

CLIFTON CAMPVILLE WITH THORPE CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
14th November 2023 @ 7pm
In the Clifton Campville village hall

Present: Cllr Green (chairman), Cllr E Leedham, Cllr R Leedham, Cllr Amsden, Cllr Tongue, Cllr Nicholls, Cllr Tongue, Cllr Bostock, Cllr Bennion.

Sue Hughes (Clerk).

Also present: 11 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** – County Cllr White

2. **Declaration of interest** – Cllrs Tongue, Amsden and R Leedham.

3. **District and County Councillors report**

District Cllr Bennion reported that the Lichfield plan 2040 has been scrapped and was overwhelmingly passed by the Council. Cllr Bennion shared his disappointment and thought disrespect had been shown to those who have worked on this plan, some in their own time and it now means they will have to start again at an extra expense. Thorpe Constantine was mentioned as a possibility for future development.

4. **Members of the public**

Cllr R Nicholls informed the public that the Parish Council is not a planning authority and any report sent to the Planning Officer from the Parish Council is given no more or less weight than any other comments that the Council receives from the public. Cllrs Tongue, Amsden and R Leedham who declared an interest left the room.

David Lodge asked for an update on the speed camera and was informed that the PC was looking into this and also asked for an update on the hole on the road on Main Street (by Old Post Office) which is still there and has been for a while - the PC has no update. Millenium Green and Village Hall spending report will be sent in and it is hoped that the donation from the PC will be maintained.

9 members of the public attended to discuss their opinions regarding planning application No: 23/01022/FUL, 11 Chestnut Lane, 6 of those in attendance addressed the members of the PC. Concerns and objections received included the following: Height of the property, the visibility from Chestnut Lane and Coppice Lane towering above existing properties, changing the skyline. The driveway does not meet legal requirements and pedestrian visibility is obstructed, hedgerows have grown taller and wider. The applicants cannot currently see pedestrians or vehicles when pulling out of their driveway.

It was also pointed out that there was no objection to someone wanting to develop on their land but this plan is significantly bigger than the previous plan and is impacting on amenities for their own and neighbour's garden, who also have concerns but could not attend the meeting. The plan also does not show that property no.10 in Coppice Lane is lower than it states, so the plan is incorrect.

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Concerns are visual impact, the impact on the community, the impact on the gardens. If the plan had been similar to the original one, it may have been acceptable but the new one is dreadful and the plans are flawed and it will be higher than all the other buildings. Plans state that the road is a quiet one and it isn't.

The existing parking outside already causing problems on Chestnut Lane and there is not enough room for potentially 7 parking cars to be parked and so they will end up parking on the road.

The public was thanked for their attendance and comments and informed that they were welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting but as spectators only.

5. Planning

a. Application No: 23/01022/FUL - (Full Application)

Applicant: Mr and Mrs Tongue

Location: 11 Chestnut Lane, Clifton Campville, Tamworth, Staffordshire

Proposal: Erection of 1no. private dwelling house, detached garage and ancillary works.

Comments raised by The Parish Council - There is an amenity issue which could be resolved with a smaller building. The issue with the surrounding gardens is efficient to warrant an objection. No objection to the principle of the development but should be in scale to the surrounding ones. An adopted policy includes careful respect for the surrounding area including scale and proportion, this should be considered.

Provision for parking and turning in the site is a valid argument and the lack of visibility has not been referred to in any of the applications so falls on this argument.

The PC will object to the size of the building and detached garage and the amenity to Neighbouring properties. It was agreed that Cllr Nicholls would produce a report and the Clerk will submit it to the Planning Officer.

b. Arkall development to Syerscote Lane – It was noted that there was suggestion there could be an exit from the 1000 dwelling estate onto Syerscote Lane and that would be inappropriate. Need to monitor the application.

6. Minutes of the previous meeting – 12th September 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.

Matter arising – 9b Hedges on Main Road and Lullington Road have now been cut.

The overgrown hedge on Main St near the roundabout still requires attention.

7. Finance – All circulated before and during the meeting

Balance of account **£32,608.28** @ 13.10.2023 – Statements shared with members.

Bank statements were signed by The Chairman.

Payment was approved for:

- a. £33.50 - Clerks expense for Oct/Nov 2023
- b. £32.93 – Richard Green for notice board repairs
- c. £30 – Training course for Cllr A Amsden
- d. £75 – Donation to Royal British Legion Poppy appeal

8. **Neighbourhood items and reports**
 - a. Parking outside the school during drop-off and pick-up times.
Clerk to email concerned resident with useful link to help with blocked driveway.
Clerk to email PCSO with evidence of cars parked inconsiderately at this time.
 - b. Litter pick date for 2024 will be Saturday 9th March.
 - c. Christmas tree – It was agreed that no tree would be purchased this year.
9. **Neighbourhood Planning –**
Deferred to January 2024 to consider action to be taken.
10. **Grants - Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Funding Programme 2024-2027**
Cllr Tongue was informed at a meeting that the PC did not fit the criteria for this.
11. **Councillor's Reports**
 - a. Phone box and bus shelters require attention.
A job specification is required to obtain quotes for repairs. Cllr Nicholls to action.
 - b. Notice board in need of more improvement. Cllr Green to action.
 - c. Defibrillator located at the village hall – code missing. Clerk to inform Have a Heart of this.
 - d. £120.66 + VAT to purchase new SID's bracket agreed, Cllr E Leedham to buy.
Clerk to obtain quotes for new devices.
12. Dates of meetings for 2024 agreed –
Second Tuesday of the month in Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept, Nov (subject to change).
13. Clerk salary – £1 per hour pay award backdated to 1.4.2023 agreed by all members
In line with E01-23 – 2022/23 Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2023.
14. AOB
 - a. School bus is damaging verges on Main St/Coppice lane – Cllr Bennion to discuss this with the bus company.
 - b. Report blocked drains to Cllr Alan White. These have already been reported to Highways but issues have not been resolved – Clerk to send email.

The meeting concluded at 20:43

Next Meeting 9th January 2024