

CLIFTON REYNES & NEWTON BLOSSOMVILLE JOINT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Reynes & Newton Blossomville Joint Parish Council held at the Reading Room, Newton Blossomville 7.30pm on Wednesday 14th December 2016 when the following business was conducted.

PRESENT Councillors Noel Sibbald (Chairman) together with Councillors Gerry Cronin, David Swanton and Simon Rees, and Ward Cllr David Hoskings together with the Parish Clerk Tracey Young

1. To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Apologies received from Ward Councillors Peter Geary and Keith McLean

2. To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr Sibbald will discuss the Finance and website costs.
Cllr Swanton mentioned an interest in Planning Applications
Cllr Rees advised his interest in the Pavilion Pre-planning Application

3. To receive and approve the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Joint Parish Council and the Meeting of Clifton Reynes and Newton Blossomville Joint Parish Council both held on Wednesday 19th October 2016

Resolved to receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Meeting of the Joint Parish Council and the Meeting of Clifton Reynes and Newton Blossomville Joint Parish Council both held on Wednesday 17th August 2016 as previously circulated were taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman.

4. Election of Councillor

Cllr Sibbald reported that the Parish had 1 candidate interested in the position of Councillor and that was Louise Evans. All Cllrs in agreement with Louise joining the Council and a Declaration of Acceptance was signed and a copy will be sent to MKC.

5. Clerks Report

Nothing to report

6. Resolutions

- 1) Approve Budget for 2017/18

Cllr Sibbald handed out the proposed budget and confirmed that the precept would be increased by 3% and asked the Cllrs whether they were happy to approve the budget and whether they had any questions.

Cllr Swanton had no questions

Cllr Rees asked whether the budget for marquee repairs was enough

Cllr Cronin mentioned that the HMRC, Pensions and SLCC values needed to be added.

Cllr Hoskings advised that there was some savings lines that probably needed to be factored into the budget as there were proposals to stop the following:

- Re-stocking grit bins- £150 - £200
- Weed spraying. £50k line item in the budget possibly a cost of £300 - £400 to

the Parish

Cllr Hoskings commented that these lines may not make it into the final budget. Cllr Hoskings advised that the MKC Budget meeting would be the 14th February 2017.

All Cllrs approved the budget with the 3% Precept

(2) Adopt Financial Regulations

Cllr Sibbald had previously distributed the Councils Regulations and asked whether the Cllrs were ok to adopt. All Cllrs were in agreement that the Financial Regulations were to be adopted.

7. Finance

Accounts to 14.12.2016 are below.

Already approved through budget:

Grass cutting - £93.60

Dog bins - £96.84

Clerks salary – Nov £177.12

Clerks Expenses – Nov £20.12

Retrospective approval for:

Geraldine Cronin Bolts for Marquee - £7.20

Council website hosting and domain for the year November - £74.22

All Councillors approved the above finances

Current Account Balance as at 5.12.16: **£9,904.22**

Deposit Account Balance as at 5.12.16: **£6,641.33**

Solar Farm Funding:

Reading Room Flooring	£ 1,010.99	Paid		
Kites Charity (Gazebos)	£ 800.00	Paid		
Churchyard NB	£ 780.00	Paid		
Churchyard CR	£ 1,350.00	Paid		
Allotment Water Supply	£ 1,850.00	Paid		
Remainder to CR Pavillion	£ 5,617.01	Outstanding		
MKC response to Planning Application - £92.00				

Cllr Swanston asked Cllr Hoskings whether Parish Councils receive half price planning applications. Cllr Hoskings responded that he had never heard of that. TY to ask Planning.

8. Planning

16/03256 Tressidy, 8 Spring Lane, Clifton Reynes – Notification of intention to fell 1 x Blue Atlas Cedar. Cllrs no comment

16/03214 The Old Rectory, Church Lane, Clifton Reynes – Notification of intention to fell 1 x Betula Pubescen. Cllrs no comment

16/02987 Ash Keys, Clifton Rd, Newton Blossomville - Indoor swimming pool, kitchen extension, pitched roof to existing porch / garage and associated alterations, including taking down Ash tree and Leylandii hedge. Cllrs submitted an objection based on noise

and smell.. TY to check portal

80 houses in Turvey. Cllr Sibbald and other Cllrs and residents attended a meeting to discuss the houses in Turvey. Cllr Sibbald commented that the main concern from the village was the amount of traffic that would go through the village and that the Parish had not been consulted. Cllr Sibbald spoke to James at Richborough and was advised information had been sent through. TY confirmed that nothing had been received. Cllr Sibbald asked for comments.

Cllr Swanston mentioned that the application was outside the village envelope.

