

CLIFTON CAMPVILLE WITH THORPE CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON TUESDAY 14TH MAY 2019 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: - Cllr. Bent Cllr. Ingram Cllr. Nicholls
 Cllr. Bostock Cllr. Lamb

1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES** – The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Annual General Meeting. Cllr. Fulbrook and Cllr. Bennion had sent their apologies.
2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 8TH MAY 2018**
These were circulated prior to the meeting Cllr. Ingram proposed that they were taken as read and signed as a true record Cllr. Leedham seconded the proposal.
3. **MATTERS ARISING** – None
4. **CHAIRS REPORT 2019**

It is with an overriding theme of pride and positivity that I am able to summarise the work and achievements of the Parish Council in collaboration with the local community over the previous 12 months.

I feel it only right to begin this report by acknowledging the outstanding achievements of the residents of Haunton for their remarkable success in winning 2018 Best Kept Village competition.

This was a true demonstration of a community coming together to improve their surroundings and local environment. We are proud to have supported their endeavours and they are an inspiration to us all. Judging is currently underway for 2019 and I would like to wish them the best of luck.

In response to Lichfield District Councils Local Plan Review, the Parish Council shared our views on the lack on sustainability for the proposed expansion of Thorpe Constantine and agrees with the decision by LDC not to progress this proposal further.

The Parish Council has endeavoured to address people's concerns over speeding motorists passing through the parish. We are delighted to have finally completed the project to install two solar powered mobile illuminated speed signs that can be moved between four locations within the parish. This project was a long time coming and involved a lot of effort to raise the funds, research and procure the signs, complete the groundworks and negotiate the mine field of legalities.

Staffordshire Safer Roads Project have installed permanent community speed watch signs through the parish allowing volunteers to deploy with their speed gun more easily and effectively.

The children of St Andrews school made posters to encourage motorists to adhere to the speed limit. We hope these measures will all contribute to making the parish safer. During the past twelve months lots of parishioners have volunteered to get involved in working parties to support the Parish Council and other community based organisations. We thank them for all their efforts as we work towards shared goals.

Parishioners raised health and safety concerns about the overgrown conifers on the green at the junction of Chestnut Lane and Coppice Lane. The Parish Council addressed these concerns by removing some of the conifers and pruning the revealed Chestnut Tree. The result is a much lighter and visually pleasing space with greater visibility for road users and pedestrians alike. The rotten planter was removed and replaced with a new generously donated one that local residents have maintained with floral displays.

The annual litter pick saw a good turn out with volunteers of all age groups from the parish. Thank you to all those who took part and organised this worthwhile event.

The painstaking renovation of the phone box on Main Street is finally complete and we can now look to the community to find a suitable usage for this iconic piece of British street furniture.

Bromford Housing have now demolished the dated houses on Main Street/Lullington Road with groundwork's well underway and 21st century heat sources in place. Building work is imminent with a scheduled completion for the end of 2019. The Parish Council have successfully increased the annual precept to cover the increasing costs we face and continue to invest in valuable schemes and projects within the Parish. We are pleased to have continued to financially support other organisations and trusts within our community and offer praise indeed to all the unsung heroes who keep our community ticking through their dedication and endeavours.

There is change afoot with a number of key personnel changes within the Parish Council. As I stand down from my role as parish councillor and Chair I give my best wishes to the new councillors to take things forward with renewed enthusiasm and vigour and emphasise the importance and value of the sometimes thankless work they have committed to volunteer their precious time to.

I am delighted to be passing on the mantle with projects completed and healthy balance sheets. This would not have been achievable without the support and impeccable hard work of the parish clerk Helen Elliott.

Sincere gratitude also goes to councillors Bostock, Fulbrook, Nicholls and Bennion, who have proposed themselves to continue as Parish councillors and whose combined wealth of experience and knowledge is invaluable. I hope Councillor Leedham will be rejoining them, further strengthening the ranks.

Councillor Pugh stands down after many excellent years of service as a councillor and Chair. We thank him for all his contribution and hard work.

Councillor Light stands down. Her expert town planning knowledge has been extremely valuable to the Parish Council and will be greatly missed.

Councillor Bingham stood down earlier in the year due to other commitments. We thank him for this time, effort, and willingness to get involved in projects.

Councillor Dawson gave up her seat after a brief but passionate commitment to tackle speeding motorists within the parish.

In conclusion, over the last 12 months we have listened to parishioners concerns and strived to to address them.

We recognise the need for an up to date Neighbourhood plan to strengthen our influence in shaping the future of our parish.

We have completed the projects we started and our parish continues to be a great place to live with a strong sense of community and lots of committed volunteers.

I wish the Parish Council well in their endeavour to represent the community and continually enhance the wonderful surroundings in which we are lucky enough to live.

Nick Ingram
Chairman

Cllr. Nicholls proposed that the Chairman's report is adopted, Cllr. Bostck seconded the proposal. Cllr. Bostock thanked Cllr. Ingram on behalf of the Parish Council for all his hard work. Also thanks were given to Cllr. Pugh for all his hard work over the years as he leaves the Parish Council.

5. **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN/ ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN** – All Councillors signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office and new Cllrs signed their declaration of interests. Cllr. Lamb proposed Cllr. Bent as Chairman, Cllr. Bostock seconded the proposal. Cllr. Fulbrook had offered to stand as Vice Chair at the last meeting. Cllr. Bostock proposed Cllr. Fulbrook as Vice Chair and Cllr. Nicholls seconded the proposal.
6. **FINANCE**
 - a) The Clerk reported that the accounts for the last financial year had been completed. The auditors report had been circulated to all councillors for information. The balance of accounts as at 31/03/2019 – £8211.68.
 - b) Sign Section 1 of Annual Return & Accounts Spread Sheets.
The Chairman and Clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 & the accounts spreadsheets. The Parish Council accepted these as a true record of the finances.
7. **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS** – None
8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – 12th May 2020
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm

