

CLIFTON CAMPVILLE WITH THORPE CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF EXTRA ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

5TH December 2024@ 7pm in the Clifton Campville Village Hall

Present: Cllr R Green (Chairman), Cllr K Dade, Cllr A Amsden, Cllr A Tongue, Cllr R Nicholls, Cllr P Bennion.

Members of the public in attendance: 18

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Bostock, Cllr E Leedham, Cllr R Leedham, S Hughes (Clerk)

2. **Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Bostock, Cllr E Leedham, Cllr R Leedham

3. **Members of the Public**

Discussion regarding new settlement at Thorpe. Concerns about current road infrastructure and belief that it would not be able to withstand such a large development without major works, which would not be feasible. In 1980s a relief road was a condition to any new development north of Tamworth of the Ashby Road. This was not adopted and new housing has been already developed on this route, resulting in further traffic congestion into Tamworth.

A view was raised that Cllrs of LDC may choose to adopt the land at Thorpe for the new Settlement, as it would achieve a large quota of their requirement, and should they then be asked by the Government to find further housing development, the Fradley site could then become an easy option as considerable development in this area already exist, together with the supporting infrastructure.

The public stated that Lichfield's Website was confusing and requested the PC to give the advice to how they would be able to comment and through the chair it was agreed that Cllr Nichols to give information of how to do this, and how they could access the site. A member of the public promised to post the details of FB for the benefit of others.

Statements were further made about the proposed developments around the village, concerns over flooding, sewerage, the River Mease catchment area, Conservation Area, Protected Open Spaces, and St Andrews Grade 1 church were all aired.

4. **Summary of Expert Advice**

Naomi Light, a resident of the village, a former Parish Councillor, and a qualified and experienced Town Planner gave feedback.

Naomi is going to object strongly regarding the proposed Thorpe Settlement. She declared a professional interest as her own company is involved with the Fradley proposed site.

However, she believes that the proposed Thorpe settlement is flawed on many levels. There is lack of infrastructure and there is no mention in the assessment of the protected SSSI Mease River, even though Thorpe is in the catchment area.

There are good transport links at Fradley, the A38 and a possible new railway station has been proposed.

The public session was then closed, and were made aware that they could stay for the remainder of the meeting but would not be able to speak or be involved whilst the Parish Council members went into discussion.

The Chairman opened the Extra Ordinary Meeting of Clifton Campville and Thorpe Constantine 12th November 2024.

As this is an Extra Ordinary Meeting the minutes of the last meeting 12th November, 2024, will be carried forward to be formally agreed at the next full Parish Council Meeting on 14th January, 2024.

5. Cllr Nichols and Cllr Bennion both gave explanations of how the Development Plan process works, what we can comment on, and how we can deliver our views to LDC.

One of the options open is to answer 33 pre-prepared questions that are on the Website. The Cllrs, guided by Cllr Nichols then proceeded to respond to the questions.

All Councillors gave views which Cllr Nichols noted.

Cllr Tongue and Cllr Dade to give additional information to support Cllr Nichols with the completion of the questionnaire.

It was agreed that Cllr Nichols would send the response into LDC by the 11th December, 2024.

Cllr Tongue thought Cllr Nichols should be thanked for the amount of work he has done on behalf of the PC.

All of the Cllrs present had spent considerable time trying to work through the minefield of information that LDC has provided and found it to be difficult to negotiate, at time ambiguous, and badly formatted.

All agreed that Cllr Nichols should be recognised for his expertise and dedication to this subject.

Meeting conclude at 8.45pm

Next meeting - Tuesday 14th January 2024