

CLIFTON CAMPVILLE WITH THORPE CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 8PM
IN THE VILLAGE HALL CLIFTON CAMPVILLE

Present: Cllr. Bennion Cllr. Ingram Helen Elliott (Clerk)
Cllr Bingham Cllr. Leedham Two members of the public
Cllr. Bostock Cllr. Pugh

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr. Clarke, Cllr. Fulbrook & Cllr. Starkey
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr’s Leedham and Pugh declared an interest in item 6 a) & Cllr. Leedham declared an interest in item 6 g) on Planning.
3. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11TH JULY 2017**

These were circulated prior to the meeting Cllr. Pugh proposed that they were taken as read and signed as a true record Cllr. Leedham seconded the proposal.

A copy of the minutes will be sent to John Bainbridge to put on the village web site.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Following on from the last meeting with Matthew Ellis, Cllrs. Leedham and Bingham had a meeting with Inspector Joanne Rea. They had discussions about the problems in Syerscote Lane with Joanne and things have been better since. There have been regular patrols of Syerscote Lane and there have been no signs of drugs being used reported. The Cllr’s will keep in touch with Joanne as the patrols will be for approximately three weeks, this will be monitored afterwards.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE** (Circulate correspondence to all Cllr’s)

- a) Christopher Pincher regarding Staffordshire County Council’s bus subsidy review – Cllr’s felt that Christopher Pincher’s reply had not been very helpful.
- b) CPRE Field Work Newsletter & Countryside Voice - Circulate
- c) Aon Important information about your insurance policy – Circulate
- d) BHIB Insurance – Change of Broker handling Parish Council insurance policy – Circulate
- e) Community Council of Staffordshire AGM 3rd October 2017
- f) Oil Club – www.oil-club.co.uk

6. **PLANNING – APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

- a) 17/00850/PND – Dale Farm, Syerscote Lane, Haunton, Tamworth – Approved, no objections
- b) 17/00992/COU – Stablethorpe, Home Farm Thorpe Hall Estate, Thorpe Lane, Tamworth – No objections
- c) 17/00476/COU – Stablethorpe, Home Farm Thorpe Hall Estate, Thorpe Lane, Tamworth – No objections
- d) 17/01110/FUL – Hilltop Farm Cottage, Chestnut Lane, Clifton Campville, Tamworth – No objections
- e) 17/01125/FUL – Thorpe Grange, Thorpe Lane, Tamworth – No objections
- f) 17/01168/LBC – Stablethorpe, Home Farm Thorpe Hall Estate, Thorpe Lane, Tamworth – No objections
- g) 17/01163/FUL – Highfields Cottage, Clifton Lane, Tamworth – No objections

h) 17/01166/FUL – Field House, 131 Main Street, Clifton Campville – Object as outside village boundary and potential to convert to domestic dwelling at a later stage.

7. FINANCE (As per attached transaction sheet)

- a) Sign Clerks Expenses – The Chairman signed the Clerks expenses
- b) Donations – The Chairman read out all the letters received from the various groups detailing what they would use the funds for. After much discussion the Parish Council agreed to donate £300 to Haunton Church, £1820 to the Millennium Green, £2000 to St Andrews Church, £1700 to Clifton Campville Village Hall with £100 included that would have been donated to the Lavender Club for the hire of the Village Hall and £380 to SASA for the St Andrews School. These payments will be for this year, paid in January 2018 and reviewed again next year.
- c) Proposed changes to Parish Council Local Council Tax Support Grant from 2018/19 – Clerk to send letter to Cllr. Chris Spruce, copied to Alan White and Ashley Yeates objecting to the removal of the grant.
- d) Completion of audit for year ended 31 March 2017 – The Clerk reported that the external audit had been completed, with no matters arising.
- e) Consultation on the subsidy of the bus service – The Clerk had contacted Christopher Pincher and Alan White regarding the consultation. The options given in the consultation did not apply to the Parish Council as they all resulted in the removal of the subsidy which would mean the loss of the bus service. Alan White said that he would pass on our comments. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Solus to see what they know and contact the other Parishes involved with a view to maybe starting a petition. Cllr. Bennion agreed to help.
- f) The Parish Council agreed the payments to be made as per attached transaction sheets.

8. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Rural Access – Country Parks and Rights of Way

The Clerk had contacted Rights of Way regarding overgrown vegetation on one of the paths leading to the Millennium Green. The reply had been that it had already been cut back once this year and that a job sheet could be raised but it may be a long time before it is done. A grant is available towards equipment and training if the the Parish Council is interested in carrying out the works themselves. The Parish Council did not want to do this at this time as they believe it is Staffordshire County Council’s responsibility and that the Parish Council would not be insured for carrying out such works.

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Bromford Update - A letter had been received from Bromford regarding the Parish Councils concerns over the proposed regeneration of the houses on Lullington Road and Main Street it was felt that Bromford had not addressed any of them. No application had been submitted yet. The Parish Council will wait until the plans have been submitted and then send in their objections. There was also some confusion whether any of the houses were going to be for sale. Clerk will confirm this with Bromford.

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Cllr. Bostock – Regarding the recent road resurfacing through the village there is a Ridge about one metre in at the side of the road that could result in cyclists falling off their bikes. There has also been some tar dumped in the first gateway on the right leaving Clifton towards the Radway. The white lines have not been put in the middle of the road. The drains on Main Street are not coping in heavy rain falls something needs to be done before more properties are flooded. There are boulders and tubs on some of the verges particularly the ones on the Green in Haunton, Clerk to check who is responsible for them.

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Cllr. Pugh – Reported that the manhole covers are off again on the verge of the Ashby Road/Clifton Lane corner.

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Cllr Bennion – There is still a problem with the water leak in Syerscote Lane.
Cllr. Leedham – The recent roadmaster works carried out in Coppice Lane are not of a very good standard. The verges are not being cut at the correct times to be cost effective.
Cllr. Ingram - The 30mph as you enter Clifton Campville from No Mans Heath needs to be painted red not black. Reported that after the last meeting Matthew Ellis had agreed to contact the other parishes and look at purchasing speed signs in bulk at a reduced cost. Despite several reminders no progress has been made. Cllr. Ingram suggested that the Parish Council carry on with getting quotes etc. for purchasing some signs without Matthew Ellis.
Alan White had agreed to contribute £500 towards some speed-activated signs for the Parish. The Clerk will contact BT regarding repairing the wall outside the telephone exchange.
Cllr. Clarke – The paint is required for the telephone box in Haunton.
Cllr. Fulbrook - A resident had made contact concerned about the speed of the traffic travelling through the villages. Cllr. Ingram stated that we are doing what we can with the speed watch and have been waiting for Matthew Ellis to come back to us.

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9. **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** - Asked whether the Green Man had put in any new plans – Nothing has been submitted yet. Also the Millennium Green should not be penalised with regard to receiving less grant due to having a healthy bank balance. Parish Council stated what a good job all the trustees do in managing the Millennium Green.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS** - 14th November 2017 at 8pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.58pm

CORRESPONDENCE

- a) The Cumbria Clock Company Ltd increase in annual maintenance from £144.00 to £186.00
- b) Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association AGM Monday 4th December 2017
- c) Christopher Pincher update on No.82 bus service

WEB SITES

- 1) www.cliftoncampville.com Village Web Site
- 2) www.hauntonvillage.co.uk Village Web Site
- 3) www.fundfinder.org.uk Resources for grant-seekers
- 4) www.parish-online.co.uk OS mapping
- 5) www.lichfielddc.gov.uk Lichfield District Council web site, planning applications etc.
- 6) Contact the Highways Team - The easiest way to report an issue on the roads is to use the online reporting system - <https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/reportfault/#top>
By telephone, email or fax Phone: 0300 111 8000 **Fax:** 01785 276026 Calls will be charged at local rate. **Email:** highways@staffordshire.gov.uk
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