# CLIFTON CAMPVILLE WITH THORPE CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 @ 7 pm In the Clifton Campville village hall.

### Before the meeting commenced a one-minute silence was observed in remembrance of Queen Elizabeth

Present: Cllr Nicholls. Cllr Bostock. Cllr Leedham. Cllr Amsden. Cllr Bennion. Cllr Green. Clerk: Sue Hughes

- Apologies Cllr Bent (chairman).
  In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Nicholls chaired the meeting as agreed by all members present. Cllr Nicholls welcomed everyone to the meeting
- 2. Declaration of interest Cllr Nicholls and Cllr Bennion item 4a
- New member Richard Green was co-opted as a new Parish Councillor Proposed by Cllr Leedham, seconded by Cllr Bostock. Declaration of acceptance of office document signed by Cllr Green and Cllr Nicholls and is to be sent to LDC.

### 4. Members of the public

- a. Mr Tommy Macdonald Milner from Edison Young People presented his report and answered questions from the public and members regarding the potential change and use of Pear Tree cottage in Haunton to a residential Children's home. After much discussion, it was agreed to seek a public meeting for the residents of Haunton, to be held in Haunton, to further discuss their concerns. This will be arranged between Mr Tommy Macdonald Milner and Cllr Nicholls. The Clerk is to share contact details between both. \* Mr Tommy Macdonald Milner's report is attached.
- b. Flooding of Main Street Deferred until next meeting

### 5. Approval of minutes for 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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 – Bridal Path No. 1 is reopened.

- Finance All documents circulated before and during the meeting Balance of account £32,244.35 @15.9.2022 approved and bank statements signed.
  - a. £33.50 Clerks expense approved
  - b. £41.99 fireproof storage box approval for Clerk to purchase 2

# 7 Planning and applications

- Application No: 22/01251/FUH (Full Application (Householder)
  Location: 14 Tudor Rise, Clifton Campville, Tamworth, Staffordshire
  Proposal: Erection of 2-story side extension and new porch canopy No objections
- b. Application No. 22/01372/ABN | Agricultural Determination: Erection of agricultural building for storage | Knight Farm Main Road Haunton Tamworth Staffordshire B79 9HL. General purpose agricultural building No objection

# 8 Roads

- a. Severe state of road Clerk to contact SCC Highways Dept and request a visit to meet with members to assess road condition at Syerscote Lane.
- b. Clifton (Lullington Road/ Main Street) roundabout status Clerk to report road subsidence to SCC Highways.
- c. Speeding Cars Investigate Speed Indicator devices Cllr Green and Clerk to action

# 9. Neighbourhood issue

- a. Drug use Clerk to Invite PCSO Costas Karpi to next meeting and write to the Chief Inspector of Staffordshire Police Cllr Leedham to liaise.
- b. Thefts in village. Clerk to reshare link to report crime and contact Neighbourhood Watch group to ask if team is still a working group.
- c. Overgrowth obscuring post box has now been removed.
- 10. Members adopted Lichfield DC Community Governance review.

# 11. Clerks holiday 1-7 Oct 2022 approved.Clerk to share email access with Chairman – deferred to next meeting

# AOB -

- a. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Leedham regarding annual allotment dinner and awards.
- b. Cllr Amsden to liaise with members of public regarding complaints of speeding agricultural vehicles through village and suggest they join the speed watch team.

Meeting concluded at 9pm

# Next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 @ 7pm

### \*Report

#### CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL HOME

### Pear Tree Cottage, Haunton, Tamworth

- 1. Edison Young People (EYP) have recently had their offer accepted to acquire Pear Tree Cottage, Haunton; with a view to applying for Change of Use to operate a Children's Residential Home, for up to 4 children/young people.
- 2. Looked After Children (LAC) are the responsibility of Local Authorities, when they are placed in the Children's Services care system. There are currently 86,000 LAC in England & Wales; the majority of whom are cared for in by foster or adopting parents. There are currently nearly 13,000 LAC in Children's Residential Homes. These homes are regulated and inspected by Ofsted. 80% of these children's homes are operated by the independent sector (such as Edison Young People) and 20% are operated by local authorities. EYP operates 20 children's homes across the Midlands; all of which are rated "Good" or "Outstanding" by Ofsted.
- 3. EYP's ethos is to provide homes for children that for no reason of their own have ended up in the care system, but might need a higher than usual level of care than could be provided by foster/adoptive parents. Our homes are equipped to a high standard and the children and young people have similar routines, structures and boundaries to that of a normal family. A Children's Residential Home is not an institution, but a home. We appreciate that children's homes may raise anxieties in a community and we understand that sometimes it is the fear of the unknown for many; so we are keen to work with the local community to try and change people's perceptions. Many of the children and young people will participate in community activities, such as litter picking and local events.
- 4. The average age of the children and young people in EYP's children's homes is 14 years old. Children can be placed as young as 6 and although this is fairly unusual, many placing Local Authorities recognize that EYP's training and expertise offer the right environment for younger children; through the therapeutic parenting model that our staff deliver. Young people up to the age of 18 may also live in our homes; where we help prepare them for employment and independent living. The mix of children in a home seeks to mirror a normal family where possible, although individual risks will always be taken into account. We are very careful which child/young person is placed in each home and we do not rush this process.
- 5. The goal for the children and young people EYP care for, is to settle them into a safe home from which they can engage in their education and other activities. If appropriate and particularly for younger children, we prepare them to move to foster care or even to return to their own biological families with support. Our care teams work closely with each child and young person to ensure structure, routine and safety. This will involve planned activities and visits to local amenities.

No child is left unsupervised either on roads or the local areas or within the home. We follow a therapeutic parenting model and each child has their own individual routine from wake up to bedtime. We work very closely with the child/young person's Social Workers; who hold the formal parental responsibility.

6. We provide 2-3 EYP owned cars at a children's home, so that the care team can transport the children to school and activities. We can't predict exact traffic movements on a daily basis, but generally the team would be out in the morning taking children to school, then finish their shift and a new team arrive in the afternoon; who then care for the children and manage bedtime

routines. Two staff are always in the home overnight, who then prepare breakfast and morning routines, ready for school. All our vehicles have trackers, in order to manage speed on all roads. Many of our homes are rural on single track lanes and so we offer any support on the maintenance and upkeep of all vehicles and also on road safety. We have a main central office for all training, meetings, admin, maintenance and training; so as to reduce the impact on the children and young people in the children's homes.

7. The children's home is managed by a Registered Manager, who has legal and regulatory responsibility for the children's home. The care team is made up of up to 9 Residential Care Workers, one of whom is the Deputy/Trainee Registered Manager. Therefore, we usually have a maximum of 7 cars at the property at any one time, including the 2-3 home cars. We always ensure that there is sufficient parking for these cars on the properties we operate as children's homes.

Tommy MacDonald-Milner Edison Young People 2022

CEO 26<sup>th</sup> August