

CLIFTON CAMPVILLE WITH THORPE CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8th March 2022 @ 7pm
In the Clifton Campville village hall.

Present: Cllr Bent (chairman). Cllr Bennion. Cllr Nicholls. Cllr Young. Cllr Leedham.
Cllr Amsden. Clerk: Sue Hughes

1. Apologies – Cllr Bostock
2. Declaration of interest –
Cllr Leedham 22/00110/FULM Solar Panel installation. Highlands Farm.
3. Members of the Public
Mrs. Pam Patchett addressed the Parish Council on the following:
Litter pick – PC members and Clerk were thanked for organising this year’s litter pick. A batch of refuse sacks have been left with Pam and these will be placed in her porch for anyone who wishes to pick more litter in their own time. If these bags are left adjacent to any of the local litter bins, they will be picked up by LDC.
Quotes were received in respect of the portable sandwich board type notice, which had been in use for many years to promote local events (such as the Litter Pick) £300 was quoted for dismantling and restoring the existing notice board, and £250 for constructing a new board. The quote for a new board was approved.
A quote had been received for a large bespoke board to accommodate the many notices erratically erected by villagers in the bus shelter near the Old Rectory, which lacks a board unlike the other village bus shelter. Money had been allocated that would have financed an off-the-shelf board, but now thought to be less suitable. The original proposal had been deferred due to the Corona virus hiatus. Comparable quotes are to be sought for a bespoke board.
4. Minutes of Nov 2021 minutes These were circulated prior to the meeting, taken as read, and signed as a true record. A copy of the minutes will be displayed on the website.
Matters arising:
Cllrs Nicholls and Leedham to complete a report on local road issues.
Highways have been working in Syerscote Lane to clear the drain and it is understood that further repairs will be taking place.
5. Finance -Balance of £19384.68 and Payments approved
 - a. £276.40 SPCA annual membership
 - b. £80.00 Village Hall rental invoices
 - c. £225.01 Wix for website 3-year payment for domain and subscription
 - d. £63.70 Clerks expense
6. Defibrillator training taking place on 19th March. £100 donation agreed to Have a Heart for Delivering the training. Other local Parish Councillors will be invited to fill places if available.
7. Planning –
App. 22/00160/FUL, 36 Chestnut Lane, 2 storey dwelling – The PC will objecting
App. 22/00334/LBC 22/00333/FUH, The Crofters, Potters Croft – No objection made
App. 22/00110/FULM, Highfield Farm Solar installations – Parish Council to endorse objections made by the Parish Church Council and 12 residents.
Cllr Bennion recused himself from this discussion.
8. Community Governance review to be posted on the website. Cllr Nicholls will make representation on behalf of the PC and share with the Clerk for submission.

9. Reporting road issues –
For accuracy and to save time, PC members and the public are encouraged to report any road issues themselves. The Clerk may be asked to report a significant issue when all members agree.

10. Allotment – Cllr Leedham report:
Over the last 2/3 years, the condition has deteriorated in some extent due to turn over of tenants and build-up of unwanted household goods and building materials. Some short term tenants expecting to produce a harvest, failed to feed the crop and those plots are seriously depleted.
There are a number of trees even though the landlord's condition of 'no trees' to be planted or allowed to grow is to protect the drainage system. Ash and willow seek land drains to find water and should the drains be blocked, it will be charged to the tenant to rectify the problem. A great deal of unwanted material has been stacked against the hedge and in some places, the hedge has been killed. Some have erected a secondary fence and tipped unwanted material behind it, again, killing the hedge. Building materials have been brought in to create pathways and boundaries but also dumped and there is hardcore at the bottom of the track.
The fact that we are now charging a deposit may lead to an improvement and overall, there seems to be an uplift following notes on the condition of the allotments that were circulated by the Clerk before the renewal notices were sent. There are 3 new tenants for this year. PC members will be assessing all the allotments again soon. The trophy is being updated so more 'winners' names (of best-kept allotment) can be added to it.

11. Adoption of policies – All agreed and approved
 - a. Code of conduct
 - b. Equality policy
 - c. Privacy notice
 - d. Risk assessment
 - e. Risk Register

12. Queens Platinum Jubilee
Members agreed – £500 donation for celebrations.
A bench for the school and a tree to be planted.
Relevant groups/committees/trustees to be contacted with details

13. Illuminating St Andrews Church for timely events – costing for this to be looked into.
Findings will be discussed at the next meeting.

14. New meeting time – Members agreed to stay with the current time of 7pm

15. Litter Pick 2022 – The Clerk thanked those members who helped with preparations and also for help received on the day.

16. Speed Watch – The speed watch equipment that belongs to the Parish Council will be kept in a new location and details of this will be shared when a suitable location has been found.

17. Clerks holiday, overtime, and new pay scale were approved by members of the Parish Council.

Chairman concluded the meeting @ 8.35pm

Next meeting 10th May 2022, 7pm at Clifton Campville village hall