

**CLIFTON REYNES & NEWTON BLOSSOMVILLE
JOINT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 19th February 2014 in the Reading Room at 7.30pm. In attendance Cllr.Kent, Cllr Watson, Cllr Sibbald, Cllr.Finn-Kelcey and Cllr Swanston. MK Cllr Geary and five members of the public.

1. Minutes of last meeting: These were agreed to be correct and signed by the Chairman

2. Matters arising:

Land at Newton Blossomville – Mr Swanston reported no further development.

Potholes both villages – Clerk and Mr Swanston both reported that the major ones had been dealt with but that others had now appeared and had been reported. Barn cottage Newton Blossomville would require a major repair to the road.

Clifton Reynes flooding – Clerk has had no response to two e-mails sent over last three weeks – to be followed up again. A letter of thanks had been received thanking the Clerk and Council for its prompt action in reporting the issues.

Sewage problem Newton Blossomville - Mr Swanston reported that this had been dealt with.

Footpath to Olney at river – Mr Finn-Kelcey had met with Mr Burton directly following the last meeting and it had been agreed that repairs would be carried out when weather conditions improved. It was not deemed necessary to close the path at this stage.

There was some discussion concerning the ownership of the footbridge to Olney and this has been confirmed as belonging to MK Council. The Clerk will follow up this repair work.

There was also confusion concerning the parish boundary with Olney. Cllr.Finn-Kelcey stated that the river bank on the Olney side is in the ownership of Mr John Frost. The parish boundary runs along the centre of the river from Clifton towards the mill race. At the backwater the boundary then crosses over to the far side of the river to include the entire surface area of the water so that in days gone by the owner of the old Clifton mill had complete control of the waters. The parish boundary then diverts back to the centre of the river at the pool known as the Sheep Wash and continues down the centre of the river towards Olney mill. He also confirmed that there is registered documentary evidence of this.

3. Milton Keynes Correspondence

Weekly News 22/10/13 to 14/2/1

NEAF minutes 3rd December 2013 and notice of next meeting 5/3/14 Lavendon

4. Planning

13/02632 Change of use barn at Newton Lodge Farm to B1 – letter sent re access

13/02487 Wall and extra gravel standing Moor End Cottage, CR – approved

13/02331 single wind turbine at Hollington Wood Emberton (for info only)

13/02624 Solar Farm Eakley Lanes Stoke Goldington (same terms apply)

5. Financial

Retrospective approval for precept request £6250 proposed Mrs Kent seconded Mrs Watson

Retrospective approval dog bins November £77.47, December £96.84, January £77.47

Proposed Mr Swanston seconded Mr Finn Kelcey

Retrospective approval purchase Clerks Manual £55.50 proposed Mrs Kent seconded Mr Sibbald

Retrospective approval Anglian water £23.29 proposed Mrs Kent seconded Mrs Watson

Allotments quotation for grass cutting 2014 – same as previous year (£25 CR and £60 NB), unused allotments to be strimmed upon request at £6 each per cut.

Requests for donations 2 x PCC's and Reading Room (previously £225) same amounts

Proposed Mrs Kent seconded Mrs Watson

Clerks salary May 2013 to April 2014 (previously £1000) same amount proposed Mrs Kent Seconded Mrs Watson

Clerks expenses £75.97 proposed Mr Finn Kelcey seconded Mrs Watson

Current account: £5724.79 Deposit account: £2260.81

6. Miscellaneous

Proposed Solar Farm Petsoe End. Mr Foll presented the meeting with details he had produced on costings and possible revenue from this project. He suggested that the council should consider using any such funds received to create a Community fund for the benefit of the community in general. With that in mind the council agreed to contact Emberton Parish Council with a view to acting jointly when this proposal goes forward for official planning approval.

He also expressed concern about the slow broadband service to the village. The Joint Parish Council can confirm that the whole of Clifton Reynes village will be upgraded in Phase 4 of the BDUK rollout during the period April to September 2015. The Joint Parish Council has invited Martyn Smith to attend a future meeting to fully discuss the issue particularly as Newton Blossomville is not included in the upgrade.

Mr Swanston reported that the problem at Riverview Barn NB had hopefully been resolved. He had also contacted Anglian Water about possibly screening the pumping station due to lack of funding this was not possible.

He was to contact Andy Burton regarding the very poor state of the footpath from Cold Brayfield to Newton Blossomville and report back to the next meeting.

The Millennium field hedge was also in need of trimming and as this has been done previously by Brayfield Estate Mr Finn-Kelcey agreed to contact Mr Steele on this matter and report back to the next meeting.

Mr Finn-Kelcey reported that the hedge on the side of the road opposite also needed attention and that he would deal with this and cut it himself if necessary.

Following a question from Mrs Wrigglesworth there was a discussion with her concerning those villagers on the Clifton Reynes Joint Parish Council Information list and her village e-mail list. Mrs Kent explained that it was not appropriate for Joint Parish Council information to be forwarded through a third party. All councillors agreed with this. The Clerk then informed the meeting that she has e-mail addresses of those who wished to be on the Joint Parish Council Information list and always contacts new residents. Mrs Foll requested that Agendas and Minutes are e-mailed to everyone on the Parish Council Information list prior to meetings. This was not a question that had been notified to the Joint Parish Council for discussion in advance and so initially Mrs Kent agreed to this. However, following further discussion by Councillors it was pointed out that it was not known if this would be welcomed by the majority of people particularly as the information appears on the web site, on the noticeboards, and can be collected in paper form from the Clerk. How to obtain Agendas and Minutes also appears in the Parish Newsletter together with the resume of each meeting. It was therefore decided that the Clerk would send out an e-mail reminding Clifton Reynes villagers of the meeting when notices were placed on the noticeboards, this will also be done by Cllr. Swanston in Newton Blossomville.

Councillors would like to remind villagers that questions for discussion should be submitted via a Councillor prior to the Joint Parish Council meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting : AGM 14th May 2014 in Reading Room at 7.30pm