

**MONKTON COMBE PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on **13<sup>th</sup> January 2009** at 7.30 pm.

Present:           Chairman:   Kevin Murphy  
                   Councillors:  Ray Franks, Lyn Alvis, Simon Ling  
                   Clerk:           Rachel Willcox

**1. Apologies:** Alison Bossom

**2. Minutes:** Approving and signing minutes of parish meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 08

**3. Matters Arising:** From minutes of 17<sup>th</sup> November 08 meeting.

▪ **RISK ASSESSMENT**

**a. Assets:**

- a. Insurance – 3<sup>rd</sup> party damage and personal injury – Clerk confirmed PC is fully covered up to 5 million. Subcontractors covered as well.
- b. Playground –
- RW           i. Branch in MDG/Playground at eye level – to be cut off. RW to ask Jeff Avis to prune back.
- RW           ii. Corner of MDG drop to road – suggestion of planting of small evergreen shrubs. RW to talk to Jeff Avis.
- SL           iii. Cars exiting car park lack visibility and potential danger – to be monitored
- iv. Village hall fencing – SL to flag up rotten fence posts at next Village Hall meeting
- c. LA confirmed Ian Croker does check playground for litter
- SL/  
KLM       d. Gate for Bottom of steps outside Village Hall – SL to speak to Mike Newton on Village Hall Committee and ask it to be raised at next meeting (Feb 5<sup>th</sup>). KLM to price up options and discuss with Parks Department for suppliers.
- RW       e. Research gate onto playground – RW to ask ALCA again for legal advice for playground sign wording. RW to check magazines sent through to Clerk. Bookers may stock signs.
- RW       f. Jeff Avis – ask if he checks for poisonous plants in public areas he clears.

▪ **HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS**

- KLM   a. Mill Leat KLM to investigate contacting Land Registry for basic search re island. PC agreed to pay for nominal search fee.
- LA     b. Drungs –LA still requesting letter from Stu Ballard. Initial intent to do work in Innox and Drung but happy with the state of Church Drung. Hesitancy due to lack of funding. LA to ring again and discuss.
- LA/  
AB    c. Lock-up sign – LA awaiting info from AB re accuracy of date and background info.
- LA     d. Speeding – Police Liaison Meeting attended and issue reported. LA attending next meeting.
- e. Brassknocker Hill – awaiting installation of warning sign and STOP sign on Church Lane. LA has been in contact with Tassos Papaloucas and he will sort out both signs.
- f. Drainage in Shaft Road– This has been cleared by (B&NES) Nick Sperring's department
- g. Barbed wire fencing on Summer Lane Nick Sperring (B&NES) is contacting Mr Horler to ask for removal.

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LA/K  
LM

- h. Litter on Mount pleasant Quarry footpath – school has been chased, some litter cleared.
- i. Grit Bins – response has been made from BANES, with no action to follow.
- j. Hedgerows Bagnall-Oakley has no intention of cutting hedge on Southside of Tucking Mill Lane. To be reviewed at next meeting. Comprehensive map needed to mark hedges, grit bins etc onto. KLM to bring map to next meeting.
- k. Village Traffic Calming – KLM advised Wellow received funding £50,000 for scheme through Section 106 Planning due to work in Peasedown. Add to AGM agenda to be discussed further with Parish.

▪ SCHOOL

KLM

- a. Liaison meeting with Amanda Cracknell – KLM & LA attended in December.
  - AC confirmed that School Masterplan exists but has not yet been published. AC advised there should be village consultation /exhibition in the spring when the Masterplan was ready. KLM to ask school to confirm when available and publish in newsletter for AGM
  - Summer Camps – The school lets accommodation but has little control over activities. AC undertook to improve communication with the village in the future. PC to remind Amanda in March for list of bookings to be put on village Noticeboard.
  - School Noticeboard suggestion?
  - Governors Field - intend to use for parking – planning in the future.

▪ CORRESPONDENCE

- BT phone box proposed closure: no responses yet – if BANES have objected to it's removal, it should be saved.

▪ PLANNING

08/02303/FUL Field Parcel 4385 Summer Lane Monkton Combe Bath BA2 7EX Foliage has been cleared, suggesting it is being used. LA to ask Michael Lunt (neighbour) to report if gate is used. If we become aware of breaches of access report to Hazel Short, Planning Officer.

All Weather Pitch – Monkton Combe School. PC commented and raised concerns regarding noise, commercial use etc. Required stringent conditions if consent granted to control same. Awaiting decision

08/02305/FCC WEST WILTSHIRE - Waterhouse Lane – new conservatory. KLM returned comments. LA believes consent was granted.  
Chickens on Summer Lane – a shed has appeared – PC unsure as to whether it needs planning permission. LA to speak to Hazel Short.

