

MONKTON COMBE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held in the Village Hall on 25th January 2010 at 7pm

Parish Council: Cllr Kevin Murphy (KLM) (Chairman), Cllr Lyn Alvis (LA),
Cllr Alison Bossom (AB), Cllr Ray Franks (RF), Mrs Rachel Willcox (Clerk)

Others Present: None

1. **APOLOGIES:** None

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST -** None

3. **NEW COUNCILLORS**

Resignation of Cllr Matthew Rowley received. Vacant post has been advertised, a new councillor is to be co-opted.

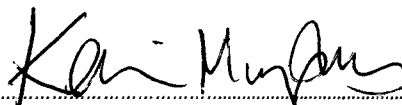
4. **MINUTES**

Minutes from 10th December 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

5. **MATTERS ARISING:**

- a. **LA Footpath alongside Monkton Combe School / Combe Down Allotments**
No further progress, but Stu Ballard (B&NES) is talking to the school. The proposed plan is to replace the entire footpath surface and add bollards to prevent vehicles driving on the pavement. Cllr Alvis to monitor.
- b. **LA Mount Pleasant Quarry Footpath** – Ian Croker has cleared the footpath. Possibility that Youth Offending Team may allocate a supervised young person to clear the space between the footpath and rugby club land. The Chairman of the Oldfield Old Boys Rugby Club has agreed to this in principle. Alex Morris from the Youth Offending Team is having a site meeting with Cllr Alvis on the 26th January to discuss the site. Concerns regarding Japanese Knotweed have been raised by the Rugby Club – Cllr Alvis to address this in meeting.
- c. **LA Gate onto Playground** – Cllr Alvis to source further quotes for concreting work, and to instruct best quote before next meeting. Concern expressed regarding potential gap between the edge of the gate and the hedge once it is installed enabling children to escape through them. Suggestion of temporary wire until hedge grows to fill the gaps that may be left by the work. Hedge to be carefully trimmed to minimise gap.
- d. **Signage for Car Park and Playground** – has been ordered, to be delivered next week. Contractors to fix onto gate when it is installed.
- e. **KLM Mill Leat** – awaiting results of Land Registry search.
- f. **LA Fencing on Summer Lane**
Barbed wire section – Cllr Alvis to email Nick Sperring (B&NES) to chase.
Fencing further up Summer Lane toward Combe Down – Cllr Roger Symonds has made a complaint to B&NES officers and is awaiting a response.
- g. **LA Second Bridge (over Midford Brook)** – no works have been carried out yet. Cllr Alvis to monitor
- h. **AB Weir Fundraising** – Notice to be published in Parish Newsletter welcoming new ideas from the village

