Camerton Parish Council

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET

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[DRAFT MINUTES] PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on
Wednesday 16 Sept 2026 at **6:30 pm start time**
in **Camerton Community Hall**.

Camerton Clerk, 12 Oct. 2026

Councillors present: Parish Cllrs L.Randall (Chair), H.Edwards, B.Edwards, B.Hawkins, C. Sangan, Ward Cllr F. Gourley
In attendance: Clerk

1.09.26 Apologies

a) All Council members were present, apologies for absence received from Ward Cllr. M.MacCabe.

2.09.26 Declaration of Interests

a) No Interests were declared.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The members of the press and public have the right to attend and may address the Council on matters of local concerns. **Three-minute slot** is allocated for each question. Questions may also be submitted to the Clerk in advance.

3.09.27 Minutes

a) The minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish meeting, held on the 08 July 2026 were APPROVED.

4.09.26 The Local Plan and SCCW

a) The Local Plan is now under a Reg.19 consultation process with a close date of 30th October.
b) Council members will be submitting comments on a number of topics regarding the proposed housing developments to the South of Bath in the Somer Valley, a lack infrastructure impacts the following topics -Road network, Schools, Sewage, Employment, Public transport. The Clerk will produce a draft document(s) for council discussion.
c) A BANES Local Plan update meeting Scheduled for 1 October (Dunkerton) had representation from the Council.
d) Somersetshire Coal Canal and the Wansdyke (SCCW) – Council members noted that HE2 option 2 (canal diversions added to allow a 'return to a navigable waterway') are not included in this Local Plan iteration.

5.07.26 CBLNR (Camerton Batch Local Nature Reserve)

a) Two repairs are noted for the CBLNR steps and handrails, quotations have been obtained and the council asked the clerk to get more information about one of the repairs.
b) The clerk was asked to get a tree surgeon to check the overhanging branches situation in the North and south boundary of CBLNR.

6.07.26 Camerton bus service

a) Thanks to considerable campaigning from Camerton Residence, Parish Council, Ward Councillors, WECA and our MP, a new bus service has been introduced (Service 100 and 768) for Camerton. Number 768 serves Camerton village itself, while 100 serves Camerton Turn/Meadgate.
b) WESTlink on-demand minibuses are still operating in 2026. They are bookable rather than following a fixed timetable. Midsomer Norton & Radstock Dial-a-Ride also operates in the Camerton area. This is pre-booked community transport rather than a normal bus service.

7.07.26 Planning Applications

a) One new planning application Ref: 26/02323/FUL was received and discussed – the Clerk will summarise a response for BANES planning. The following updates (see below) were noted.

Planning application	Application submission	Notes	Status
Ref: **26/03349/CLE** Site Location: Woodborough House Access Road To Woodborough Peasedown St John Bath Bath And North East Somerset BA2 8LQ	Neighbourhood Consultations sent on 14/09/2026 Standard Consultations sent on 14/09/2026 Expiry for Consultation 05/10/2026 Target Decision 29/10/202 Case Officer: Kate Sulliva	Application Type: Cert of Lawfulness (Existing) 191 Description of Proposal: This application seeks to confirm that Woodborough House has been used, continuously and without material interruption, as a single dwellinghouse since at least 1958, and remains so today Camerton PC did not have any reason to object – (No comments submitted)	(New) PENDING CONSIDERATION
Ref: 25/04918/OUT Location: Parcel 4679, Hayeswood Road, Timsbury, Bath, Bath And North East Somerset.	Neighbourhood Consultations sent on 07/01/2026 Standard Consultations sent on 07/01/2026 Last advertised on 22/01/2026 Latest Site Notice posted on 14/01/2026 Expiry for Consultation 12/02/2026 Target Decision 23/03/2026 Case Officer: David MacFadyen	Proposal Outline planning permission for the erection of up to 170 dwellings (including affordable housing) (use class C3), along with associated parking, access roads, walking and cycling routes, public open space, drainage and other associate bbed works. All matters are reserved, except for access (part). Outline Application Camerton PC submitted comments (OBJECT)	(Ongoing) PENDING CONSIDERATION

