

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 8TH JUNE 2017 AT 7.30pm AT CLIFTON COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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

Also Present: CBC Councillors R Wenham, R Dalgarno and D Shelvey. Mr B Smith

426. **Apologies for absence** were received from Mr I Pacey, Dr R Puritz and Mrs J Langham

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

Public Forum the meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak

Mr Bob Smith advised the Council that a meeting had been arranged by the Residents Association on 21st June at 7.30 in the Church hall. The meeting is to give insight into the new planning system with speakers from BRCC and CBC, all were welcome to attend

428. **CBC Report.** It was reported that the Local Plan would be published on 12th June and would the consultation period would start on 4th July for 6-7 weeks.

It was asked at the last meeting to look into placing a Christmas Tree on the 'triangle' It was reported that the highways officer had been approached and unfortunately there was not enough room on the preferred area.

Weed spraying is only being carried out in targeted areas.

Road sweeping has been carried out around the pond and any future requests should be reported.

S106 funding on the Hitchin Lane development will be available on first occupation. Areas to be funded include £31,200 for bus stops and £15,000 for cycle and footpaths. An amount had also been set aside for education within the area of Arlesey, Clifton and Henlow. This sparked concerns that currently there are children living in the village that have to go to schools outside of Clifton as there are no spaces for them. The lower school has 2 empty classrooms. It was explained that as the school is now an Academy, CBC don't have any jurisdiction to fill the empty class rooms. **Action Cllr S Langton will contact the School to raise these concerns and report back.**

The parking consultation had been downloaded from CBC website and put on circulation. Questions were raised regarding illegal parking on verges and streets. Cllr Wenham advised that Bedfordshire PCSO's do not have authorisation to enforce parking, dog fouling etc, but other Police forces do. It was suggested that this issue was brought up at the next PCC meeting.

These minutes remain unconfirmed until they are approved by the members and signed by the Chair

429. **Minutes** – the minutes of the meeting held on 11th May were confirmed by the members and signed by the Chair.

430. **Matters arising from those minutes**

A proposal to elect Mr S Langton as Chair of the Planning Committee was seconded and all were in favour

Following the resignation of Mr S Fish, a notice of the vacancy had been posted. The opportunity for 10 electors to call an election would expire on 19th June after which if no election is called the vacancy can be filled using the co-option procedure. Notices will be placed if necessary after 19th June, to seek applications for the vacancy.

431. **Correspondence.**

Members had received correspondence via email to include

- Road works bulletin
- The RoSPA report
- CRA questionnaire
- Local Plan Update
- Street Watch report

A request for a donation had been received from Magpas. It was felt that as we donated to EAAA last year we would find out what the difference is between the 2 charities. **Action Clerk to make enquiries**

432. **Neighbourhood Plan** following the workshop attend by Mrs E Smith and Mr R Dart the question of whether Clifton should start the process of forming a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Wenham advised that it would be a good tool to have particularly when opposing planning applications and also to have more control on planning gain. He advised that Henlow had engaged with a company, Woods Hardwick, to put their plan together for them as it takes a lot of time and resource from the local community. **Action Agenda item next month, Mr Livesey to make enquiries into costs.**

433. **Community Centre Matters** - The Rospa report had been circulated by email and the Clerk had also put a hard copy on circulation. Any action required would be discussed at the next committee meeting

434. **Highway Matters** – RMF consultation was not available online. A quote from M B Decorating for the work on the pond wall had been received for £560. **It was agreed to accept the quotation and work would be scheduled in the near future.**

435. **Planning Matters** – **it was reported that 7 applications were currently in the system, 2 had been granted and 2 were in consultation period.**

436. **Finance Matters** – Councillors were provided with the bank reconciliation for both accounts, the list of payees and the income received since the last meeting. All accounts were approved from payment.

437. **Next meeting dates** Committees to meet on 15th June, Next Council meeting 20th July. It was agreed that the meeting in September would be moved one week ahead of the usual to 7th September.

Meeting closed at 9.20pm

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