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- AB** as to how funds could be raised or possible project ideas and solutions.
- i. Clerk** **New Councillors** – Clerk to ask Peter Duppa-Millar whether reduction of seats is possible and what the quorum number is for 7 councillors.
- j.** **Mount Pleasant Notice Board** – The Parish Council thanked Peter Jones for mounting the notice board. It is now fully functional again.
- k. KLM** **Bat Sump** – Chairman has been in contact with B&NES Stone Mines team regarding the poor condition of the road edge and surfacing following completion of the landscape works, requesting remedial works be undertaken. B&NES response has been delayed due to recent snow. To be monitored.
- l. KLM/ LA** **Surfaces of Drungs** – Still awaiting response from B&NES to Cllr Neil Butters correspondence. Chairman to email Cllr Butters and find out progress. A number of parishioners have complained to the Parish Council about the conditions of the surfaces and have been advised to also contact B&NES Council direct. Cllr Alvis to ask Ian Croker to clear the leaves at the bottom of Innox and Church Drungs.
- m. KLM** **Firs Field, Combe Down** - Chairman has copied the documents retrieved from the safe deposit box. Originals to be returned to NatWest and copies to be circulated in Red Box prior to filing.
- n.** **Old Minutes** - All have been scanned by Di Franks who was thanked for all her hard work. Originals returned to filing cabinet
- o.** **Brassknocker Hill**
- AB** **Water Run off**– ‘Ice’ warning sign was erected during the bad weather but was generally ineffective. Water is now emerging from the manhole at the top of Trollopes Hill. Wessex Water vans have been seen on site but no effective works carried out to date. Cllr Bossom to chase up B&NES.
- AB** **Road Signage** - no signage yet installed. AB to monitor.
- p.** **B&NES Core Strategy Spatial Options Document** – Chairman drafted and submitted comments. Copy to be added to Red Box for circulation.
- r. Clerk** **Parish Council Succession Planning** - Clerk to investigate procedure for recruitment of new clerk. Vacant Councillor position – A parishioner has expressed interest and will hopefully attend the next meeting.
- t.** **Waterhouse** - Pre-application proposal documents have been circulated in the Red Box. Some concerns have been expressed but no major objections voiced. Potential for light pollution from large glazed annexe, as well as potential noise issues from bar using outside terrace space to be considered when application submitted.
- v. AB/ KLM** **Cardboard Collections** - None of the village has received Blue Bags as promised by B&NES. Cllr Bossom to chase again. Chairman to email Cllr Butters again.
- x.** **Mapping Seminar**
B&NES have paid for our subscription despite Monkton Combe not wishing to sign up for the service.
- z. LA** **Flat bed truck in Car Park**
Truck still in car park – to be monitored. Cllr Alvis to ask owner to tax the vehicle.
- bb.** **Phone Box** – Six phone calls have been made to BT. Engineer should be attending to fix light and test the line. The Cashbox has now been removed so it can only take phone cards. This will cause a

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decrease in users. Keep Cllr Butters in the loop.

- dd. **Two Tunnels** - The Chairman received consultation documentation via email from Cllr Butters and has commented on the proposed Management Plan advising the same concerns regarding safety and security expressed by the Parish Council in respect of the Outline Planning application. An over ground walk has been organised following proposed route.
- ff. **LA School** - Cllr Alvis to invite Amanda Cracknell, Bursar, to our next meeting.

PLANNING arising from previous meeting

9/04435/FUL Monkswold Shaft Road Monkton Combe BA2 7HN

Erection of a single-storey garden room to the South West following demolition of existing extension.
NO OBJECTIONS

09/04647/HEDGE The Old Mill, Mill Lane, Monkton Combe BA2 7HD

Hedgerow removal to allow for new sewer to be laid from proposed new sewage pumping station in Mill Lane to the existing Wessex Water S.P.S.
NO OBJECTIONS.

(End of Matters arising from previous Minutes)

5. PLANNING

09/04829/TCA 15/12/2009

Combe Grange Shaft Road Monkton Combe Bath BA2 7HL

Crown lift Eucalyptus, fell trees B - N and remove Ivy and Aucuba hedges. NO OBJECTIONS

09/04815/LBA

Combe Grange, Shaft Road, Monkton Combe, Bath BA2 7HL

External works for removal and rebuilding of parts of existing boundary wall to include provision of structural supports and drainage pipes. Clerk to respond to B&NES with comments only requesting further information regarding a method statement indicating likely traffic generated by works, Otherwise No Objections.

Clerk

6. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS –

Nothing to report

7. CORRESPONDENCE (including emails)

AB Parish Charter Review Questionnaire – Cllr Bossom to fill in and return

Clerk Police Community Contact Vehicle review questionnaire –
The Parish Council considered weekend visits would be more beneficial. Clerk to return

Clerk West of England Joint Waste Core Strategy – response needed by 1st March. Added to Red Box.

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8. CLUSTER/LIAISON MEETINGS**Bath Preservation Trust**

The Chairman attended the meeting on 19th January at the Royal Crescent. Minutes will be circulated upon receipt. Nothing specific to Monkton Combe raised. However, the meeting drew attention to the need for Parish Councils to consider their own policies with regards to the impact of sustainable technologies amongst other items.

