

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
10th March 2016 AT 7.00 PM AT CLIFTON COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Councillors Present: Mr. B Livesey (Chairman), Mrs. P Livesey, Mr. S.Fish, Mr M.Ephgrave, Mrs E Smith, Mrs J.Lanham, Mr. A Cree, Mr Dart, Mrs Judy Lanham and Mr P Lawrence

Also present: Bob Smith and CBC Cllrs R Wenham and D Shelvey

262. Apologies were received from Mr S Langton

263. Declarations of interest – none were received and councillors were reminded to declare any interest that may arise as the meeting progresses

264. Police report – following the cutbacks the Parish Council had been advised that the police report would not be sent out to the Clerk and if information was required to follow the link on Bedfordshire Police website to download the information. The clerk advised that she had attempted to find the figures but found it impossible to find figures specifically for Clifton. Cllr Ray Dart confirmed he had also had problems. **Action : Chair to send a letter/email to Ollie Martins advising him of the problems and to request that the information becomes easily available in the future.**

265. Report from CBC – it was reported that nominations for Cheering Volunteering were now being accepted and the Parish Council were invited to consider anyone in the village that they felt should be nominated. It was suggested by Bob Smith that Gladys Dawson should be nominated for all her hard work and volunteering for the many groups she supports in the village.

Action: Clerk to complete nomination form online

A call for sites for the Local Plan had been initiated. This is for all usage including Gypsy and Traveller sites. It was asked if this would include a bigger health centre? The current centre has the capacity of 27,000 patients and presently only has 17,000 so if the need arose then there was already enough room.

The Parish Council were reminded that they could work on a local neighbourhood plan in the future as if they had one in place it would increase the amount of funding from developments by 25%.

266. Minutes of meeting held on 11th February were confirmed as a true record and signed by the chair.

- Matters arising were a letter to be forwarded to the Queen following the successful Clean for the Queen Litter pick that had been carried out. It was reported that drug paraphernalia had been found on Standard Lane behind the hall and reported to the Police.

267. Correspondence – a report from Street Watch was read out by the Chair.

268. Community Centre Matters – Mrs J Lanham referred to the minutes of the recent committee meeting. She confirmed that the floor cleaner was now repaired and the lights in the main hall had been repaired/replaced. Mr R Puritz and Mr R Dart had been registered to attend a Play inspection training course in September. Mrs Lanham expressed that she was still trying to get hold of Mr Manning re the keys without success. Mr Dart reported that he had put a note in the Newsletter asking the parishioners if they would support the idea of a MUGA and outdoor gym. Mr Dart would report at the next Community Centre & Playing Field committee meeting of information he had collected since the last meeting.
269. Highways Matters – there were none to report
270. Planning – an amended outline planning application was put on circulation for 97 houses on Hitchin Lane.
271. Pond Matters – nothing to report
272. Finance – all invoices were approved for payment and members were issued with a report of income and expenditure and bank reconciliation reports.
273. Date for next meeting confirmed for 14th April. Community Centre and Playing Field committee to meet on 17th March at 7pm

Meeting closed at 7.40pm

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