

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
THURSDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> July 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 S Langton, Mr R Puritz, and Mr. A Cree

Also present: Mr Bob Smith

311. **Apologies** were received from Mr I Pacey, Mr S Fish, Mr P Lawrence Mr R Dart

312. **Rural Police Report** – No one present - item deferred

313. **CBC Report** – apologies were received from all members

314. **Other reports** – Town and Parish Council Conference was attended by Mr S Langton, Mr B Livesey and Mrs P Livesey The purpose of this event was to present the wider context for the new Plan, provide an update on its preparation and outline the opportunities for further consultation and engagement over the next 18 months as the emerging Plan takes shape.

A key objective was to highlight the opportunity for town and parish councils to engage in this work by creating Community Plans. Community Plans will be produced by Central Bedfordshire Council, working in partnership with town and parish councils, residents and other stakeholders'/interest groups to inform the Local Plan.

Community Plans will be area based, focusing on the requirement for sustainable growth at a parish level and between neighbouring parish communities. They will consider how to plan for sustainable growth, including shared local infrastructure (open spaces, education provision, transport links, health provision etc.) and new homes; recognising what is important to each area and capturing the future need for facilities and infrastructure up to 2035.

Community information packs to begin this process will be sent out to you from October. We hope you will take up the opportunity to be involved in shaping the future for our community in this way and we will contact you again about this in due course.

Another objective of the Conference was to describe the extensive programme of work already underway to prepare the new Plan and to update the evidence base needed to underpin it. These and other topics were included in the slide presentation from the event, which can be accessed using the link below:

315. **To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June** – the minutes were confirmed by the members and signed by the Chair

316. **Community Centre Matters** – The shutter in the hall had been reported as broken and an engineer was going to fix it in the next week.

Mr Manning had returned his set of keys.

317. **Playing field Matters**

Ray Dart and Steve Langton had attended a Play Inspection Training day and a certificate would be sent out shortly.

318. **Speed Watch Signs** – it had been agreed in principle to fund the signs but it was not yet decided which signs to use or where to put them.

319. **Highways Matters** – it was agreed that a meeting of the Highways committee will take place on 27<sup>th</sup> July. It was reported that grass verges had not been cut on New Road/Broad Street. It was confirmed that this was CBC responsibility due to the change to the speed limit on New Road.

It was noted that the chicanes were causing speeding out of the village and this would be reported to Highways

Mrs P Livesey reported that trees were being sought for the village to replace 4 that had been lost. She had been speaking with David Alderman about the Cherry trees in the village

The area of the Churchyard that serves cremation plots was in serious need of maintenance. Mr Livesey will speak to Frank Rivets regarding this.

A complaint regarding parking on Broad Street was read out. Mr S Langton agreed to put some letters on the offending vehicles.

320. **Pond Matters** – it was noted that the Grange was currently up for sale and the current owners were having a tidy up, and the pond had been swept

321. **Planning Matters** – The application for housing on the Samuel Whitbread site will be debated at CBC, Steve Langton agreed to attend to put forward the Parish Councils objections.

322. **Finance** – A report of current bank balances, income and expenditure were given to all councillors. All invoices were approved for payment.

323. **Date of next meeting – Full Council 8<sup>th</sup> September, Highways to meet on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

**Meeting closed at 9.30pm**

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