

CLIFTON CAMPVILLE WITH THORPE CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10th January 2023 @ 7:00 pm in Clifton Campville Village Hall

Present; Cllr Bent (Chairman), Cllr Amsden, Cllr Bostock, Cllr Green, Cllr Leedham
Cllr Nicholls

1. Apologies – Cllr Bennion, Sue Hughes (Clerk)

2. Declarations of Interest – Item 3a - Cllrs Green & Leedham
Item 7a – Cllr Leedham

3. Members of the Public

a) David & Marie Smith, new owners of The Green Man public house explained that they recognised that as this local facility had now been closed for some months, it's future would be a sensitive concern for the Parish Council and local residents. They advised that a Planning Application would shortly be submitted which envisaged modernisation of the interior, renovation of the ancillary buildings that would incorporate 2 dwellings and lettable retail space. These aspects had already been the subject of Pre-Planning dialogue with the District Council to ensure that the proposals would be sensitive to planning considerations, especially in view of the Listed status of the buildings. Mr & Mrs Smith responded comprehensively to questions raised by Councillors and members of the public.

b) A request was made for the Parish Council to organise another training session for use of the local defibrillators.

c) There was a discussion about how Community Speed Watch operated, with comment that despite Cllr Green having sought local interest via social media on 2 occasions, no response had been received.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th November 2022 had been circulated prior to the Meeting and were Approved and signed as an accurate record.

Matters Arising -

- a) Further to the Parish Council's previous consideration of a defibrillator to be installed within Haunton, an enquiry with the Mercia Park Community Fund had been declined, however, the operators of the weekly Haunton Hub community cafe had recently notified the Council that they had independently been accruing and sourcing funds for a village defibrillator which had now been purchased.
- b) Knights Farm, Haunton. Residents' allegations of activity that appeared to conflict with planning consents for this smallholding adjacent to the River Mease had dissipated and there currently seemed no need for Councillors for that locality to intervene.
- c) Condition of local roads - Cllr Leedham's meeting with Highways' Department staff had been disappointing, as Highways had only been willing to explore very limited items of concern, rather than the comprehensive inadequacies evident to Parish Cllrs.

5. Finance - Documents had been circulated with the Agenda.

- a) The Balance of £30,441.76 @ 15.12.2022 was noted.
- b) The Clerk's expenses of £26.00 were approved and signed
- c) The following payments were approved :-
 1. £30 Clerk's Election Training Course
 2. £19 Total AV – anti virus
 3. £35.99 Microsoft 365
 4. £134.31 Pennion Water Services (SSW)
 5. £150 – donation to Have a Heart for their support with the Council's defibrillators.
 6. £380 – donation to SASA
 7. £2000 - donation for burial grounds
 8. £1820 – donation for Millennium Green
 9. £300 – donation for BRCD, Haunton
 10. £1700 – donation for C.C Village Hall
 11. £250 – donation for Haunton BKV
 12. £70 – Hire of C.C. Village Hall

6. Allotments

Revision of Plot Holder Fees was approved
Parish Resident Plots – increase to £45
Non-Parish Resident Plots – increase to £50

7. Planning

Amended Application 22/00110/FULM

Land at Highfields Farm, Clifton Lane, Tamworth
Proposal – Installation of Solar Farm comprising ground mounted panels and infrastructure.

The Council had originally approved a response in March 2022 endorsing representations submitted by the Parochial Church Council and 12 residents. Documents submitted in respect of the amended application are complex, and further local representations refer to noted anomalies. The Parish Council considered that there was no reason to amend it's original representations.

8. Highways Items

- a) Additional Speed Indicator Device (SIDS)- Elan City quotation £4000 (ex VAT) Purchase was Proposed by Cllr Leedham and Seconded by Cllr Green and was unanimously approved. As with the periodic relocation of the original SIDS equipment, which is carried out locally on the optional roadside poles, it was agreed to local fitment of the new item.
- b) Highways Representative visit – as noted in **Item 4c**
- c) Poor state of local roads and poor durability of repair works – Cllrs Green and Leedham offered to carry out a general review of local road problems and ensure that as many as possible are added to the County Council records by utilising the "Report It" process, so that the Highways Department cannot avoid being aware of the decrepitude of road surfaces currently evident within the Parish. Information relating to the Highways' "Report It" facility will also be added to local Social Media as an attempt to encourage residents to refer their own road concerns directly to the Department specifically responsible for correcting them.
- d) Community Speed Watch Equipment – in view of the local Co-ordinator wishing to relinquish their responsibilities, Cllr Nicholls offered to collect the equipment currently held by his neighbour, on behalf of the Parish Council, with the intention that it could then readily be made available if interest in forming a Local Speed Watch team re-emerges. (Note info/current status in Item 3.c)

9. Village Items

a) **Annual Parish Litter Pick – Saturday 11th March 2023** - The Clerk has confirmed that the customary inputs of Lichfield D C have been arranged, and C. C. Village Hall has been booked.

b) **Clifton Campville Neighbourhood Watch** Cllr Amsden had established that the former coordinator no longer wished to participate, and residents' input had diminished. but she had learnt that Sue Wadham was prepared to accept the role if sufficient residents expressed interest in the formation of a new village group. It was considered that the Mease Valley News, distributed widely within the area may be the most practical vehicle for seeking expressions of interest and that this should be progressed in liaison with Sue Wadham.

10. NEXT MEETING – a hiatus had emerged regarding the viability of holding the Next Meeting on the 14th March, and it was proposed and agreed that the

Next Meeting would be held on TUESDAY, 7TH MARCH AT 7:00 P.M.

The Meeting concluded at 8:10 p.m.