from by the bank. – *Clk to post form to customer Review*
- CLK **New Clerk and Councillors** – The Chairman accepted the formal notice from the Clerk to finish at the end of May 2012. Adverts will be placed in and around the area and in the Newsletter. The process for new councillors will also be started.
- Parish Community Plan** - Cllr Murphy will put notes into red box. It was agreed that as the response from newsletter request was poor that this should be revisited pending the outcome of B&NES own consultation on the Neighbourhood Planning Protocol.

9 **REPORTS FROM CLUSTER / LIASION/ VALLEY PARISHES ALLIANCE (VPA)/ BATH PRESERVATION TRUST (BPT) / PARTNER AND COMMUNITIES TOGETHER (PACT).
VPA - Attended by Cllr Alvis 09.02.12**

The Community Right to Build will mean the Parish Council will have more input when decisions are being made. The PC will be able to make offers on properties for sale that are considered to be of community benefit. The VPA had a meeting with the Highways Agency it is only a small section of the A36 that runs through Monkton Combe. It was thought that it would be of use to have a contact at the Highways Agency for reporting problems that might arise for prompt action.

PACT - Attended by Cllr Alvis 20.02.12

Speeding through villages in the area was raised the police who suggested that sometimes although it appears that cars are speeding that in reality when tested on a speed gun this is not always the case. The Police Officer for the area will come out to show a presence at peak times to monitor the situation and take action if necessary.

Parish Liaison Meeting - Attended by Cllr Alvis 22.02.12

Notes have been added to the red box for circulation.

Village Hall – Attended by Cllr Alvis 28.02.12

The notes have been added to the Red Box.

- 10 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**
 ALCA – Quality Council Accreditation – *added to red box*
 Parish Precept – Received and accepted by B&NES.
 Notice of Meeting Date – The autumn Parish Cluster Meeting has been set for 11.09.12

- 11 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
AB There has been more fly tipping on Trollope’s Hill.

RB The occupier of Westfield House advised an application has been submitted and the details forwarded to Cllr Butters.

KLM Cllr Murphy announced he would be standing down as a Councillor at the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

- 12 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
 Thursday 3 May 2012
 There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 22.10hrs