

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 23rd July 2015 AT 7.30 PM AT CLIFTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Present: Cllrs Barry Livesey (Chair), Mrs Pauline Livesey, Ian Pacey, Mrs Judy Lanham, Adrian Cree and Ray Dart

In attendance: Bob Smith, Dave Maple and 4 other residents from Hitchin Lane.

178. Apologies for Absence were received from Phil Lawrence, Martin Ephgrave, Rupert Puritz, Simon Fish and Steve Langton.

179. Co-option. A letter of interest had been received from Elizabeth Smith and was read out by the Chair. It was proposed that Elizabeth join the council by co-option all were in favour.

Public Forum

Dave Maple introduced himself as a resident of Hitchin Lane and was present to raise concerns on behalf of the residents regarding the intended proposal from Gladman Development to build houses on Hitchin Lane.

He asked what the Parish Councils views were. The Chair pointed out that CBC Councillor Richard Wenham had aired his concerns relating to Gladmans reputation and advised the Parish Council to say nothing at this stage as no 'proper' application had been made. It was stated that Gladman had been granted permission for development on appeal and 80% of their applications were successful. The Chair advised that the residents should be encouraged to respond if they wished. Dave Maple advised that a resident action group had been set up and would meet on 31st July and Parish Councillors were welcome to attend.

It was noted that the site was not in the LDF plan which was adopted a few years ago. Ruth Gray has come forward to offer professional help should the need arise in the future. Dave Maple advised that an email group had been set up and the Chairman advised to copy in the Parish Council.

Bob Smith advised of the AGM for Clifton Residents Association was to be held on 18th Nov and invited a speaker from the Parish Council to discuss the function of the Council.

The hedge outside 38 – 68 New Road needed cutting.

180. Minutes – the minutes of the meeting held on 11th June confirmed as a true record, were approved by the member's and signed by the Chair

181. Reports

- There was not report from CBC and their apologies had been received
- No report from Police
- Street Watch report is appendix to these minutes

182. Community Centre Matters

A letter of thanks was read out from the Football Club for the donation of a new line marking machine.

The RoSPA report had raised some minor concerns and these were being looked at by Martin Ephgrave and Steve Langton.

The shutter had been repaired and it had been advised that a service contract should be entered into. After some discussion it was unsure as to whether it would be cost effective. Further discussion will take place at the next Playing Field and Community Centre committee meeting.

Mrs Judy Lanham had looked into training for safety checks in the play area. RoSPA offer a course at the fee of £350 for up to 20 people. It was suggested that we invite nearby councils to attend in order to share the cost.

Ray Dart advised that the new sign was ready and would be delivered in the near future. Once it had been delivered he would arrange fixing it up.

Providence Church has made some requests which had been discussed over email. It was agreed that no reduction to the fee could be made; the hearing loop was permitted and Ray Dart and Bob Anderson will meet with the Church to confirm its location; the request for permanent storage will be discussed further when the new extension was complete but in the meantime the Church could site a storage trunk outside the community centre behind the toddler shed; the permanent hook for the projector was agreed.

183. Highway matters

Bus Shelter – a letter of concern from Mr and Mrs Charlampowicz had been received. Mr Ian Pacey advised that he had visited Mr and Mrs Charlampowicz with Mr Steve Langton to hear their concerns and view the site. Following this visit Mr Ian Pacey agreed with Mr and Mrs Charlampowicz concerns. Mrs Pauline Livesey felt that there was a need for an additional shelter but any further consideration should be left until the kerb had been sorted on the road.

A training session for the **Defibrillator** has been arranged for the 9th Sept by Mr Steve Langton.

The suggestion for a footpath to the Cricket Club would cost in the region of £46k. £23k could be sought from Rural Match Funding and the rest could possible come from S106.

The new bollards will be done shortly and so will the granite edging.

Mrs Pauline Livesey had attempted to contact the school regarding the trees and had left messages for Pat Longland and Justine McCarthy. She advised that she was dealing with the issue and it was noted that a Field Maple Tree was on the site which was one of the largest in Bedfordshire and was of great importance.

184. Finance

All invoices were approved from payment.

A further signatory's form had been received to replace the one the bank had lost and would be completed again

The accounts had been signed and approved by BDO the external auditor.

The bank balances were current account is £7473.29 and our savings account £74946.75. The Clerk advised that the quarterly VAT return had been completed.

185. Correspondences

A letter of thanks had been received from Link and Ride.

Woolgars still needed to complete some works and the Clerk to chase up Golden Lion planning application – Parish Council so register no objections.

186. Date of next meeting Full Council on 10th Sept. Playing field and community centre committee 28th July and Highways 20th August.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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