Valley Alliance

AB Cllr Bossom attended recent meeting. The Alliance is seeking support from all the 'associated' parish councils. Some are just providing support in attendance, others are providing financial support. Monkton Combe Parish Council will continue to attend meetings but remain unable to determine what level of support may be given until the objectives of the group become clearer. Article to be added to Parish Newsletter to see if other parishioners are interested in attending the meetings. The Chairman suggested a representative of the Alliance might be invited to the Annual meeting to give a brief introduction and answer questions.

Forthcoming Meetings: none

BILLS AND ACCOUNTS**Investments –**

Clerk Parish Precept - The Parish Council RESOLVED to maintain the precept at the current level of £3600. Documentation signed, to be returned to B&NES by Clerk

Payments:

01/12/2009	730	g	BANES	Car Park Rates	£21.00
01/12/2009	730	f	Ian Croker	Village Cleaning	£241.31
			GB Sports and		
10/12/2009	731		Leisure	Playground Equipment	£346.84
10/12/2009	732		Jeff Avis	Gardening	£92.00
19/11/2009	730	d	NatWest	Safe Storage Box Fee	£24.47
10/12/2009	733		Mazars	Audit Fee	£161.00
10/12/2009	734		St Michael's Church	Lighting Contribution	£25.00
10/12/2009	735		Lyn Alvis	Mileage	£46.37
10/12/2009	736		Ray Franks	Mileage	£11.74
10/12/2009	737		Clerk	Postage	£9.92
29/12/2009	737	a	Clerk	Salary	£83.33
01/01/2010	737	b	Ian Croker	Village Cleaning	£241.31
01/01/2010	737	c	B&NES	Car Park Rates	£21.00
25/01/2010	738		Jeff Avis	Gardening	£138.00
25/01/2010	739		Clerk	Signage	£39.74
25/01/2010	740		Lyn Alvis	Magnets for board	£3.95

Receipts:

04/01/2010	189	B&NES	Village Cleaning	£238.62
09/12/2009	188	B&NES	Village Cleaning	£238.62
31/12/2009	189	NatWest	Interest	£0.30
31/12/2009	190	NatWest	Interest	£0.95

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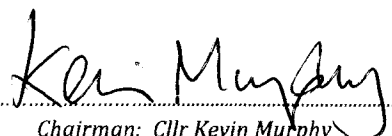
Account Balances at 31st December 2009

Current Account	100.00
Reserve Account (Miss Davis Garden)	2396.73
Reserve Account (MCPC)	6831.66

10. **RED BOX**
New items added to Box 1 and will be circulated by the Chairman. Old items merged and Box 2 to be given to potential new Councillor
11. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**
- a) **AB Grit Bins** – Cllr Bossom to email Council Connect requesting refills of all our bins except Summer Lane.
 - b) **All Schedule of Roles & Responsibilities Document** previously drafted by Chairman to be reviewed at a later date.
 - c) **Viaduct Pub** – parishioner spoke to one of the developers who are hoping to buy back the property from the receivers and begin work again. Concern that current planning permission has lapsed is unlikely as significant work already undertaken.
 - d) **Notice board at the garage on A36** – Martin Humphries has stated that he is happy to have a notice board for the Parish Council on his property.
 - e) **Digital TV Switchover** – Information posters to be put on notice boards
 - f) **ALCA Training Courses** – It was agreed that these would be made available for new Clerks and Councillors as appropriate. To be reviewed at next meeting.
 - g) **LA Dog at bottom of Church Drung** – The Chairman has been advised of two incidents of a dog attacking two other dogs in the village. To be monitored.
 - h) **Water on Summer Lane** – Surface water running all the way from the top of the road to the bottom – Cllr Alvis to report to Nick Sperring (BANES).
12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Monday 15th March 2010 at 7pm in the Village Hall
Annual meeting followed by Normal meeting Wednesday 12th May 7pm in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 10.20pm.

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