

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 8th DECEMBER 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, Mrs E Smith, and Mr I Pacey

Also present: CBC Richard Wenham

358. **Apologies** for absence were received from Mr A Cree

359. **CBC Report** – The Town and Parish Conference was successful. Mrs P Livesey was in attendance and relayed that she enjoyed the event. From the conference the fact that Clifton does not have any emergency planning in place should they find themselves in similar situation as Ampthill in the future. **It was agreed that this would be an agenda item in the future.** it was also agreed that a data base of vulnerable local residents should be set up.

Community planning will take place in March to enable views to be put forward regarding the local plan

The budget will be published for consultation from 4th Jan to 4th Feb

An officer contact details for parking contravention's is parking@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk. It was reported that 4 enforcement officers have now been employed

Buses 71 and 72 will be stopping the evening services from 1st January 2017 and it is likely all Sunday services will also stop next year

David Shelvey will represent the wards at the Gladman appeal at the 2-day hearing starting 10th January 2017. Mr S Langton agreed to speak on behalf of the Parish Council and will liaise with Cllr Shelvey prior to the date.

360. **The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November were confirmed as a true record by the members and signed by the Chair**

361. **Matters Arising** – the signs for the Speed awareness had been delivered and Mr S Langton will arrange to have the put up

It was agreed that no donation would be given to CAB in the forthcoming year

David Granger will return to remove the rest of the leaves from the carpark on Monday.

362. **Correspondence** – a letter had been received from the Church regarding the donation for grass cutting. It was **agreed** that we increase the amount to £2000 for the forthcoming year. It was also **agreed** that all requests from donations and funding will require an income and expenditure account from the organisations in order for the Parish Council to make a fair

decision. It was **agreed** that the donation to the Magazine and Website to remain unchanged for the forthcoming year

363. Community Centre and Playing Field Matters

New crotch straps had been received from Wickstead and Mr R Dart will fit them. It was agreed to remove the old swings and apply to CBC for funding from S106. It was suggested that Mr Curson may wish to purchase them.

A quotation to fix the ramps had been received from Mr Reynolds and it was **agreed** to accept his quotation. **Clerk to instruct.**

The lighting in the Carpark was discussed. 3 lamps were out and all of the bulbs need replacing with low energy bulbs. It was **agreed** that Andy Muskett meets with Mr S Langton to discuss. **Clerk to arrange**

364. Highways

Items for discussion at the next committee meeting; seat needs lowering; weeds in the Joint; Trees in the village to be removed and replaced

365. Planning

Mr S Langton advised that there had been 12 applications since the last meeting 6 are in consultation stage, 3 granted approval and 3 awaiting the outcome. The Gladman appeal was remained a priority and Mr Langton will deal with all matters and attend the hearing.

366. Finance

All invoices were approved for payment. It was agreed to confirm the precept at the next meeting. **Clerk to arrange a breakdown from the finance meeting and send to councillors.**

367. Set date for next meetings

Full Council 12 January 2017; Committees 19th January 2017