

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

Councillors Present: Mr. B Livesey (Chairman) Mr R. Dart (Vice Chairman), Mrs J Langham, Mrs. P Livesey, Mrs E Smith, Mr A Cree, Mr M. Talbot, Mr S Langton, Dr R Puritz, Mr I. Pacey and Mr M. Ephgrave.

Also Present: CBC Councillor Mr D. Shelvey, Mr R Smith, Mr P. Williams and Mr M. Sarll (residents).

Minutes taken by Mrs Kerri Kilby (Clerk)

500 Apologies for Absence –

Received from Cllrs Mr P Lawrence and District Cllrs R Wenham and I Dalgarno.

501 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.

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

Mr Robert Smith requested dates be booked for the Clifton Residents Association AGM and meetings. All were welcome to attend.

He also expressed concerns regarding the Taylor Wimpey plans to increase the development from 20 houses to 25. He was advised that the plans would be discussed later in the meeting.

Mr Sarll advised that he had attended the meeting for the plans regarding the land between 8A & 28 and rear of 28 to 38 New Road. The Council discussed concerns raised that Red Kites had been seen near the site and could possibly be nesting in the Conifer hedge that was to be removed. **ACTION: Council to consult Mr Alan Outen and CBC Development Infrastructure Group Manager – Mr Andrew Davie.**

503 Crime/Police Report –

The Clerk produced the Crime Statistics for Clifton and disseminated to all Councillors at the meeting.

504 CBC Report – Cllr Shelvey reported the following:

- Gully cleaning and the logging of locations would be taking place shortly. Once conditions were logged, grants would be sought for repair works.
- The green waste collection to be suspended from Monday 4th December 2017 to Friday 2nd March 2018.
- Wheatley Homes planned development – The Parish Council expressed concerns regarding the coalescence of Clifton with Henlow. Cllr Shelvey advised that CBC had previously deemed the Stockbridge Road site to be an undesirable site for development.
- An appeal regarding the 'Gladman site' had been received. He explained the case could set a precedent for Central Bedfordshire.
- The Council advised that the Vehicle Activated signs in Clifton were not working. Cllr Shelvey advised that CBC would be carrying out a review of the signs.

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

- White lines were being painted on side of the road on Church Street. Cllr Shelvey advised that Central Bedfordshire Council's policy was to not replace central white lines on minor roads.

505 Minutes –

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2017 were confirmed by the members and signed by the Chair.

506 Matters arising from those minutes –

Volunteers were requested for putting out and taking down the road closure and diversion signs for Remembrance Sunday.

507 Correspondence –

Members were asked to consider the following correspondence received:

- **Consideration of response to admission arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the academic year 2019/2020.** – Following discussion, the Council agreed that the consultation did not include arrangements for Academies. Therefore, no response was required.
- **Consideration of response to draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) consultation.** – To be deferred to next Full Council meeting.
- Acknowledgment of receipt of November issue of The Bugle.
- The Town & Parish Council Conference on 21st November 2017. Agenda items include the Parish Boundary/Local Governance review, a briefing on the new Data Protection regulations and an update on the Local Plan.

508 Community Centre Matters –

The minutes of the Clifton Playing Field & Community Centre Committee meeting held on Thursday 26th October 2017 were ratified by the Council unanimously.

The Council was advised that the gateway to the car park was very dark. Cllr Dart advised that the posts would be painted white with the possible use of reflective strips.

The Clerk gave an update on the Legionnaire Disease testing on the hot water supply for the Community Centre. Costs for carrying out a risk assessment to be disseminated once received.

Quotes to be obtained for repairs to be carried out on the damaged area of flooring in the Community Centre. Costs to be included in the 2018/19 budgets.

Cllr Livesey advised that he had found Christmas decorations in Homebase that could be used for the Community Centre – Defer further discussion to the next Committee meeting.

509 Highway Matters –

The minutes of the Highways Committee meeting held on Monday 16th October 2017 were ratified by the Council unanimously.

Rural Match Funding forms to be submitted to Central Bedfordshire Council by 19th January 2018. The Council agreed that the proposed footpath to the Cricket Club be submitted for funding.

A speed buffer zone of 40mph from the bypass to Clifton Park to be investigated.

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

A letter to be sent to Pat Longland regarding the overhanging branches from Clifton House.

510 Planning Matters –

Consideration of responses to planning applications:

- **CB/TRE/17/00421: 1 Rectory Close, Clifton** – Works to trees subject to a tree preservation order: Sycamore 1 – take off 3 lowest branches and thin rest of tree by 10%. Sycamore 2 – take off dead wood and reduce canopy by 40%. Sycamore 3 – raise canopy o 5m. Ash Tree A1 – reduce tree height by 3m, remove deadwood and raise canopy to 5m. – **No comment deemed necessary.** It was noted that revised plans excluded a dead tree in the garden of the property. Neighbours had expressed concerns regarding the tree falling.
- **CB17/04938/FULL: 67 Shefford Road, Clifton** – Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey extension with front porch. – **Defer to Committee meeting.**
- **CB/17/05006/FULL: 16 Lychmead, Clifton** – Single storey lean to extension at the rear of the property. Flat roof garage to be extended also at the rear of the property. – **Defer to Committee meeting.**
- **CB/17/04833/FULL: Land between 8A & 28 and rear of 28 to 38 New Road, Clifton** – Erection of up to 25 dwellings with allocated parking and associated works. – **Defer to Committee meeting.**

Consideration of response to the NALC response regarding the Governments methodology for calculating housing needs. – Following discussion, the Council agreed to support Central Bedfordshire Council's response to the Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places consultation. **ACTION: Clerk to send Parish Council's support to consultation.**

Council requested correspondence be sent to Louise Ashmore from BATPC regarding their concerns with the NALC response to the consultation.

Cllr Shelvey and Mr Sarll left the meeting.

511 Finance Matters –

Council approved payment of outstanding invoices, as attached.

512 Items for Future Agendas –

Cllr Dart requested a meeting be held to discuss an Emergency Plan for Clifton

513 Next meeting dates –

Monday 13th November - Planning Committee at 7.30pm
Thursday 16th November – PF&CC Committee at 7pm and Highways at 8pm
Thursday 23rd and 30th November – Finance Committee at 7.30pm.
Next Full Council meeting Thursday 14th December 2017 at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed _____ Date: _____

