

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CLIFTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 7.30pm AT CLIFTON COMMUNITY CENTRE.

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

Also Present: CBC Councillors Mr R. Wenham and Mr I Dalgarno, Mr R. Smith and Mr P. Williams.

Minutes taken by Mrs Kerri Kilby (Clerk)

774 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Dr R Puritz and Mr M Talbot and CBC Cllr Mr D. Shelvey.

775 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. None were received.

776 Public Forum – The meeting was adjourned to allow members of the public to speak
Mr Smith raised concerns regarding the crime in the village. He enquired whether Streetwatch and Speedwatch were still operational in the village. He has witnessed drivers still speeding in New Road even with the chicane. He enquired what the Parish Council could do about the speeding and vandalism throughout the village. The speed bumps in New Road were not high enough to discourage speeding.

He was advised that traffic calming measures were starting in November on Grange Street. The Council was also making reference to traffic calming in planning responses for the new developments in the village, in the hope that measures would be put in place at the time of building the houses.

Traffic monitoring is taking place throughout Bedfordshire where Vehicle Activated Sign's ('VAS's') are located. CBC to review whether the VAS is still required at that location. Cllr Dalgarno to supply cost of a new VAS top to replace existing non-working tops.

Speedwatch was experiencing problems due to lack of equipment. CBC have 10 more units to re-activate Speedwatch in this area.

Mr Williams enquired when the waste bins would be replaced on the Playing Field. Rubbish was just being left on the field due to lack of bins. He was advised that they would be ordered and installed once the new Youth Shelter had been erected. Bins to be emptied by CBC.

Mr Williams also advised that the contractors marking up the safer route to schools works advised that the 20mph scheme was not being carried out. Cllr Langton to confirm all works with CBC. A road closure notice had been received from CBC for 12th November to 16th November for 1st phase of Safer Route to School works.

777 Crime/Police Report

Crime Statistics for Clifton for August were disseminated to all Councillors and read out at the meeting.

Following the Police stepping up the patrols around the village, the Police presence has now reduced once again.

Acknowledgement of receipt of OPCC August Newsletter – No action required.

778 CBC Report.

Cllr Wenham advised that the review of the Parish Boundaries had been completed. If Councils had objected to the movement of their Parish boundary, it should not have been approved.

The Leisure Centre Survey will run until 16th September 2018.

The Gambling Act is to be revised and policy updated.

Friday 14th September 10am to 4pm – Community Emergency Response training taking place. Anyone wishing to join the session, please contact the Clerk.

779 Minutes

The consideration and approval of the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th July 2018 as a true record of proceedings. An amendment was requested on Agenda item 747, “CAG sent a letter regarding a comment by a Ward Councillor should read a comment made by Cllr Tom Nichols.”

RESOLVED: minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19th July 2018 approved with the above amendment and signed by the Chairman as a true record of proceedings.

780 Matters arising from those minutes

Cllr Lanham declared an interest, but remained in the meeting.

Wanderbus Donation – Cllr Mrs Livesey PROPOSED £500.00 be donated to Wanderbus to help towards the upkeep of the bus, SECONDED by Cllr Ephgrave and CARRIED with 8 IN FAVOUR and 1 ABSTENTION.

781 Correspondence.

Members were asked to consider the following correspondence received:

- The Council was advised that Cllr Mr Andrew Claypole had tendered his resignation due to not being able to devote enough time to Council work. The Council accepted his resignation. ACTION: Clerk to advise Central Bedfordshire Council of the casual vacancy.
- **Consideration of celebration of Bedfordshire Day on 28th November 2018** – The Parish Council felt they were unable to organise a celebration of Bedfordshire Day, but would pass correspondence on to the Church.
- **Receipt of September edition of the Bedfordshire Bugle** – The Council acknowledged receipt. No action required.
- **Approval of purchase of WW1 “Silent Soldier” silhouette** – Details of the WW1 Silent Soldier silhouettes were disseminated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. Following discussion, the Council UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED the purchase of two silhouettes at a cost of £250 each, with one funded by the Council and one funded by donations. **ACTION: Clerk to place order.**

782 Community Centre Matters

Consideration/approval of purchase of new water heater for Community Centre. – Quotation for water heater not yet received. Cllr Dart to contact company. **ACTION: Defer to Committee meeting.**

Cllr Dart advised that the pole for the catch-nets had been re-installed. Unfortunately, they had been installed in the wrong holes and could not be removed. New poles are now on order and would be installed in the correct holes.

The Youth shelter has now been removed and the new shelter on order.

The benches are to be painted in the next week or so.

The Fair has left the playing field. The ground has been left in a reasonable condition.

The Council thanked Bob Anderson, Cllr Martin Ephgrave and Jack Stevens for the maintenance on the Community Centre floor.

