

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
12th March 2015 AT 7.00 PM AT CLIFTON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Cllrs Simon Fish(Chair), Terry Cobb and Ian Pacey Brian Padgett, Judy Lanham, Martin Ephgrave, Rupert Puritz, Ray Dart, Steve Langton.

In attendance: CBC Cllr Richard Wenham, Bob Smith and Adrian Cree

138. Apologies were received from Barry Livesey, Pauline Livesey

139. Declarations of Interest – There were none

140. Minutes – the minutes of the meeting held on the 12th February were confirmed as a true record by the members and signed by the Chair.

141. Reports

- Richard Wenham reported that there was no increase in the CBC portion of the Council Tax, the fire service to increase by 2% and the Police 15.8%, for which there will be a referendum and a voting will be made for this on Election Day.
- Terry reported that Speed watch was still going strong and had reached higher expectations than originally thought. More villages are becoming involved including Henlow Camp, Arlesey and Upper Caldecote
- There was no Police report.
- A letter from the Church was read out conveying their appreciation for the continued support they receive from the Parish Council. The members agreed to continue the support and in order to get better value for money for the village, the Parish Council would pay the contractor direct rather than make a donation.
- It was agreed to contribute £100 towards the upkeep of the website
- It was agreed to contribute £250 to the Clifton Chronicle
- It was agreed to donate to Link-a-ride.

142. S106 – The football club where seeking funding specifically for a line marker, we had been advised the the S106 funding available could not be used. Richard Wenham said he would look into this again. He also said that the new flooring in the community centre could possibly be covered.

143. Community Centre Matters – Simon Fish advised that he had sent off for 4 quotes for the storage building extension. Richard Wenham advised that this could be covered by the S106 funding as a new project.

We had received a request to use the field and community centre for a Circus from Tracey Norman– it was felt that not enough information had been forwarded in order to make a decision. Clerk to invite Tracey Norman to the next meeting in order to address the council and answer queries and concerns.

Ray Dart provided some pictures of some signs for the Community Center. It was agreed that Ray sources some disclaimer signs for the carpark and report back at the next meeting.

144. Highways - Brian Padgett read out Pauline Livesey walk around report (appendix 1)

Steve Langton reported that the Defrib in now in place waiting commissioning and remains a work in progress.

145. Planning – All planning matters had been dealt with a reported back to CBC by Steve Langton

146. Pond - There was nothing to report. Judy Lanham and Terry Cobb continue to remove rubbish including bags and cans.

147. Finance – all the invoices for payment were approved. It was agreed that the donations agreed earlier in the meeting would be made at the next meeting.

148. Next meeting 9th April, no Highways this month. Community Centre and Playing field committee meeting on 16th April

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed _____

Appendix 1

Report on a “Village walk around” with Nick Carofalo Monday 23rd February 2015

A range of matters were covered most of them in the Conservation Area.

Area at the rear of the Admiral. Here the matter was vehicles parking on the grass and whether the tarmacked area could be extended to allow more and better parking. The considered response was that in fact this was not a satisfactory location for parking since the vehicles obstructed the view of traffic in Church Street and therefore it should not be encouraged.

Protection of the verge at the Shefford Road end of New Road using bollards to prevent parking encroachment. NC indicated that 10 bollards would be required. He will research an estimate and report back.

Kerbs Opposite the One Stop. These are now very low and delivery and other vehicles regularly park fully on the pavement. NC indicated that resolution of this situation would be a major job and would need to be a future project.

Blocked gulley in the Fairfax Close splay. NC will arrange for this to be cleared.

Blocked gulleys at the junction of Church Street and Stanford Lane / Stockbridge Road, one in each road approx. 5 metres from the junction. NC will arrange for these to be cleared.

Sunken area of footway by the bus stop close to the Church and other similar areas up the footway towards the War Memorial. NC will sort out suitable repairs.

Grange Street verge from the pond wall down to the entrance to Clifton Grange. This has suffered erosion due to vehicle tyre abrasion. NC suggested that the only way to protect the verge was to install suitable kerbing. In addition the potholes would be dealt with and if possible the road resurfaced.

The double yellow lines around the pond. These are now very faded and will be repainted as soon as possible.