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Ref: 26/02323/FUL Location: 2 Overdale Tunley Bath Bath And North East Somerset BA2 0DW	Neighbourhood Consultations sent on 07/07/2026 Standard Consultations sent on 25/08/2026 Expiry for Consultation 28/07/2026 Target Decision 01/09/2026 Case Officer: Ed Allson	Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to provide accessible accommodation on the ground floor Application Type: Full Application Camerton PC did not have any reason to object – (No comments submitted)	(Closed) APPLICATION PERMITTED
Ref: 26/00007/CLEU Location Opposite Woodview, New Pit Cottages, Camerton, Bath, Bath And North East Somerset.	Neighbourhood Consultations sent on 26/01/2026 Standard Consultations sent on 26/01/2026 Expiry for Consultation 16/02/2026 Target Decision 18/03/202 Case Officer Name Angus Harris	Proposal Conversion of outbuilding to 1 bedroom dwelling (Certificate of Lawfulness for an Existing Use). Camerton PC did not have any reason to object – (No comments submitted)	(Closed) LAWFUL

8.07.26 Highways and Rights of Ways

a) Waiting for BANES to erect the two SID posts.

9.07.26 Environment

a) Despite the dry summer the overall cost of maintaining the flower planters was kept Broadley to budget. The Council has received a number of compliments from residence regarding this years village flowers. The Council would like to thank Cllr.H.Edwards, many residents and J.King and for the hard work and efforts in making this years display a success. The clerk was asked to get quotations for next summers Camerton Planters, requiring about 165 flowers with the same colour scheme as this years.

10.08.26 Financial aspects

a) External Audit – BDO has completed the external audit, the final AGAR form with auditors comments and the notice of completion were published on the Camerton website on 08 Aug 2026.

b) PUBLIC INSPECTION - The period for the exercise of 30 day public inspection rights is now closed with no requests received.

c) The 2026/27 NJC pay award has now been agreed, and the Council has APPROVED the new pay award will commence from October 26 and backpay will be paid for staff from April to September.

d) Payments – The following Payments were APPROVED:

Payment	Total amount (inc VAT)
BDO External Auditors	£252.00
Flower planters support from resident	£37.00 (*)
Flowers for planters planting & Maintenance July (Actuals)	£182.00 (*)
Flowers for planters planting & Maintenance Aug (Actuals)	£156.00
CBLNR grounds maintenance latest invoice	£400.00
CBLNR Pathway & Handrail repairs quote	Amount Available to Councillors (pending clarification of quote details)
Clerks Salary (Sept and Oct and Apr-Sept backpay) New S/O required for Oct 26 onwards	Amount available to Councillors
Clerk pension employer contribution (Sept and Oct)	
Clerk Home Office (Sept & Oct) Via S/O	£24.00 & £24.00
Clerk Expenses (Sept & Oct)	£15.60 & TBC

13.05.26 Council members Co-Option

a) Camerton Council member co-option – no new contacts have been forthcoming.

14.06.26 Newsletter

a) The new colour version was positively received. The council agreed to proceed with this printer company for the next issue, expected to be published in October.

b) Newsletter Distributors are still urgently required for the Daglands area, Cllr H.Edwards will contact a person in the Daglands distribution area that may be able to help.

14.09.26 Village defibrillators

b) The defibrillators CHECKED following the meeting and found to be satisfactory.

14.05.26 Items to raise for consideration at the next meeting

a) The budget and income vs expenditure for the financial half year (to 30 Sept 26) will be reviewed by the councillors at the next meeting in November.

15.05.26 Proposed dates of future meetings:

There is no planned meeting in Aug/Oct, the next confirmed & proposed CPC meeting dates (usually the 2nd Wed of the month) are as follows (the start time is 6:30pm, and the venue is Camerton Community hall):

Meeting Date	Meeting	Status
11 Nov 2026	Full Parish Council meeting	Confirmed
20 Jan 2027	Full Parish Council meeting	Confirmed
10 Mar 2027	Full Parish Council meeting	Confirmed
14 Apr 2027	Full Parish Council meeting	Confirmed
13 May 2027	Annual Parish Meeting	Confirmed
09 June 2027	Full Parish Council meeting	Confirmed

End time 21:30