

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 19th October 2016 when the following business was conducted.

PRESENT Councillors Noel Sibbald (Chairman) together with Councillors Gerry Cronin, David Swanston and Simon Rees, and from MKC James Pearce and Andrew Burton together with the Parish Clerk Tracey Young

1. To receive any apologies for non-attendance

Apologies received from Ward Councillors Peter Geary, David Hosking and Keith McLean

2. To receive any declarations of interest

None

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 17th August 2016

Resolved 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 17th August 2016 as previously circulated were taken as read approved as being a correct record and signed as such by the Chairman.

4. Update on Cold Brayfield bridge project from James Pearce and Andrew Burton from MKC

First comment was from Mr Hartigan who expressed how happy he was with the work being done

Mr Pearce handed out drawings and reported the following

- Liaised with Environment Agency and have agreed that the underside of the bridge to be approximately 700mm lower than the existing narrow bridge which will be higher than the existing wider bridge. The soffit may also be curved reducing levels at the riverbank.
- The position of the new bridge to be 40 metres up stream
- The span of new structure will be in the region of 34m, materials etc to be determined
- A 2m width causeway (from the boat house) is deemed adequate
- Surfacing still to be determined
- Survey has been done along with the geotechnical survey
- No detailed design yet

Mr Hartigan expressed that it is important to know what the bridge will look like and Cllr Sibbald agreed along with Mr Pearce that regular meetings and updates should take place. The next meeting to be in January.

Mr Hartigan added that the pipes under the bridge need to be made slightly bigger to help with flooding. Mr Pearce advised that the Environmental Agency will only accept

the current causeway finished surface level but took on board comments regarding the pipes.

Cllr Swanston asked whether the bridle way and footpath would be joined together. Mr Burton responded that this would go to public consultation and asked whether this would be a problem. Cllr Swanston asked whether horses would have to dismount at the new bridge and would blocks be provided. Mr Burton confirmed that riders would be asked to dismount and blocks would be provided.

A member of public asked whether they had a say as to the parapet being made of wood or metal. Mr Pearce advised that this would be further down the line but timber would look better and they would try and achieve this.

Further comment from a member of public asked at what stage, would the old bridge would go. Mr Pearce advised this was a tricky site and that a crane would be required and would know more later on in the project. Mr Pearce followed on that the route through would have to be closed for safety reasons but at the shortest time possible.

5. Clerks Report

Mr Burton advised an update regarding the bridge and vegetation within Clifton Reynes as follows:

- A contractor has been appointed
- The Environmental Agency believe that they should be exempt which means the works can be done as soon as they confirm
- Slabs to be replaced

Cllr Sibbald confirmed that he would contact Pete with regard to suggested dates for the reading room parishioners to view the books. **Action Cllr Sibbald**

Flooring for the marquee. Cllr Cronin to take over negotiations. **Action Cllr Cronin.**

Asbestos was found in the land next to Clifton Reynes allotments and the Parish paid for this to be removed.

A small part of the road running from Emberton to Clifton Reynes has had some edgings re-tarmaced and will be ongoing.

At the Parish Council meeting in August Cllr Keith McLean questioned the wording and legality regarding dispensations and after speaking to MKC Cllr McLean advised that this was in order and apologised for any confusion caused.

6. Resolutions

We have received £435.59 through the transparency fund for a laptop, scanner and printer or the new Clerk. All Cllrs were in agreement to spend.

BT have advised that the phone boxes in the village would be removed and if we would like to object there is a form. **TY to send to Noel for distribution**

1 member of public asked whether the phonebox would stay if they were to object which Cllr Sibbald replied that if there was good reason then BT would possibly keep it. Cllr Cronin made a comment that the phone boxes in Clifton Reynes and Newton Blossomville had never had an outgoing call this year.

Accounts to 19.10.2016 are below.

Already approved through budget:

Grass Cutting - £93.60, £93.60

Dog Bins - £96.84, £77.47

Clerks Salary - Aug £274.29, Sept £139.52

Anglian Water - £42.55 (6 monthly invoice)

Clifton Reynes PCC Solar grant fund - £1350.00

The above payments were noted by the Councillors.

Retrospective approval for:
Mazars external audit - £150.00

Approval for:
Allan Snow Accountant payroll services Apr - Sept - £72.00

Resolved that the above payments are authorised and paid.

Clerk to find out when the last cut will be done and confirmation of contract – **Action TY**

Balance current account - **£903.03** Balance deposit account - **£13769.65**

Clerk confirmed that asbestos invoice had been paid.

7. Finance

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Balance current account - **£11,547.36** Balance deposit account - **£6,641.33**

Solar Farm Funding:
Grant Total £11,500.00

The following are all paid:

Reading Room Flooring - £1010.99
Kites Charity (Gazebos) - £800.00
Churchyard NB - £780.00
Churchyard CR - £1350.00
Allotment Water Supply - £1850.00

Remainder to CR Pavilion - £5709.01 Outstanding

8. Planning

Planning applications will be considered and if not contentious then the Cllrs will not visit the residents

16/01469 The Hive, Timpson Lane – Approved
16/01698 Home Farm, Newton Blossomville – Approved
16/01699 Home Farm, Newton Blossomville – Listed building consent
16/01873 Wood Cottage, Newton Blossomville – Application withdrawn

16/02501 Newton Lodge Farm
16/02190 Home Farm Barns, 10 Spring Lane, Clifton Reynes
16/02778 Site at Home Farm and Church Farm

9. Reports

(a) Chairman – Cllr Sibbald reported that Karen Turnbull the previous Clerk had now left and that the new Clerk was now Tracey Young. Cllr Sibbald thanked Karen for all her hard work.

Cllr Dave Wrightson has also left and we are looking for a Councillor to replace him. Cllr Sibbald thanked Cllr Wrightson for all his hard work.

Cllr Swanston added that Mr Needham closed a right of way which he had right to do so as on the MK's definitive map this does not show as a bridleway. Some maps show this as a highway, some do not. Cllr Swanston added that he has used this bridleway for many years and this could be re-directed. A committee meeting to follow next month.

(b) Ward Cllrs – nothing to report

(c) Councillors – (Pavilion) Cllr Rees advised he would have more to say in December as there has been a change of contact in the planning department and now he needs to go through the history and legality of the land along with a site visit.

(Flooding) Cllr Swanston commented that he had chased up the gully cleaning and those that have been cleaned are marked with yellow paint but there were still a few to be done. Residents will be asked to help by clearing leaves off gulleys near their property and by keeping their gravel off the highway.

10. Public Participation

None

11. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 14th December 2016. 7.30pm at the Reading Room Newton Blossomville.

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

Signed:
Noel Sibbald
Chairperson

Date: