

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12th February 2015 AT 7.30 PM AT CLIFTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Cllrs Barry Livesey, Simon Fish, Pauline Livesey, Brian Padgett, Judy Lanham, Martin Ephgrave, Rupert Puritz, Ray Dart, Steve Langton.

In attendance: CBC Cllr Richard Wenham and prospective candidate David Shelby from Henlow
Bob Smith and Adrian Cree

129. Apologies were received from Terry Cobb and Ian Pacey

Public Forum – Bob Smith commented that there were little or no spaces available at the Samuel Whitbread Academy; the Rave Bus would be coming back to the village; street lights 15,16 and 33 were still out; the Residents Association AGM will be held on 18th November and they would like a representative from the Parish Council to attend and give a speech.

David Shelby introduced himself as a candidate in the forthcoming elections.

130. Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th January were approved by the members and signed by the chair

- **S106** document had been sent to the Chairman, he requested a hard copy from Richard Wenham due to the size of the document, being 88 pages
- **Traffic Calming** on the S Bend will be carried out in this financial year
- **Defib Scheme** is in hand. Dave Harvey will install in the next few days with the help of Steve Langton. There are a number of procedures that need to take place prior to its operation. Ian Pacey has agreed to print some information cards for the villagers. The payment of £140 needs to be paid to CBC for the training.

131. Reports

CBC Richard Wenham reported that things are on a go slow due to the forthcoming elections. The main activity is the budget and the zero increase for the 5th year in council tax. A new disabled access guide is now available as is the annual monitoring report which includes complaints regarding Town and Parish Councillors. Reporting of highways matters now has the additional options of reporting by using an App or the website although all the other conventional ways are still accepted. A litter pick of the A507 will take place very soon.

- 132. Extension to Storage Building** - plans for the extension to the storage building were revisited. Judy Langham to take advice from the planners in respect of permission and building control, quotes will be sought after this advice had been collected.
- 133. Community Centre Matters** – Ray Dart reported that he had placed information regarding the Hall Hire on www.hallsforhire.com and that we now had a Facebook page. He was in the process of reformatting the advert for the Chronicles. Judy was in the process of arranging the outstanding electrical work with Steve Knott. Sharon reported that the income for the hall was ticking over and had recently taken bookings for parties and a block booking for 3 months for the Provident Church.
- 134. Highways Matters** were as per the minutes of the last meeting held on the 15th January 2015. Pauline Livesey to arrange a walk around the village with Nick Carofalo. Richard Wenham advised that the Match Funding scheme was now closed although he understood there was still some money in the pot for highways schemes. Barry to forward request to Richard. The double yellow lines near the pond need redoing. It was suggested that a bus shelter be installed opposite the One Stop – Barry to contact CBC regarding the process. It was reported that the Whitbread Wonder Bus had applied for grant an additional bus which has been accepted. It was felt that it needs to be advertised that bus pass holders travel free.
- 135. Planning Matters** – no objections had been raised on the recent applications. It was reported that New Road Dev would bring £130k to Clifton in the form of S106. A debate was entered regarding the lack of notice that seems to be taken by CBC regarding the comments and objections made by the Parish Council on planning matters. It was felt that it would be beneficial for David Lamb to attend a meeting in the future to press the points further.
- 136. Finance** all invoices were approved from payment. Bank Balances as of 12th Feb were Community a/c £4439.98 and the Savings A/C £77329.76 with a £3,000 transfer.
- 137. Next meetings** APM will take place on 12th March, Barry Livesey, Pauline Livesey and Brian Padgett gave their apologies for absence.

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No Highways this month. Community Centre and Playing Field committee meeting will take place on 19th Feb.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

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