

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
14th April 2016 AT 7.30 PM AT CLIFTON COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Councillors Present: Mr. B Livesey (Chairman), Mrs. P Livesey, Mr. S. Fish, Mr R Puritz, Mrs E Smith, Mr. A Cree, Mr R Dart and Mr S Langton

Also present: Bob Smith

274. Apologies – were received from Mrs J Lanham, Mr P Lawrence, Mr M Ephgrave, Mr I Pacey and CBC councillors

A minutes silence was held in respect of ex Cllr Jean Taylor who had passed away.

275. Declarations of interest. There were none– councillors were reminded to declare any interests that became apparent as the meeting proceeded.

276. The minutes of the meeting held on 10th March were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair

Adjourned for at 7.40 and reconvened at 7.50 for Public Session
Bob Smith raised the continuing need for a crossing on Shefford Road.

277. Matters arising – The Chair reported that he had attended a meeting for Rural Crime with Mrs Livesey. Concerns were raised at the meeting regarding the decision the Police has made not to provide sent crime figures individually to Councils. It was also pointed out that rural crime was being reported but no information or lack of it was now available. Wayne Humberstone said he would take the comments on board.

The letter had been sent to the Queen re the Clean for the Queen Litter pick. A response had been received and copies had been sent to all concerned.

278. Correspondence – Clifton WI sent a letter with a cheque for £50 to go towards replacing a Silver Birch tree which would be used to mark 100yrs of W.I. Mrs P Livesey agreed to source the tree and asked that the Parish Council make up the rest of the cost. This was agreed.

Mrs E Smith agreed to attend the CPRE meeting on 23rd April and report back

279. Community Centre – it was proposed that the current footpath stones be rebedded and replaced where needed. All were in favour. **Action - Quotes for this work will be sourced by councillors and the Clerk.** Mr Fish reminded council that the sewer pipe are set quite high and care needs to be taken when the work is carried out.

280. Playing field matters – Mr R Dart reported that the M.U.G.A idea was still ongoing and he will make a report at the next committee meeting including sharing the brochures and quotations. The swing strap had not arrived – Clerk to chase this up and get it delivered asap to Mr R Dart. Mr Manning had still not responded regarding the keys. **Action - Mr R Dart said he would try to track him down.**

281. Highways Matters – Mr S Langton, Mr B Livesey and Mr I Pacey and the Clerk had attended a meeting with Nick Shaw regarding the Rural Match Funding application. The application had been accepted. The amount agreed was £25k from the parish Council. A feasibility study will take place with data strips to be placed on the access routes to the 'triangle' on Church Street, Broad Street and Grange Street. The planners and designers will put together a plan and discuss further when all the information is available.

It was reported that the sunken footpath on Church Street had been repaired. It was reported that the bus stop still had a dip in it causing a huge puddle. **Action - Mr S Langton said he would take a look on the way home and take some pictures.**

It was reported that an accident took place at the junction of Church Street/Stockbridge Road. It took paramedics at least half an hour to respond and the Police didn't ever show up. Mr B Livesey said that this was not good enough and would contact the Police to complain.

Speed watch had been out and it was reported that traffic had definitely slowed due to the calming near Samuel Whitbread School. Terry Cobb had left as co-ordinator and had been replace with Ken Smith.

282. Pond Matters – it was reported that 7 more carp had been put in the pond.

283. Finance – all invoices for payment were approved. It was proposed to make a donation of £100 for the Website maintenance and £250 for the Clifton Chronicles all were in favour.

Bank balances as of 14th April were Current Acc 26,395 and Savings Acc 57,257.

284. To agree dates for next meetings – 21st April Playing Field and Community Centre committee and 12th May Annual meeting of the Council

Meeting closed at 9pm

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