

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 9th February 2017 AT 7.30 PM AT CLIFTON COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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

Also present: CBC Mr D Shelvey, Mr I Dalgarno; resident Mr Williams, Rev Caron Topley and Denise Price – Dog instructor

377. **Apologies for Absence** were received from Mr S Langton and Mr I Pacey

Public Forum

Denise Price was in attendance to ask permission to use the hall to start a new venture of dog training. She explained the class would consist of no more than 7 dogs per session with 2 sessions a week with the age from 1 year up, term time only. The Council advised that they would discuss the idea and let her know of the decision.

Mr Williams asked about the RMF ideas and was advised that there would be a public meeting in the near future to consult the parishioners on the ideas that had been put forward by CBC.

378. **Declaration of Interest** – the Chair reminded the members of their obligation to declare any matters of interest now or if they arise during the meeting

379. **Central Bedfordshire Report** included a reminder that the community planning event will take place on 2nd March in Shefford Baptist Church hall.

The draft Local Plan should be ready by the summer

Mr P Livesey advised the Cllrs that the outside of Samuel Whitbread School looked very untidy and needed cleaning.

BT phone box removal consultation identified that a total of 10 of the boxes had received objections to the removal

Cllr Dalgarno advised that the Highways department was under review and was currently being reorganised. Nick Carafollo was under a lot of pressure regarding his work load and had suggested that the earliest possible date for a village walk would be the 8th April. It was suggested that a list on concerns is compiled prior to the date in order to make the most of the time he spends in the village. **Action – Highways committee to compile a list**

There was no news to date regarding the Gladman Appeal.

380. **Minutes** - the minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2017 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair (minor spelling and typos were rectified at the meeting).
381. **Matters arising** – a reminder that the Town and Parish Conference on 22nd February to address Emergency Plans will be attended by Mrs J Lanham, Mr R Dart and the Clerk.
382. **Correspondence** –
- BATPC had sent a list of dates for training session – Cllrs were asked to circulate it and advise the Clerk of any courses they wished to attend
 - Streetwatch newsletter – was read out
 - A letter from the Air Ambulance regarding the installation of a Clothing Bank had been received. It was decided not to have one at the moment.
 - An email regarding Green Infrastructure Project funding was read out and it was agreed to pass this to the Highways committee for discussion
383. **Community Centre Matters and Playing Field Matters**
- Field Maintenance – all councillors had been furnished with the 2 quotations for the maintenance of the field. They were like for like quotations. Mr A Crawley £4050 and Reynolds Landscaping £3235. Cllrs had been furnished with the 2 requested references from Mr Reynolds. **Action it was agreed that a contract needed to be put together and due to the time constraints the PF and CC committee would make a decision at their scheduled meeting next week.**
 - David Granger had submitted a quotation to extend the fencing to the rear of the building. **Proposal that the quote is was accepted and it was agreed that the PF & CC committee, arrange a meeting with David Granger and also liaise with the Football Club to keep them informed. All in favour.**
 - Youth Shelter – it was agreed that the current shelter needed cleaning and painting. **Action – Mr R Dart to look into whether this would be something the probation office dealing with community service could deal with, Mrs P Livesey to speak to Samuel Whitbread to see if the pupils would take it on as a community project.**
(Mr P Lawrence left the meeting at 8.40pm)

384. **Highways Matters** – It was reported that the grass verge outside numbers 106 and 108 New Road was being used for parking and causing damage to the verge. **Action Clerk to report to parking@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk.**

385. **Planning Matters** – Mrs P Livesey reported that there were no plans currently on circulation and she had just received notification of work needed to a Willow Tree in Bath Place which she will respond to.

386. **Finance**

- The Clerk provided all members a copy of the current bank rec, list of receipt and a list of payments required. All invoices were approved for payment
- Payroll – it was proposed that the Council look into outsourcing their payroll ***all were in favour***. **Action members and the clerk to seek quotations with the view to start in the new financial year.**

387. **Date of next meetings** – it was confirmed the following meeting will take place

Playfield Field and Community Centre meeting on 19th January 2017 at 7.00pm

Highways on 19th January at 8.00pm

Annual Parish Meeting on 9th March (The Chair and Mrs P Livesey sent their apologies)

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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