

**CLIFTON REYNES & NEWTON BLOSSOMVILLE  
JOINT PARISH COUNCIL  
Draft Minutes(1)**

Minutes of a meeting held on Wednesday 24th February 2016 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, Newton Blossomville. The meeting was attended by four Councillors Mr Sibbald, Mrs Kent, Mr Swanston and Mr Finn-Kelcey. Apologies were received from Mrs Watson. MK Councillors Geary and Hosking attended. Apologies were received from Mr McLean. There were 12 members of the public in attendance.

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

**2. Matters arising:**

Speed limits and signage CR - completed

Cold Brayfield Bridge - Mr Swanston/Mr Geary - confirmed that Ringway were to build the bridge. Detailed plans were still being drawn up and he suggested that Sue Chaundry, John Price and Andy Burton be invited to the next meeting to discuss the details in full.

Rickyard wall - Mr Sibbald stated that as the wall is not owned by MKC no further action can be taken.

Footpath to Olney - Mr Finn-Kelcey had spoken with Andy Burton who had problems with the contractor but it is expected the work will proceed this year.

Solar Farm requests - update - Clerk reported that of the 6 projects allocated funding 3 had been completed. The 2 PCC's had yet to do the work in the two Churchyards and the £5709.01 remaining is allocated to the Clifton Reynes Community/Sports Pavilion project.

Broadband - the clerk reported that the superfast supply in CR is up and running. She also reported that as BT were not prepared to put visibility strips on the green box on the verge she had done so.

Update on road outside Barn Cottage - completed

Re-inspection of allotments water supply - passed by AWA

Loose granite setts outside Robin Hood and on Hardmead Road - completed

Ditch Church Lane CR - cleared

Asbestos on allotments - Mr Sibbald reported that MK Council had informed him the asbestos could be treated as safe asbestos and was awaiting written confirmation of this. Action would therefore be taken shortly.

### **3. Milton Keynes Correspondence**

Weekly News 20/11/15 to 19/2/2016

Plan MK, Rural expansion

MK Plan update by Cllr Geary. He reported that the names of the settlements and highlighted areas had been removed from the consultation document. The closing date for response to this document which also raises the question of the Olney bypass scheme again is 6th April. He strongly urged that members of the public attend one of the exhibitions to be held between 10 and 12 at the Institute in Emberton on Saturday 27th February or 7.30 on 9th March at Astwood Village Hall and make their opinions known. He is concerned that the true implications of the proposed plan for the villages in the areas are not clear to residents. It was confirmed that the information had been sent out on both villages e-mail lists

Audits for smaller authorities - to be discussed and reported to next meeting  
Executive Scrutiny Committee - action on MK Plan

### **4. Planning**

15/02533 1 Spring Lane, CR - guttering vents and flues - approved

15/01305 1 The Close NB - extension - approved

15/01664 Costerpits Barn NB - extension - approved

16/00186 Poultry Shed Costerpits Farm, NB - change of use to dwelling -no objections

### **5. Financial**

Retrospective approval Anglian Water £31.22 - Proposed Mrs Kent  
Seconded Mr Sibbald

Retrospective approval dog bins November £96.84, December £77.47,  
January £77.47 and February £96.84 - Proposed Mr Finn-Kelcey,  
Seconded Mr Swanston

Retrospective approval Clerks Salary 1/4/2015 to 31/3/2016 - £2170.47  
Proposed Mr Sibbald, Seconded Mrs Kent

Payment to Kites Charity for new Marquee £800 from Solar Farm money

Payment to Reading Room for flooring £1088.59 from Solar Farm money

Request 2016/17 precept £7250 approved by MKC

Accounts to 30.12.15

Request for funding Olney Library £85.96 Proposed Mrs Kent, Seconded  
Mr Sibbald for one year only

Vat refund application £891.16

Current Account : £4473.19

Deposit account: £13764.49

### **6. Councillor Participation**

Mr Geary reported that the new Budget was set and that Council Tax was expected to rise by 3.9% this year. The Kitchener Centre which had been under threat is to

remain open.

Pink sack and green bin collections are to remain the same for a further year.

The refusal of the Sainsburys application was unexpected but it is to be appealed.

Potholes CR - one by allotments(reported by Clerk 853918)

One outside Fir Trees - reported by clerk since meeting(860978)

New road surface opposite Robin Hood pub/Spring lane breaking up where school bus turns reported by clerk since meeting(860995)

Mr Sibbald thanked the Clerk for her years of service to the Joint Parish Council

#### **7. Public Participation**

Mr Sibbald was asked if a replacement clerk had been found. He confirmed that interviewing was underway

The clerk reminded the meeting that Parish Elections are on 5th May.

Mr Sibbald and Mr Swanston confirmed that they would be standing for election

Mr Finn-Kelcey and Mrs Kent are undecided. It is understood that Mrs Watson will not be standing again.

- 8. Date of Next Meeting :** 18th May 2016(Annual General Meeting)  
followed by regular General meeting