▪ CLUSTER / LIAISON MEETINGS

- ANY OTHER BUSINESS from previous meetings:

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TO BE MONITORED:

- a. Rubbish by bottom of Drung
  - b. Combe Grove Hotel noise
  - c. Bat Sump
  - d. Pendragon House – Warminster Rd
  - e. Code of Conduct
- SL a. Weir Fundraising. Wessex Watermark Grant – SL to complete application forms for grant.
- b. Cardboard Collections – Location of pick up and failure to collect at all. Awaiting information from BANES. KLM had received apologies from B&NES advising problems were caused by sheer volume of Christmas waste.
- LA c. Combe Grove Boundary issues Wall in Shaft Road – collapsing slowly into road. LA had meeting with Estates manager. Stream across Brassknocker to be followed up – spring lines have changed which may be cause.

**4. Planning:**

08/04424/FUL Parcel 6785 Summer Lane Monkton Combe Bath BA2 7EX  
Erection of a single storey timber feed store at Tumblers Batch  
Objection: Building is too large and too high. Concern also expressed at the removal of mature hedgerow fronting the site.

**5. Highways and Footpaths:**

- Atkins have repaired road surface throughout village.
- Road sign left opposite Franklins – still to be removed from grass verge near church drung – LA moved it

**6. Correspondence: (including email)**

- Garden share suggestion – email Neil Butters – to be added to parish newsletter.
- Freedom of Information Act letter – The PC formally adopted the New Model Publication Scheme as of 31/12/2008. Further information will be published on the website [www.monktoncombe.com](http://www.monktoncombe.com)
- Community Facilities Audit – RW has responded – facilities now updated.
- Voluntary Registration of Land - RW to submit forms for the following sites: Village Car Park, Miss Davis Garden, Playground, Lock up, Island in Leat. A36 bus shelter on the verge of the Viaduct car park. KLM/RW to find out OS grid references for sites.

**7. Cluster/Liaison Meetings:**

None attended since last meeting.

Next Cluster meeting 25 March – Hinton Charterhouse. RF /LA will attend

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## 8. Bills &amp; Accounts:

## Payments

03/11/2008	708 b	BANES	Car Park Rates	£20.00
03/11/2008	708 c	Ian Croker	Village Cleaning	£241.31
17/11/2008	711	Jeff Avis	Gardening	£94.00
17/11/2008	712	Lyn Alvis	mileage	£21.08
17/11/2008	710	Rachel Willcox	Expenses	£14.01
17/11/2008	709	Ray Franks	mileage	£59.55
28/11/2008	712 a	Rachel Willcox	Salary	£83.33
01/12/2008	712 b	BANES	Car Park Rates	£20.00
01/12/2008	712 c	Ian Croker	Village Cleaning	£241.31
29/12/2008	712 d	Rachel Willcox	Salary	£83.33
13/01/2009	714	Jeff Avis	Gardening	£120.00
13/01/2009	713	Mazars	Audit Fee	£161.00

## Receipts

25/11/2008	161	HM TREASURY	Interest	<b>£69.58</b>
31/12/2008	162	Natwest	Interest	<b>£7.84</b>
31/12/2008	163	Natwest	Interest	<b>£23.78</b>
03/12/2008	164	BANES	Village Cleaning	<b>£230.30</b>
07/01/2009	165	BANES	Village Cleaning	<b>£230.30</b>

The Parish Council voted to maintain the Precept at £3600 - no change from last year..

Ian Croker account detail change letter completed and signed

9. **Any other Business**

- LA Footpath on Mill Lane – LA to speak to Ian Croker
- AB Lorries/Coaches in Village – AB to speak to school re space to turn around and coaches going down to the Clank .
- AB School Children on the Clank – issue of pranks on cyclists in the dark. AB to mention to school
- AB leaving school, LA concerned PC may lack contact with school – PC to consider new recruits to Parish Council from within the school.
- AB Parish Records and Artefacts:  
RW Village Truncheon – Currently in Wheelwrights pub, AB to research alternative home for it – Somerset Museum of Rural Life to be contacted.  
RF RW to forward details to Southstoke PC of their records held.  
Link to website containing lists of our records to be added to village website. SF to find out address.
- KLM Waterhouse Nursing Home is on the market with Savills. Monitor interest.
- KLM LA had attended a meeting with the Bath Preservation Trust who are looking to connect with the Parishes. Next meeting 17 Feb, 12.30 at No.1 Royal Crescent. KLM to attend.
- LA LA had met with Joanna Brain (B&NES) – Community Liaison Officer from Environmental Services. LA had given JB a tours of the Parish and pointed out problem areas: TV/ Rubbish dumped on Brassknocker Hill, drug problem suspected at Tucking Mill lake.
- KLM KLM raised issue of poor path surface alongside Combe Down allotments. LA understood this was owned by the School. KLM will contact Amanda Cracknell

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm

10. **Date of Next meeting:**

- a. 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009

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