

CLIFTON CAMPVILLE WITH THORPE CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
9th January 2024 @ 7pm
In the Clifton Campville village hall

Present: Cllr Green (chairman), Cllr E Leedham, Cllr R Leedham, Cllr Amsden, Cllr Tongue
Cllr Alan White (SCC)

Sue Hughes (Clerk).

Also present - 5 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed all those present that the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of the minutes.

1. **Apologies** - Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Bostock, Cllr Bennion.
2. **Declaration of interest** – Cllrs E & R Leedham, item 9
3. **Members of the public**

A member of the public informed the PC that the flooding in Coppice Lane had been cleared with work carried out by the Highways Agency today (9.1.24). The agency discovered the drain was blocked by silt. It was cleaned, however, the recommendation is that some of the piping be changed from that drain to one in the middle of the road. It was work completed today was praised by the resident.

A member of the public stated they had been in touch with the new MP for Tamworth and she may visit one of the PC meetings in the future. The PC has not yet received any notification on this.

Cllr R Leedham commented on the issue with Coppice Lane flooding.
The drain in the middle of the road is a sewage drain and the water coming down the road should not be put into this drain as it is land drain water.

4. District and County Councillors

Cllr White acknowledged it had been a traumatic time in Staffordshire and recognised that Clifton Campville was one village that suffers with excess surface water runoff.

Regarding the work needed in Coppice Lane, Cllr White said to rectify this it would go into a list of works that need to be carried out throughout the County. Homes affected by flooding would take priority but did state that the house in Main St, talks were still ongoing with council and water company and continue to press on with this.

Cllr White is aware that the gullies fill with silt quickly so they will have to investigate how to get the water off the roads. Cllr R Leedham explained to Cllr White the history of previous drainage system in Coppice Lane in previous years and that a sink hole on Chestnut Lane a few years ago had generated a lot of silt and this may have built up and blocked the system, which has been cleared today (9.1.24).

Cllr White and Cllr R Leedham agreed to spend some time together to discuss this further at a date to be agreed

Cllr Tongue commented that there were no flooding issues on Main St, like there are now, since the new housing estate was built, Cllr White agreed with this. It had been suggested by residents that some of gullies may have been blocked with concrete that had come off that site. Cllr White will take this matter up with Bromford Housing.

Ref: No Mans Heath Road, Cllr E Leedham explained the drainage on the road going out towards No Mans Heath and gullies recently cleared by the council block up every few months because they are so small and debris off the road, so are not fit for purpose. After a major flooding event the water stays on the road for weeks afterwards so the council need to look at increasing the size so it clears quickly.

Cllr R Leedham remarked that this is where soil from widening of the road was dumped on the verge effectively raising the verge so water cannot get back into the ditch.

This is a main road from the motorway so has a major impact on the village and other nearby villages. Emails have been sent to Cllr White regarding this and members requested that Cllr Swann look into this further.

Pot holes in Sysercote Lane was raised by Cllr E Leedham, previously sent in an email to Cllr White. Half a mile of this lane was resurfaced a few years ago and the question was asked if there is any intention to carry this programme of resurfacing the rest of the road as current filling in of pot holes lasts a few months. Damage has been made to vehicles and cyclists use this lane too. Cllr White replied that the county has 6400km of road and the allocation of funding doesn't cover highway repairs. Money has to be spent on the main roads that get the most use, so get priority. He understands that this doesn't help the parish but emergency repairs should be done if necessary. Talks are ongoing with contractors, Amey, regarding the quality of the work and has requested that the PC inform him of inadequate work and how long repairs take from reporting.

The public and guest Councillors were welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting but informed they could not speak or be involved whilst Parish Council members (only) discuss Parish Council business.

5. **Flooding and Roads**

Clerk to send to Cllr Leedham's the document with all reports made to Highways for them to highlight those awaiting or inadequate repairs to be reported again.

Cllr R Leedham will send an invite to Cllr White to spend 2-3 hours to work around the parish to look at the roads and to show him the inadequate work that has taken place in the past.

Cllr Amsden requested that a poster with links to report issues to the County Council be displayed on notice boards and Facebook was also suggested. Clerk will produce a poster and email it to members.

Cllr Amsden reported that works on Main St, that the Electricity board are working there for 5 days and then Highways will need to address the hole in the road.

6. **Minutes of the previous meeting** – 14th November 2023

These were circulated before the meeting, taken as read, and signed as a true record by The Chairman. These minutes will be posted on the website.

7. **Finance** – All circulated before and during the meeting

Balance of account **£30,473.21** @ 15.12.2023 – Statements shared with members and signed by Chairman.

- a. Precept for 2024/2025 for **£18890** – Approved and will be submitted to LDC by Clerk.

Payments approved for:

- b. £33.50 Clerks expense Dec 23/Jan 24
- c. £29.00 Anti-virus package for laptop
- d. £59.99 Microsoft for laptop
- e. £77 Village Hall hire for 2024 including litter pick.
- f. £36 SPCA – Cllr Green training

8. **Donations approved:**

- a. £150 Have a Heart
- b. £380 SASA
- c. £2500 to St Andrews, PCC for Burial grounds & £340 for clock maintenance
- d. £1820 Millennium Green
- e. £300 BRCD Haunton
- f. £1700 Village Hall
- g. £250 Haunton BKV

9. **Allotment** – Tenant's annual renewal cost approved:

£45 for Parishioners and £50 Non-Parishioners

10. **Neighbourhood Planning** meeting agreed for Wed 21st Feb 2024 @ 6:30pm

11. **SIDS** members agreed for:

- a. Purchase new devices. Cost - £4000 plus VAT from Elan City
- d. Existing device reportedly not always working Cllr E Leedham to monitor this.

12. **Neighbourhood items and reports.**
- a. The members agreed that Haunton phone box cannot be used for selling or advertising.
 - b. It was reported that the new bus is causing damage to the verge – Cllr Bennion still waiting for the bus company to get back to him.
 - c. Litter pick – 9th March @ 2pm.
Cllr Green to update risk assessment. Cllrs Amsden/Tongue to bake cakes.
Clerk to contact LDC and purchase refreshments. Cllr Leedham source rubbish bag collections on the day.
 - d. It was reported via email to the PC that the public footbridge near Cleat Farm is rotten and also a tree has been down for several months now blocking the footpath and bridge – The resident has reported this. To be monitored.
 - e. Bridle Path Gate, Pessal Lane – Report to Rights of Ways that the gate has been erected the wrong way – Clerk to do this.
13. **Standing Order** – Policy adopted
14. **Clerk holiday** – It was agreed (if necessary) if the Clerk cannot make a meeting due to being on holiday, the date can be change or recorded in her absence.

Meeting concluded @ 8.30pm

Next Meeting 12th March 2024