To ratify recommendations contained within the minutes of the Playing Field and Community Centre Committee meeting of 2nd August 2018 – **RESOLVED: Council ratified the Committee recommendations contained within these minutes.**

783 Highway Matters

Correspondence had been received from CBC regarding the start of the street works on Grange Street for the Rural Match Funding. Work to commence in November 2018.

- The Bus Stop on Church Street has now been moved.
- Pond clearing needs to be carried out. Volunteers required.
- The “Do not follow SATNAV” sign has been erected on Harbrook Lane. If signs do not stop large vehicles using the no through road, alternative solution to be investigated.
- Specification for Speed Humps has changed. The preferred speed hump is the raised table across the whole road

To ratify recommendations contained within the minutes of the Highways Committee meeting of 2nd August 2018 – **RESOLVED: Council ratified the Committee recommendations contained within these minutes.**

784 Planning Matters

The Council was advised that only Ward Councillors can call in plans to the Development Management Committee, and must be within 21 days.

Cllrs Dart and Talbot to meet with Mears on site to ascertain how Mears interact with neighbouring properties to make sure as little disruption is caused as necessary.

The Council was advised that there was possibly money available in S106 for works on roads. For example, traffic calming, extra lighting, footpaths, cycle ways and road crossings. S106 money can be used for new items, but not for road maintenance.

The Council was also advised that the Government had tightened up on the viability rules, where developers paid a higher price for the land, therefore made less profit, which resulted in less S106 money being available.

To approve response to the Planning Inspectorate regarding Appeal APP/P0240/W/18/3203211 – Development of 20 dwellings on land on Stockbridge Road. – Response was disseminated to all Councillors prior to the meeting and UNANIMOUSLY approved. **ACTION: Clerk to submit response to Planning Inspectorate.**

CBC Cllrs Dalgarno and Wenham left the meeting.

To ratify recommendations contained within the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 1st August 2018 – **RESOLVED: Council ratified the Committee recommendations contained within these minutes.**

785 Finance Matters

PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	NETT AMOUNT	VAT DUE	TOTAL	MULTIPLE INV. TOTAL	CHQ NO
R. Anderson	August Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00		B.Trans
K.Kilby	August Salary	0.00	0.00	0.00		B.Trans
	Total August Salaries	1526.62	0.00	1526.62		
HMRC	PAYE Tax August	167.20	0.00	167.20		
HMRC	Employee NIC August	39.52	0.00	39.52		
HMRC	Employer NIC August	45.44	0.00	45.44		
HMRC	NIC Employment Allowance July	-45.44	0.00	-45.44	206.72	B.Trans
Adrian Crawley	Grass Cutting July	333.33	0.00	333.33		

Adrian Crawley	Grass Cutting August	333.33	0.00	333.33	666.66	102780
D.J. Granger	Removal of Youth Shelter	355.00	71.00	426.00		102794
D.J. Granger	Grass Cut Cemetery Inv 018598	172.90	34.58	207.48		
D.J. Granger	Grass Cut Cemetery Inv 018705	172.90	34.58	207.48		
D.J. Granger	Grass Cut Inv 018627	780.90	156.18	937.08	1352.04	102781
Anglian Water	Water Charges May to Aug	40.13	0.00	40.13		B. Trans
Bedford Borough Council	Waste Collection Jun-Sept	76.83	15.36	92.19		102782
S. Nott	Floodlight repairs	130.00	26.00	156.00		102783
K.Kilby	July & August Expenses	54.02	0.00	54.02		102784
Tesco Mobile	Clerks phone	9.00	0.00	9.00		DD
BATPC	Chairmanship Training x 3	90.00	0.00	90.00		102785
PCC All Saints Church Clifton	Donation website & chronical	350.00	0.00	350.00		102786
NR Spraying Ltd	Weed spraying on Playing Field	277.20	55.44	332.64		102787
SLCC	Annual Membership	138.00		138.00		102788
SLCC	SiLCA Registration	250.00		250.00		102789
Npower Ltd	Electricity Apr to July	264.98	13.25	278.23		102790
R.Dart	August Expenses	101.60	1.21	102.81		102791
Wanderbus	Donation	500.00	0.00	500.00		102792
Total Jul & August 2018 Payments		6163.46	407.60	6571.06		

The Council **APPROVED** with 1 ABSTENTION payment of outstanding invoices produced by the Clerk.

Balance Sheet as of 31st July 2018.

Copies of the balance sheet of 31st July 2018 were disseminated to all members. No questions were raised.

786 Items for Future Agendas.

Disaster Management – Documents to be requested from CBC. Defer to meeting following receipt of documents.

787 Next meeting dates –

Thursday 27th September – Planning Committee.

Thursday 4th October 2018 – PF&CC Committee at 7pm and Highways Committee at 8pm

Thursday 11th October 2018 at 7.30pm. – Full Council

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed _____ Date: _____