

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

Draft minutes of meeting  
Held on: 26 April 2017 at 7:30pm  
At the Reading Room, Newton Blossomville

In attendance: Parish Councillors Noel Sibbald (in the Chair), Jerry Cronin, Louise Evans, Simon Rees and David Swanston.

Also present: Milton Keynes Councillors Peter Geary and Keith McLean, the Clerk and five members of the public

- 1) **Apologies.** An apology for absence had been received from MK Councillor David Hosking.
- 2) **Declarations of interest.** No declarations of interest were made.
- 3) **Previous minutes.** Minutes of the Meeting of the Joint Parish Council (JPC) of 16 February 2017 were approved as a correct record of the proceedings of that meeting, and were signed by the Chair.
- 4) **Newton Blossomville/Cold Brayfield Bridge.**

James Pearce provided an update as to progress of the bridge: It was nearly ready and the route would be closed for up to eight weeks commencing May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2017, with completion set for 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The Council agreed to the distribution of handouts in the locality. Mr Swanston agreed to contact Turvey and Lavendon Parish Councils in order to help broad distribution. Mrs Cronin wished to know whether the old bridge would be removed and was informed it would. The Council was informed a local farmer hoped to re-use some of the concrete and this would help in the reduction of waste materials.

Ownership of the walls at the mill, and it was noted it was the property of the landowner and that he would therefore be responsible for it. It was noted the wall was in a poor condition and therefore unlikely to be saved.

Mr Swanston requested information with regard to access to the island where some willow trees and willow shrubs grow, which are currently used in the making of cricket bats. Discussion with the local farmer was ongoing, but that most likely outcome would be use of a ford to access the river.

Mr Pearce was thanked for his update and ongoing and regular communication in this matter.

**5) Resolutions:**

- a) Mr Rees provided an update on the proposal to pay Clifton Reynes church £200 to assist with the purchase of an alarm system. A vote was held and it was unanimously agreed to make the payment.
- b) Mrs Cronin provided an update on the payment of £550 + VAT to Frosts for grounds maintenance in the Millenium Field. It was unanimously agreed to make the payment.

## 6) Finance:

Cash book opening balance at 1.4.16:

Current Account	£5,145.89
Deposit Account	£13,767.93
Add receipts	£8,539.87
	£27,453.69
Less Payments	£12,321.96
Add unrepresented cheques	£576.73
Total	£15,708.46
Current Account	£9,066.25
Deposit Account	£6,642.21
	£15,708.46

Mrs Cronin introduced the Council's finances for the year, explaining that formerly one heading of 'other' included too much and that in future it would be broken down in more detail to facilitate transparency across the Council. Mrs Cronin explained that one particularly large 'other' at the end of the second quarter was for asbestos removal. The Clerk queried the unrepresented cheques sum of £576.73, and was informed this had not yet gone through the bank account and so must be included as at the year end and that the accounts did balance.

## 7) Planning

17/00359/FUL Removal of existing conservatory and erection of two storey rear extension at The Barns, Clifton Road, Newton Blossomville. Application validated 10 February  
PC Response – neutral  
MKC response – application permitted

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  
PC Response – neutral  
MKC response – application permitted

16/03318/HNOT Notification of intention to remove 150 metres of hedgerow Home Farm Hardmead. Application validated 17 November 2016  
MKC response – application permitted

17/00160/TPO Tree Preservation Order Consent to fell 1x False Acacia (T1) and 1x Monterey Cypress (T2) St Mary's Church Lane Clifton Reynes Olney MK46 5DT  
MKC response – TPO consent permitted

16/03576/FUL Demolish Existing extension to Walnut Cottage, to enable a garage extension to Wall End Cottage, in addition to a garage extension to Walnut Cottage and re-instate the porch back to a canopy plus various other internal variations to Walnut Cottage, including a wider opening with new bi-fold doors to the lounge. Land at Walnut Cottage and Moorend Cottage Clifton Reynes  
MKC response – application permitted

## 8) Reports

(a) Chairman

Mr Sibbald informed the meeting he would shortly be stepping down as he had served nearly two consecutive years in the position.

(b) Ward Councillors

Cllrs McLean and Geary updated the meeting as to matters of interest which would be discussed at Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, including the following;

**Availability of pink refuse sacks.** These would be reduced in bundle size from 80-60.

**Green bin changes.** A cost would be incurred per household. Mr Swanston asked if these would be identified to addresses, and was informed they would be. Registration of these bins would be online or at the LA offices.

**Skip at Newport Pagnell.** It was planned to close this skip.

**Development control procedures,** the process will be altered which does not affect the rights of the PC, however if an objection is submitted then a representative of the PC must attend the committee meeting for the objection to be heard.

**Transfer of services from MKC to PCs.** There would be budgetary considerations here as some services were being considered to be transferred to PC level, and these would vary according to the size of the PC. The larger the PC, the more services it will be able to take on. Bus provision, for example, would necessitate cross-PC communication in order to be effective. The JPC was informed these changes would not be forced by MKC and help would be provided in facilitating these changes. Smaller PCs were forming neighbourhood plans, discussing growth and sustainability. Some PCs had hired consultants, to help facilitate smooth running of the process.

(c) Councillors

Mr Swanston – updated the Council on the application for the eight houses in Turvey, the bridge collapse to the northeast of Newton Blossomville (Bedford CC had been contacted), and that a bank account for windfarm income would be set up to receive money from this source.

Mr Rees – updated the Council on his work at the Clifton Hill bridge, and that feedback would be provided when there was any. At the Clifton Reynes Pavilion an ecostudy had confirmed there was no badger activity, and permitted development would be the forthcoming focus.

Mrs Evans – noted that the JPC were investigating the possibility of dividing the clerking and Responsible Financial Officer roles, and Cllr McLean informed the meeting the role was split in North Crawley. Mrs Evans agreed to communicate with North Crawley PC over this. Mrs Evans reminded the meeting that the JPC must meet all pensions requirements otherwise a fine would be incurred. Mr Swanston agreed to provide Mrs Evans with the VAT number with regard to this.

Mrs Cronin – The accounts for 2016/2017 would be prepared and audited by Mazzars, however going forward this would not be necessary on account of the small size of the precept. Mrs Cronin submitted hard copy budget for 2017/2018, and 'other' had been broken down for increased transparency. Budget income was set at £9,121, expenditure was expected to be slightly higher than income but there was a reserve to account for this. Mrs Cronin stated she would work on investigating the VAT reclaim procedure, and the transfer to online banking.

## 9) Public Participation

Two Police Support Community Officers introduced themselves and stated their intention was to be more involved in the community. They highlighted the spate of

burglaries in the locality and promoted the Neighbourhood Watch scheme, which needs a minimum of six people. The PSCOs reminded the meeting they could be contacted by dialing 101 and the PC thanked them for their attendance and community involvement to date.

**10) Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 7.30pm**

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