

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 13th NOVEMBER AT 7.30 PM AT CLIFTON COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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

Also present: CBC Cllrs Wenham and Shelvey

335. Apologies were received from Mrs E Smith, Mr A Cree and Mr P Lawrence. Also received from Mr B Smith (resident)

336. Declarations of interest – members were reminded of their obligation to declare any interest now or if the situation arises during the meeting.

Public forum – in the absence of Bob Smith the following was read out Clifton Residents' Association have a newly formed Clifton Leisure Society of enthusiastic individuals who are keen to add to the excellent activities in the Clifton Area. Groups set up so far include: The Walking Group - meet most working day evenings between 6 and 7pm and do about an hour's walk around the Clifton area, for more information contact Sue Cross susancross20032003@yahoo.co.uk; The Book Club - contact Michelle Ryan chezr987@gmail.com; Wine Tasting Group.

337. Central Bedfordshire Council report - it was reported that the budget process was underway.
A Town and Parish Council meeting has been arranged for 22nd November.

The Gladman appeal notification had been received but no date has been set as of today's date. It was advised that if there is any additional evidence that should be considered to send it to the planning inspectorate asap.

Mr B Livesey reported that the light outages were taking longer to be repaired since the new contractor has taken over. Cllr Wenham advised to use the portal for reporting.

Cllr Shelvey advised that he would be attending the Remembrance Service in Clifton this year.

338. The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8th September were approved by the members and signed by the Chair as a true record.

339. Remembrance Service. The bugler, road closure request and wreath purchase have all actioned. Mr M Ephgrave and Mr R Puritz agreed to put the road signs out on the morning of the service. It was agreed that the War Memorial needed a clean and this will be done on 11th November by those who are available.

340. Correspondence

A copy of the email to CBC from Mr and Mrs Smith regarding the New Road unfinished work etc. was read out by Mr B Livesey

A letter from resident Emma Fossey of 4a Brickle Place. (***Declaration of interest was received from Mr S Fish as Ms Fossey is his daughter. He took no part in the discussion***) regarding a complaint about the play equipment being too close to her property boundary which encourages youths to congregate and make loud noise and use abusive language. It was agreed that the Playing Field and Community Centre Committee would discuss the complaint at length at their next meeting.

341. Community Centre Matters.

Mrs Langham updated the Council on the recent meeting (all members had been furnished with the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd September) It was noted that payment for the field hire had not been received to date an email should be sent by the Clerk.

342. Highway Matters

Mr S Langton updated the Council on the recent meeting of the Highways Committee held on 22nd September.

Mrs P Livesey advised that a meeting with the Rector and Pat Longland had taken place regarding the Ash Tree and other trees in the Church Grounds.

Mrs P Livesey reported that the tree stumps in the village will be dug out and new trees will be planted.

343. Planning Matters

Mr S Langton reported that 8 applications were in the process of consultation and 3 applications had been granted for 9 Church Street, 25 New Road and 21-23 Shefford Road.

344. Finance

The Clerk reported that the external audit was now completed and satisfied. Notification would be put on the notice board for inspection by electors.

The donation to the Church for grass cutting had been met and the Clerk to inform the Church and David Granger.

Members were furnished with reports of income and expenditure and a report for accounts payable. All were approved for payment.

345. Future agenda items

Members were advised to consider the budget for 2017/18 and to discuss and the next committee meetings,

Consideration was also needed for the balance from the Queen's Birthday celebrations of £614. The Clerk advised that the balance could be held by the Parish Council and earmarked for future events. The Chair advised that if an alternative committee unrelated to the PC hold the balance caution should be made in respect of the holding account to avoid it being 'lost'.

346. To confirm dates for next meetings

Playing Field and Community Centre committee meeting to be held on Thursday 20th October at 7pm

Highways committee to meeting on Monday 24th October at 7pm

Parish Council meeting to be held on Thursday 10th November at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

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