Cllr Hoskings asked whether it was outline planning permission or full, Cllr Sibbald was unsure. Cllr Hoskings suggested it was outline and that it was academic. Cllr Sibbald confirmed he would be in touch with Turvey Parish Council.

Cllr Cronin expressed concern regarding the traffic report and Cllr Sibbald suggested the Parish do their own report.

9. Reports

- (a) Chairman – Cllr Sibbald confirmed that he would send out details of the Turvey Housing to the village. Regarding the removal of BT phone boxes Cllr Swanston asked how they would leave the base, TY to investigate. Cllr Swanston suggested asking for support for a red phone box. Cllr Cronin agreed with Cllr Swanston's suggestion of a defibrillator.

Cllr Sibbald confirmed broadband was in the village and each case was being dealt with through BT.

Cllr Sibbald advised that the responsibilities of the Parish would be divided up between the Councillors, giving each an area of interest:

Cllr Cronin would look after Finance
Cllr Evans would look after HR, Training and Pensions
Cllr Sibbald would look after Governance and IT
Cllr Rees would look after Assets
Cllr Swanston would look after Public Realm & Footpaths

Cllr Sibbald concluded by saying that the Parish email address would be changed and an email would be sent out within the next couple of days.

(b) Ward Cllrs – Cllr Hoskings highlighted the following proposal on the budget as follows:

- Remove support to BALC £6000 in 2016 and £6000 in 2017
- Bus Operators – certain routes will be affected
- Grit bins
- Street cleansing frequency
- Reduce rapid reaction for street cleansing such as fly tipping
- Stop out of hours emergency response team/noise service
- Changes to gritting service on marginal nights there will be no gritting in rural areas

Cllrs Hoskings will know more in 6-8 weeks and would report early 2017.

(c) Councillors – (Cold Brayfield Bridge)

Cllr Swanston reported that he had contacted Mr Pearce who advised that the 2 structures at the southern end of the route had been assessed as structural incapacity and needs replacing, Mr Hartigan had confirmed he would accept the replacement bridges to be 2 metres wide. The Ecology report has been completed and further studies are required for otters and water voles and a number of critical trees to be felled. Consultation period for the diversion of the bridleway is well underway and expires in February 2017 and this will most likely be presented in March 2017.

Cllr Cronin asked what was happening with the causeway and Cllr Swanston confirmed that it was being widened by 2 metres.

Cllr Swanston also mentioned that he was asked whether the Needham bridle footpath was open yet in which he responded that he had spoken to Andrew Burton today who advised that the Needham Solicitor has put in a complaint which was now with MKC solicitors. Cllr Swanston reported that he had gone to the meeting and Cllr Geary was there who summed up the report brilliantly. At the meeting MKC reported that it would be re-opened as a bridle way but if Needham's object this could take a couple of years.

Cllr Swanston confirmed that there is still money available from the wind farm which is £11000 at the moment and £4500 coming in annually which will increase to £9000 once deficit is paid off.

Regarding the Clifton path, Cllr Swanston advised that the landowner was asked to clear the pathway so the contractor could gain access. This has been done. Cllr Sibbald asked Cllr Swanston to push for a start date and what were the hold ups.

Cllr Swanston confirmed that he can't report the pothole outside the pub as it is not deep enough, but has reported the pothole opposite Brook Lane and that the gullies had been cleared. Cllr Sibbald advised he would send out a communication to the Village to request they clear leaves and gravel from their gullies.

Cllr Swanston concluded that the he had attended several meetings regarding the Scheme of Delegation and that MKC are trying to restrict the number of applications that go to committee as it is costly, more often than not it is the PC that asks them to go to committee and then they don't turn up. Cllr Hoskings confirmed that the Scheme of Delegation was a document which defines which planning application gets either refused or agreed by offices versus a committee of Councillors and that over 90% of applications gets dealt by officers and the other 10% go to committee. MKC want to decrease the number of applications going to officers as it is expensive.

Cllr Sibbald confirmed that the Parish would write into MKC as the consultation period was still out until the 30th December 2016.

(d) Cllr Rees confirmed that the application finally went in for the Pavilion yesterday and hopefully will have an answer by February.

Cllrs Rees concluded that 94 planning applications had been made since 2013 of which 8 of those were retrospective applications and 7 of those 8 were agreed in the last 18 months.

10. Public Participation

1 member of public mentioned that she had moved back into the village and this was her first meeting. Welcome back to the village.

Cllr Hoskings advised that Wednesdays were difficult for the Ward Cllrs to get to and as they have full Council meetings therefore Cllr Sibbald suggested we change the meetings to a Thursday. Cllrs all agreed to Thursday.

TY to send email to Mr Holloway and change the dates

11. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 16th February 2017, 7.30pm at the Reading Room Newton Blossomville.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 8.40pm.

Signed:

Noel Sibbald
Chairperson

Date:

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