

Camerton Parish Council

BATHAVON SOUTH WARD, BATH & NORTH-EAST SOMERSET



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[MINUTES] PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on **Wednesday 13th May 2026 at 6:30pm** in **Camerton Community Hall.**

Camerton Clerk, 08 Jun 2026

Councillors present: Parish Cllrs L.Randall (Chair), H.Edwards, B.Edwards, B.Hawkins.

In attendance: W.Shepherd (Clerk).

1.03.26 Apologies

- a) Apologies for absence from Cllr. C.Sangan, Ward Cllr. F.Gourley, Ward Cllr. M.MacCabe

2.03.26 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.

3.05.26 Election of Chair (and Vice Chair).

- a) Cllr Lloyd Randall was unanimously elected as Camerton Parish Council Chair for 2026/27 and SIGNED the declaration of office. Vice Chair role was not filled.

4.5.26 Minutes

- a) The last Parish Council Meeting of 15 April 2026 minutes were approved and signed.

5.05.26 The Local Plan and SCCW

- a) It is likely (see BANES website) that the public consultation will commence on 16th July. There were no further updates.

6.05.26 CBLNR (Camerton Batch Local Nature Reserve)

- a) Update on carbon capture / biodiversity accreditation / biodiversity credit - Pending

7.05.26 Camerton bus service

- a) The WECA bus survey has now closed. The council paid for posters kindly organised by a residence promoting the 'Better bus service' for the village. The council will endeavour to find out the WECA survey results and publish these on the parish Website.

8.05.26 Planning Applications

- a) There have been no new planning applications for comments received for Camerton Parish, however the council noted that an application at **Sulis Down (Ref: 26/01238/EOUT)**, has been issued and Camerton Parish Council discussed and AGREED to objecting to this application due to the impact on traffic along the Somer Valley / A367, and also due to overdevelopment of the South stoke Plateau. The council noted that there is generally a lack of overarching infrastructure planning concerning developments in the Somer Valley despite many potential additional dwellings (6,500-7,500) presently indicated in the Local plan that will negatively impact residents.
- b) There are five (Camerton parish) planning applications remaining open. It was noted that the planning backlog appears to be growing:

Planning application	Application submission	Notes	Status
Ref: 26/00436/FUL Location: Parcel 0015 Red Hill Camerton Bath Bath And North East Somerset	Neighbourhood Consultations sent on 01/04/2026 Standard Consultations sent on 01/04/2026 Expiry for Consultation 24/04/2026 Target Decision 22/05/2026	Proposal: Erection of new farm storage building - Full Case Officer: Kristina Carter Camerton PC did not have any reason to object – (No comments submitted)	(New) PENDING CONSIDERATION
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 18/03/2026	Proposal Conversion of outbuilding to 1 bedroom dwelling (Certificate of Lawfulness for an Existing Use). Case Officer Name Angus Harris Camerton PC did not have any reason to object – (No comments submitted)	(ONGOING) 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	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 associated works. Camerton PC submitted comments (OBJECT)	(ONGOING) PENDING CONSIDERATION

Planning application	Application submission	Notes	Status
Ref: 25/04744/PIP Location: Bridge Place Farm, Camerton Hill, Camerton, Bath, Bath And North East Somerset, BA2 0PS	Neighbourhood Consultations sent on 21/01/2026 Standard Consultations sent on 03/02/2026 Latest Site Notice posted on 28/01/2026 Expiry for Consultation 18/02/2026 Target Decision 23/02/2026	Proposal Permission in Principle for the erection of up to 8no. dwellings Type of Application: Permission in Principle Case Officer: Kirsty Pratt Camerton PC submitted comments (OBJECT)	(ONGOING) PENDING CONSIDERATION
Ref: 25/04758/FUL Location: Hedgerows Parkway Lane Camerton Bath Bath And North East Somerset BA2 0NJ	Neighbourhood Consultations sent on 22/12/2025 Standard Consultations sent on 22/12/2025 Expiry for Consultation 15/01/2026 Target Decision 12/02/2026	Description of Proposal: Single storey side extension and first floor extensions and alterations Case Officer: Angus Harris Camerton PC submitted comments 14/01/26	(ONGOING) PENDING CONSIDERATION

9.05.26 Highways and Rights of Ways

- a) Following the identification of SID (Speed Indication Device) locations (bottom of Tunley Hill at Meadgate, at the bottom of Skinners hill entering the village), by BANES Highways. Device costs (quote received) is in the region of £5,500. It was agreed that the clerk would apply for funding from Avon and Somerset police end May/start of June for £5,000.

10.05.26 Environment

- a) The 165 flower plants were expected to arrive towards the end of May. The various interested parties involved in supporting this activity have been notified.

11.05.26 Assertion 10 Compliance topics:

- a) Camerton Web site and New Clerk and Councillor .gov.uk email accounts have been successfully migrated.

12.05.26 Financial aspects

- a) **Financial Statements** at 31 March 2025 – the three bank statements and Bank reconciliations have been SIGNED at the April 15 2026 PC meeting.
- b) **Internal audit** – The internal audit has been complete with no matters raised for attention.
- c) **External Audit** – The Council NOTED that the accounts are due to be submitted to the External Auditor in June to the external Auditor BDO
- d) **BDO Conflict of Interest** – This statement was CONFIRMED and SIGNED as there are no conflicts of interest with the external Auditors
- e) **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2024-2025 Section 1:** The council APPROVED and SIGNED the Annual Governance Statement. (this section was prepared and circulated by the Responsible Financial Officer before the meeting).
- f) **ANNUAL ACCOUNTING STATEMENT 2024-2025 Section 2:** The council APPROVED and SIGNED the Annual Accounting Statement (this section was prepared and circulated by the RFO before the meeting). The council also NOTED the RFO Financial report for 2025/26.
- g) **PUBLIC INSPECTION** – The council APPROVED and AGREED dates for the period for the exercise of 30 day public inspection rights: Starting from Wednesday 10 June 2026 – Friday 21 July 2026, the notice will be published on/before Tuesday 9th June 2026 on the website and notice boards.
- h) **Insurance** – The insurance was renewal on 1 June with Zurich Insurance Company Ltd. The premium was the same as last year.
- i) **Payments** – The following payments were APPROVED:

Payment	Total amount (inc VAT)
Village hall meeting rental April	£15
Flowers for planters	c.£360
Editorial Services – refreshed Spring edition of Newsletter	£50
Print newsletter	c.£300
Annual Insurance (Zurich)	£475
Internal Audit	£125
Information Commission annual subscription (by DD)	£47
Clerks Salary (May)	Amount available to Councillors
Clerk pension employer contribution	
Clerk Home Office (May)	£24.00
Clerk Expenses (May)	£16.90

13.05.26 AOB

- a) Camerton Council member co-option – Unfortunately, no residents have been in contact showing an interest in this vital role.
- b) Newsletter - Latest edition has been updated and will arrive for distribution on the 23 May. Newsletter distributors are still urgently required for some the Daglands area, please contact the clerk if you can help.
- c) Council Meeting Dates - for the July meeting were discussed and a date was confirmed for 8th July 2026

14.05.26 Items to raise for consideration at the next meeting

- a) To discuss agenda items to be included in next parish council meeting on 08 Jul 2026.

15.05.26 Proposed dates of future meetings:

- a) The next confirmed CPC meeting dates are as follows:

Meeting Date	Meeting	Status
13 May 2026	Annual Parish & Annual PC meeting	This meeting
08 July 2026	Parish Council meeting	Confirmed
16 Sept 2026	Parish Council meeting	Confirmed
11 Nov 2026	Parish Council meeting	Confirmed