

**CLIFTON REYNES & NEWTON BLOSSOMVILLE  
JOINT PARISH COUNCIL  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in the Reading Room.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Finn-Kelcey, present were Councillors Kent, Sibbald, Swanston and Watson together with 11 members of the public, MK Cllr Brock, the prospective Conservative councillor Mr David Hosking and PCSO Ryan Michel

1. Election of Chair – Mr Swanston proposed and Mrs Watson seconded Mrs Kent
2. Election of Vice Chair – Mrs Kent proposed and Mr Swanston seconded Mr Sibbald
3. Chair and Clerks Report

4. Attendance at meetings by councillors has been excellent but attendance by members of the public is still low.

Meetings are usually held on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday in February, May, August and November.

There were 13 planning applications all except one were approved.

After a considerable amount of work by councillors and the clerk the application for the Robin Hood Public House to become a Community Asset was approved on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2013. This will remain in place for the next five years and will then need to be renewed. The marquee is still in demand mainly for charity functions but private hire charges have been increased to £300.

The provision of dog waste bins is a success as are grass cutting contracts. Both contracts have been renewed for 2015 at the same prices as 2014.

Membership of the BALC and NALC has been continued and Standing Orders adopted. During the year a dispensation was made on the declaration of interest for councillors to avoid quorum problems in the event of non attendance by a councillor. Six allotments are in use and there is no waiting list. The number has been reduced from 8 in total due to lack of demand and two are currently empty.

General costs have increased but it has not been necessary to use deposit money to cover these thanks to increased precept in 2014 and less unplanned expenditure.

The Joint Parish Council has expressed its concerns over the proposed planning application for a solar farm at Petsoe however no further information is available.

Donations to the Reading Room and two PCC's were made of £225.

Clerk's salary for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014 remains at £1000.

Members of the public are reminded that it is this council's policy that they are only permitted to speak on a subject at the end of the meeting unless requested to do so during proceedings by the Chair. Any items they wish to have discussed at a meeting should be directed through a parish councillor a minimum of three days prior to the meeting.

5. Election of Representatives to
  - (a) Reading Room Committee –Mr Swanston was proposed by Mrs Watson, and seconded by Mrs Kent
  - (b) Kites Charity new appointments to 2017
  
6. Annual General Meeting Minutes 2013 – These were agreed to be correct and signed by the Chair
  
7. Matters Arising

Renewal of dispensation on declaration of interest for councillors for a further year and Re-adoption of all standing orders- Proposed Mrs Kent seconded Mrs Watson
  
8. 2013/2014 Accounts – these had been audited by the internal auditor and agreed to be correct. They were then signed by the Chair ready for sending to the external Auditors.

Mr Sibbald queried the value of the assets, which up until the 2013 accounts had been devalued by 10% per annum. The clerk explained that she had been instructed to discontinue this by the external auditors Messrs Mazars.

Since the meeting Mazars have confirmed the reason to the clerk as follows:  
'Proper Practice, as specified in the Practitioners Guide, states that accounting concepts such as depreciation and impairment adjustments are not appropriate for local councils and that for reporting purposes, the 'book' value of fixed assets should usually stay constant until disposal'
  
9. Reports - Allotments- given in clerks reports  
Footpaths – nothing to report
  
10. Any other business – there being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10pm and re-opened as a General Meeting

