

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 8.00pm on Wednesday 18th May 2016 when the following business was conducted.

PRESENT Councillors Mr N Sibbald (Chairman) together with Councillors Gerry Cronin, Simon Rees, David Swanston and David Wrightson together with the Parish Clerk Karen Turnbull

1. **To receive any apologies for non-attendance**

None

2. **To receive any declarations of interest**

None

3. **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Reynes and Newton Blossomville Joint Parish Council held on Wednesday 24th February 2016**

Resolved to receive and approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Clifton Reynes and Newton Blossomville Joint Parish Council held on Wednesday 24th February 2016 as previously circulated were taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman.

4. **Clerks report for information only**

Sue Chaundy, from Milton Keynes Council, submitted a report regarding the Cold Brayfield/Newton Blossomville bridge replacement project. It is anticipated that the new bridge will be constructed during 2017 and completed by the end of Summer 2017. Full report to be published on notice boards. **Action Clerk**

Three quotations were obtained by the previous Clerk to clear rubbish and asbestos on land adjacent to the allotments in Clifton Reynes. The Joint Parish Council agreed to proceed with one of the contractors. The contractor is waiting for the ground to dry and firm up and work is anticipated to proceed late May/early June.

5. **Resolutions**

- (1) To **Resolve** to seek clarity with regard to the proposed sports pavillion on parish land adjacent to Clifton Reynes allotments.

Questions and concerns have been raised by some parishioners in Clifton Reynes. It was agreed that Cllr Rees would arrange an open meeting where members of the public will be able to raise concerns, ask questions and gauge a better idea of what the community hut will be used for and what it will look like. Depending on the outcome of this event, a questionnaire may be sent to the residents of Clifton Reynes to ascertain the level of support for the venture.
Action Cllr Rees.

This will be discussed further at the next meeting in August 2016.

- (2) To **Resolve** to give the Clerk authorisation to hand old parish minute books and finance ledgers to Bucks County Council Archives for safe storage.

Resolved to give authorisation to the Clerk to take old parish minute books and

finance ledgers to Bucks County Council Archives. The Clerk suggested holding an open morning or afternoon where parishioners could view the books before they are taken to the Archives. **Action Clerk to arrange suitable date at the Reading Room.**

- (3) To **Resolve** to review and approve the Council's Insurance Policy and Schedule.

Resolved to approve the Council's insurance policy and schedule with Zurich.
Action Clerk to look in to risk assessment relating to the marquee as this is a requirement of the insurance company.

- (4) To **Resolve** to approve the Council's Bank Mandates for Barclays Bank (*all councillors would be registered plus the Parish Clerk for administrative purposes only*)

Resolved to approve the Council's Bank Mandates. All Councillors will be signatories and the Clerk for administrative purposes only.

6. **Finance**

Accounts to 31.3.2016 are attached.

Already approved through budget:

Anglian Water - £1.74

Grass Cutting - £114, £108

Dog Bins - £77.47, £77.47

Clerks Salary and expenses March/April including £133.80 tax rebate £626.85

Newton Blossomville PCC £780 from Solar Grant

Bucks Playing Field Association Membership £20

BMKALC / NALC Membership £69.02

The above payments were noted by the Councillors.

To approve the following items of expenditure for the month:

Training for parish clerk, new councillors and chairperson training for vice chair £186.20.

Resolved that the above payments are authorised and paid.

Balance current account - £7085.14 Balance deposit account - £13767.93

7. **Planning**

16/00186 Poultry Shed Costerpits Farm, NB - change of use to dwelling - approved.

16/00823 Walnuts Cottage, Spring Lane, Clifton Reynes - the Joint Parish Council have no comment regarding the plan, but noted that a neighbour had objected to Milton Keynes Council.

8. **Reports**

- (a) Cllr Sibbald welcomed the new Councillors and Clerk. He recognises that all Councillors have things that they wish the Joint Parish Council to focus on and is looking forward to working collectively with them to achieve these over the next 4 years. Cllr Sibbald also thanked the outgoing Councillors Margaret Watson, Alison Kent Will Finn-Kelcey. Lastly he wished to thank the previous Clerk, Heather Rodgers, for her diligence and hard work over the last 22 years. The Joint Parish Council all wish her well in her retirement.
- (b) Ward Councillors - No Ward Councillors were available to attend the meeting and no reports were submitted.
- (c) Wind Farm - Cllr Swanston advised that there was some money available but we do not need to apply as we have no qualifying projects which require funding at present.

9. **Public Participation**

A member of the public expressed concern regarding the path from the church in Newton Blossomville towards the bridge. When crossing the water meadow, about half way along on the right of the path, there is about 4 or 5 feet of handrail. Opposite this on the left is a tree. The path has been put between these. This is fine for walkers, but impossible for anyone in a wheelchair and if one is on a horse. **Action Clerk to contact Milton Keynes Council Footpaths Officer.**

A member of the public enquired if the land adjacent to the allotments was purely for this purpose only and not be used for anything other than this. Cllr Rees and the Clerk both confirmed that there is covenant on the title register which states it is to be used for recreational purposes only.

Cllr Rees advised that members of the public had asked if the agenda/minutes could be emailed to parishioners. It was agreed that the Clerk would send an email out 1 month prior to the meetings reminding the time and date and providing links to the website for the agendas and minutes. **Action Clerk.**

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, 17th August 2016. 7.30pm at the Reading Room Newton Blossomville.

There being no further business the meeting finished at 9.30pm.

Signed:
Noel Sibbald
Chairperson

Date: