

CLIFTON CAMPVILLE WITH THORPE CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH MAY 2021 at 7.30PM
HELD ONLINE VIA ZOOM

The meeting was held remotely as permitted under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Present: Cllr C. Bent- Chairman. Cllr Bennion. Cllr Bostock. Cllr Leedham.
Cll. S Bent. Cllr Lamb. Cllr Nicholls. Clerk Sue Hughes

- 1 **Standing order** (paragraph 2b) for AGM were suspended for this meeting only
- 2 **Apologies for absence**
None
- 3 **Approval of minutes of AGM held on 14th May 2019**
- 4 **No Matters Arising**
- 5 **Chairmans Report 2021**

Firstly, I would like to acknowledge the continued commitment and endeavour from all Councillors: Debbie Fulbrook, Robert Leedham, Roger Nicholls, Sonia Bent, Steve Lamb, Pam Bostock, Phil Bennion, for giving up their time freely to serve the community in what can only be described as an unprecedented and somewhat restricted year.

After lockdown measures were put in place back in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, little did we know, after more than a year later still trying to get back to normality with restrictions still in place, although the Community was somewhat thwarted in the restrictions that have been imposed, the loss of the Country Fair, annual litter pick cancelled, lockdown of ST Andrews Church, School and the Green Man, even visiting friends and family put on hold, its spirit has remained high, a special thank you to those parishioners for helping housebound neighbours and thanks to the increased vigilance of the Neighbourhood watch in what have been difficult times for all.

The year has seen many changes, none more so than the Parish Council, like many other organisations having to embrace Technology to continue with meetings and address continued issues within the Community, a special thanks to Councillor Debbie Fulbrook and the new Parish Clerk Sue Hughes, not only for leading the way with Zoom meetings but also leading with input from all fellow councillors on delivering the New Parish Council Website.

With only having three virtual meetings since March 2020, the Parish Council has still managed to pursue the issue of flooding throughout the village, more recent activity has seen both the Highways Agency and South Staffs Water align forces to address the drains along Main Street, hopefully this will resolve the yearly floods suffered by residents along Main Street. The Parish has also outlined the supporting Community grants currently open from the JLR development, better known as Mercia Park Community Fund, all organisations if not already done need to take the opportunity to further enhance the community by utilising the grants available. Special thanks to Parish Clerk Sue Hughes on completion of the Internal Audit report of the annual governance and accountability return, achieving positive assurances in all areas. The Bromford Housing development has now been completed and I

take this opportunity to welcome new members to the Community where I'm sure they will embrace village life.

On a further positive note the funds to complete the repairs on St. Andrews Church clock have been agreed, a much needed asset for the community.

It is with regret that we have had to lose two valuable members of the Team this year, Parish Clerk: Helen Elliot, served as Clerk for over twenty years and was a very valuable and dependant part of the Parish Council, Helen has left to spend more precious time with family after the birth of her first Granddaughter, also Councillor Debbie Fulbrook, sadly will be leaving the Parish for pastures new, again so many years on the team, the experience and knowledge will be missed greatly. Whilst we await to co-opt new members onto the Parish Council, I would like to extend my best wishes for the new Parish Clerk, Sue Hughes who joined recently and has already become an invaluable part of the team.

Finally, hopefully the next year will be more representative of the norm, thank you for your continued support, we will endeavour to address concerns and issues to resolution for the good of the community

6 Election of Chairman/Vice chair

Cllr Leedham proposed Cllr Bent to continue as Chairman, Cllr Bostock seconded the proposal. No vice chairman was proposed as this is deemed unnecessary at present.

7 Finance

All finances and AGAR for 2020/2021 and Notice of appointment of date for the exercise of public rights approved.

8 Date of next Annual Meeting - 10th May 2022