

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 11th June 2015 AT 7.30 PM AT CLIFTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Cllrs Barry Livesey (Chair), Mrs Pauline Livesey, Ian Pacey, Mrs Judy Lanham, Adrian Cree, Martin Ephgrave, Rupert Puritz, Ray Dart and Phil Lawrence

In attendance: Bob Smith

167. Apologies for absence were received from Steve Langton, Simon Fish, Central Bedfordshire Cllrs Richard Wenham, Cllr Ian Dalgarno and Cllr David Shelby.

168. Minutes - the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Public Forum – Bob Smith advised that the bus service was cancelled on the 6th June due to road closures but no one had been informed. A resident had reported this to CBC and BABUS and he would advise of the outcome.

169. Finance Committee – it was agreed that the finance committee members would be: Mrs Judy Lanham, Mr Steve Langton, Mr Barry Livesey, Mr Rupert Puritz and Mr Simon Fish. Mrs Judy Langham to complete the bank signatory forms. Mr Barry Livesey advised that all signatories were given the details for online transactions some time ago.

170. Street Watch report – had been emailed to all councillors and are appendix to these minutes

171. Community Centre Matters – Mr Ray Dart advised that a sign had been agreed for the fence near the gate and he was in the process of meeting someone with regard to the fitting.

Bobs phone had been replaced using the same Tesco network and number and was registered in Mr Barry Livesey's name.

The changing room floors will be replaced on 17th June, all the benches had been removed and preparations were complete.

Woolgars would be attending soon to carry out the remedial work and PAT test.

The fire extinguishers had been serviced and it was noted that a one needed replacing.

Mrs Judy Lanham had contacted BRCC re safety check training for the play equipment and was waiting for guidance.

172. Highways Matters – In Mr Steve Langtons absence Mrs Pauline Livesey addressed the minutes of the last meeting. A consultation letter regarding the possible Bus Shelter had been drafted and would be sent to close neighbouring properties.

Granite edging by the pond had been agreed and would be funded by CBC.

It was noted that vehicles parking on grass verges were stopping the contract from cutting the grass. It was advised that if you see a car parked on the grass verge to have a polite word with the owner.

It was noted that the road sweeper had been to the village.

Speed control in Church Street – to speak to Cllr Richard Wenham at the next meeting.

A letter had been received regarding planting a shrub in the planter on Knolls Way – Mrs Pauline Livesey has asked David Alderman of CBC to comment on the type of shrub that would be suitable.

173. The Pond it was agreed that guidance from a specialist was needed regarding the weed. Mr Barry Livesey to investigate the options.

174. Residents Association – it was advised that the annual meeting was poorly attended and questioned whether 2 annual meetings were viable and whether to stick to the monthly meetings plus an AGM annually.

175. Finance – Annual Return. The Chair read out the statements from the form and it was agreed that it was a true record and was signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

All accounts for payment were agreed and cheques were signed.

176. War Memorial academy – Mr Barry Livesey advised those present that the Well had been in situ since Victorian times and provided the village with a fresh water supply. It is the place in which those back from the war would

meet on Sunday mornings, therefore was the appropriate place to place a War Memorial. The money for the war memorial came from selling tea and in 1920 enough money was raised to purchase the first stone. It was retiled a while ago and needs repainting from time to time. It's a very important landmark and asset to the village therefore is forms part of the annual insurance premium.

177. Confirm date for next meeting – it had been a regular agreement that as there is no meeting in August that the meeting for July be moved to the 3rd Thursday. As the Clerk was not able to attend it was agreed that the next meeting will take place on 23rd July(4th Thursday of the month). The Playing Field and Community Centre committee will meet on 16th June and a meeting for the Highways will be confirmed later.

Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

Signed _____

Appendix



5th June 2015

Clifton Street Watch

Last month I was suggesting we appeared to be missed by those unscrupulous people that want to damage and spoil our residents lives, maybe I spoke to soon, for this month activities by these villains has doubled against the same period last year.

Some 14 crimes have been recorded for the period 09/04/15 – 12/05/15, these involve a number of assaults as detailed:- 24/4 – New Rd person injured; 18/4 - 3 assaults in Bilberry Rd also 13/4 – an assault in Broad St, these assaults were without injury.

We then had 3 burglaries from dwellings in New Rd on three separate dates between 9th & 13th April. Initially, an unknown offender gained entry through a side door and removed a cement mixer from the premises. 3 days later an offender, who was later located and arrested, had removed various items from the property. Just 24 hours later unknown offenders walked into a property but left, it's not known if anything was taken.

An additional burglary later in the month 30/4 involved unknown offenders stealing various items including a generator from location in Grange St.

We have also had two separate incidents of theft on the 9th & 15th of April, these involved a known suspect stealing a safe from a location that contained a large amount of money. Just a few days earlier a known offender stole a bank card from a victim & withdrew money.

A member of the public was apprehended by police officers in Church St on 16th April, officers conducted a search of the person, some white powder and wraps were found. The

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offender was arrested and taken into custody. I know many of our residents have advised what appear to be drug dealings happening in this area, our Police colleagues have acted upon this information to secured this arrest.

Our police contacts can offer advice and support should any residents especially feel vulnerable or have any security concerns, ask for PCSO 3659 Gill Richardson on 101 or at Shefford, Stotfold & Arlesley Local Policing Team, Biggleswade Police Station 01234 842 515

Gary Edwards – 01462 816334