

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY
9th June 2016 AT 7.30 PM AT CLIFTON COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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

Also present: Cllr Wenham, Cllr Shelves and Cllr Dalgarno, Mr Bob Smith, Mrs Gladys Dawson and Mr Ken Smith (speed watch)

299. **Apologies** were received from Mr S Langton

Public Forum – Mrs Gladys Dawson attended the meeting to show the Council the award she had received from the Cheering Volunteering Awards that had taken place on 7th June at The Grove Theatre in Dunstable. She had been awarded the Lifetime Achievement award following the Clerks nomination. She thanked the Council for her nomination and presented an amount of chocolate for consumption. The Chair expressed congratulations on behalf of the Council and those present.

Bob Smith advised the Residents Association had identified some people to help with a youth club and was hopeful that a facility would be created at the academy in the future. A complaint had been received regarding dog mess on Newis Crescent/Broad Street and wondered if a bin could be installed. CBC councillors advised that a request can be made but there has to be a need identified. The Rave Bus was not coming to Clifton in the future as it was being placed in the Towns.

Ken Smith the new Coordinator of Speed Watch in Clifton presented a report. He advised that the team were now active again after a short period following the departure of Terry Cobb. The speed watch data was not currently being published by the police and unfortunately the website forum was not very well used. Letters were however continuing to be sent out by the police to the speeding offenders. Shefford/Biggleswade and Henlow had formed a partnership with Clifton in order to coordinate efforts on the interlocking roads. They had recruited new volunteers 6 of which would cover any area. Ken presented the Council with documentation for the new signs that had been designed. The amount of signs needed was to be confirmed but the Council agreed in principle to fund the new signage.

300. CBC report. It was reported that the new online system to report highways problems was now active. Consultation on the changes to the bus services was currently open. Library open times are now being reviewed with the proposal to standardise the opening times to make better use of the Staff.

Call for Sites was underway. 830 across the County in total. The next Town and Parish Council meeting on 13th July will outline the next steps in the process including the criteria for sites. It is thought that the draft plan will be available for consultation early 2017.

It was reported that Highways will not agree to the right turn into the Samuel Whitbread site off Hitchin Lane as the junction was too narrow. The buses will continue to come through the village although car drivers will be restricted. Disappointment from the Parish Council was expressed which was understood by the CBC Councillors.

301. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2016.** Mr S Fish expressed he wanted the apologies amended as he had given his apologies which hadn't been recorded. The clerk removed the full remark from the minutes. Item 292 of the minutes regarding the paving works. It was agreed that following the acceptance of the quotation for the work a meeting had taken place to confirm the work that was needed. Adrian Cree had met with the contractor and emailed all councillors advising that additional work was now needed; to lay edging stone, to lift and re-bed existing slabs to the left and right of the entrance, to make resin the manholes and renew the slabbed pathway to the entrance. The initial 2 days' work would now be 4.5 days' work. The work was agreed via email. The minutes were confirmed by the members and signed by the Chair
302. **To elect a Vice Chair –** Mr S Fish was nominated by Mrs P Livesey and seconded by Mrs J Lanham, all were in favour.
303. **To confirm the Committees and its members were agreed as follows:**

| PF & CC | Highways | Planning | Finance |
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| Judy Lanham (Chair) | Steve Langton (Chair) | Steve Langton (Chair) | Barry Livesey (Chair) |
| Rupert Puritz | Pauline | Phil Lawrence | Simon Fish |
| Martin Ephgrave | Livesey | Ian Pacey | Adrian Cree |
| Ray Dart (vice Chair) | (Vice Chair) | Simon Fish | Rupert Puritz |
| Phil Lawrence | Barry Livesey | Rupert Puritz | Steve Langton |
| Steve Langton | Ian Pacey | Elisabeth Smith | |
| Village Rep Gladys Dawson | Adrian Cree | Pauline Livesey | |
| | Village Rep Rev P Lanham | Judy Lanham | |

304. **Correspondence** The street watch report was read out. CPRE meeting is to take place on 6th July in Peterborough. Anyone able to attend should inform the Clerk.

305. **Community Centre matters** The paving works had now been completed and everyone agreed that it was looking very good. Further work is to take place to form a small footpath from the carpark to the side entrance to the field and to reinforce the ramps to the rear of the building. Thanks went to Mrs P Livesey for all her hard work on the gardens. The lawnmower was in need of repair and Mrs Lanham had approved the work via Martin Ephgrave.
306. **Highways matters** Mr Livesey advised that the planters were now done, baskets for the war memorial will be arriving imminently. The village grass had been cut ready for the Queen's Birthday celebrations on Sunday. The Garden of rest will be tidied up tomorrow.
307. **Planning matters** several plans were currently on circulation and S Langton will forward responses. There was talk of the idea of a Parish Plan and it was agreed that Clifton did not have the man power with the time available to put a plan together. IT was suggested that a document could be formed by the members outlining the history and concerns the Parish Council have had for example to the Safer Route to School campaign that had been ongoing for some time, Bus routes and Housing.
308. **Pond Matters** there were none
309. **Finance** to approve invoices for payment. All were approved
310. **Date for next meeting Full Council on 21st July 2016. PF & CC 16th July at 7.00pm. It was agreed that no Highways meeting was needed**

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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