

Minutes of meeting of Queen Camel Parish Council on Monday 15th July 2024 at 7:30pm, Marples Room, Queen Camel Memorial Hall

Present - Councillors John Brendon (JB) (DH) Roy Lawrenson (RL) Bryan Norman (BN) Angus Davidson (AD) Phil Jones (PJ) John Carnegie (JC) Philip Hall (PH)

Four members of the public were in attendance

It was agreed to discuss the request from a parishioner for an update on the Hopkins Lorries concerns under agenda item 07/10 Highways and Traffic

07/01 APOLOGIES were received from Cllr David Lowe (DL) and Somerset Councillors Henry Hobhouse (HH) and Kevin Messenger (KM). It was NOTED that Cllr Dan Hewlett (DH) was not in attendance

07/02 There were no **Declarations of Interests** for any items on the agenda

07/03 The minutes of the Annual and Parish Council Meeting held on 20th May 2024 were **APPROVED** and signed as a correct record by the Chairman

07/04 The Phosphates email response received from HH was **DISCUSSED**.

07/05 It was **RESOLVED** the Clerk's Report will include a 'correspondence' section for items dealt with since the last meeting

07/06 The following planning applications were **CONSIDERED**

a) 24/00841/FUL - Land OS 6143 Sparkford Road West Camel Yeovil Somerset BA22 7RH

Full application for the development of a new Trunk Road Service Area incorporating a farm shop and restaurant/cafe, hotel/lodge accommodation, energy station (including electric vehicle energy hub and petrol filling station), photovoltaic solar arrays, truck stop, strategic landscaping and other ancillary works

It was **RESOLVED** to submit a response to advise the parish council has seen the letter submitted by West Camel Parish Council. It supports their response and recommends refusal of the application

b) 24/01566/AGN - Steart Hill Farm Steart Hill West Camel Yeovil Somerset BA22 7RF

Notification of intent to create an agricultural farm track

As the parish council has not been consulted on this application Councillors were made aware of it and could submit their own public comments if appropriate

07/07 Playing Field Working Group (PFWG)

The Chairman welcomed Kathy Grainger, as newly appointed Chair of PFWG who provided an update:

- KG would like to attend the next SALC play area inspection training
- BN provided a tree inspection report
- HAGS will provide balloons and party bags for the official opening of the new play area
- the car park is in need of urgent repair. It was noted as there is only one entrance/exit it is not viable to have 2 active projects at the same time
- Good communication will be needed between NPWG and PFWG as future plans are developed
- Need to promote open spaces and encourage more people to use the field and improve the site for the community to enjoy more
- Biodiversity needs to be improved

a) The minutes of the meeting held 03/06/2024 were **RECEIVED** and resignations will be noted at next meeting

b) The appointment of Kathy Grainger as a non-councillor representative of the Playing Field Working Group was **APPROVED**

- c) The revised Playing Field Working Group Terms of Reference were **APPROVED** subject to typos being corrected
- d) Delegated authority to spend up to £500 per calendar month within the annual budget for such an item to Cllr Phil Jones for expenditure on behalf of PFWG was **APPROVED**
- e) The annual maintenance invoice from Sovereign Fire & Security for £106.80 was **APPROVED** for payment
- f) The decision to purchase a new white line marker was **DEFERRED** until January 2025
- g) The purchase of a new lawn mower Electric start Hyundai £649.99 from the playing field budget was **APPROVED**
- h) It was **RESOLVED** JC will provide a report for the proposed installation of slab by the tractor shed
- i) The risk assessment and health & safety concerns raised by PFWG Chair were **DISCUSSED**. PJ will check if current storage provision is adequate
- j) Consideration for the provision of a Youth Shelter was **DEFERRED** until the new play area is complete

07/08 Work on the **new play area** is due to start 16/07/2024 and complete on 30/08/2024. A party for the official opening has been arranged for Thursday 12/09/2024
Resurfacing of the car park and new fencing is estimated to cost around £15000. BN to obtain quotes and bring to September meeting. Grant request to be submitted to the Newt for consideration
It was **APPROVED** for HAGS to bill on account at 30, 60 and 100 percent with 5% withheld on the total cost

07/09 Martin Lilley gave an update from the **Flood Committee**

- Police are supportive of traffic lights for closure of Road Bridge during flooding; to be requested from Somerset Highways with Flooding and Road Closed signs
- Section 19 report meeting arranged for 15/08/2024 in Memorial Hall
- The lack of attenuation ponds and large planning developments are impacting flooding

07/10 **Highways and Traffic**

- a) BN reported that the **A303 works** may be open by end of year but not finished. JB to write to Sam Landrgian to consider pathway between the new road and MoD and John Nicholson again to request regular reports on highways issues
- b) **Sutton Farm Working Group** – it was **NOTED** that parish councils should be consulted on HGV Operators Park Licence applications
- c) It was **NOTED** that a pot hole has been repaired in Blackwell Road

07/11 The **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group Annual Report** was **APPROVED** subject to any comments submitted to JB
A Community Speedwatch meeting is to be arranged in the autumn but needs a coordinator

07/12 Attendance of the next **Local Community Network (LCN)** meeting was **DEFERRED** as date and location of next meeting to be confirmed

07/13 The Clerk confirmed the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for year ended 31/03/2024 has been submitted

07/14 **Finance and Banking**

- a) Payments since last council meeting as per payments list circulated were approved
- b) No other unauthorised payments to approve
- c) The bank balances at 30th June 2024 of Current account £6184.46 and Deposit account £104408.78 were **NOTED**. Approval and signing of the bank reconciliation was **DEFERRED**

Signed

Date

Chairman