

Clifton Reynes & Newton Blossomville Joint Parish Council
Meeting held on 28th May 2020
Via Zoom video conference.

Present:

Louise Evans (Chair)
 Gerry Cronin
 Len Greenwood
 Thomas Walker (Clerk)

Apologies: Andrew Brown

In attendance: David Hosking (MKC Ward Councillor), one member of the public.

	Minutes	Actions
1	Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Brown.	
2	Declarations of Interest Councillor Cronin declared an interest on application 20/01156/LBC, which was not on the agenda, in case it was raised.	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 22 nd January 2020 were agreed as a true record, to be signed by the chair upon the resumption of in-person meetings.	
4	Representations from the Public A question was raised regarding the new boundary sign for Clifton Reynes, expressing concern that it's not going ahead. The Chair explained the decision not to proceed with it in 2019-20 was due to MK Council insisting on one of three limited design styles and that the delay to 2020-21 allowed time for this to be resolved and Newton Blossomville to be included.	
5	Finance Papers & End of Year Accounts The finance update as previously circulated was noted. The Parish Council will be internally audited as part of the parish 'round robin' reciprocal arrangement of which the Clerk is part. Councillor Evans noted that the training budget would be good to use. The Clerk and Councillors to look into online training options. Councillor Cronin to check if the precept payment has been received. The Clerk to start work on the VAT return.	All GC TW
6	Election of Chair Councillor Evans announced her intention to step down from the role of Chair for personal reasons. Councillor Evans proposed Councillor Cronin as the new chair. This was seconded by Councillor Greenwood and agreed unanimously.	
7	Management of Allotments All due allotment revenues have now been received, however some of these still require banking.	TW/GC
8	Speeding in Newton Blossomville The speedwatch scheme is currently suspended during the Covid-19 situation. It is currently unclear if the present speed deterrents will be reinstated after the resurfacing of the High Street is completed. Councillor Hosking agreed to follow this up.	DH
9	Millennium Field Management The new contract needs to be for management of the bushes and similar ongoing maintenance, not just grass mowing. The Clerk to ask bidders to quote for full maintenance of the field. Maintenance would be annual, so the Clerk will ask for a one-off price. Councillor Cronin is happy to meet the provider there to discuss. The MKC-maintained	TW TW

	play area also needs maintenance. Councillor Cronin will log this, although noting that this is non-essential work which Serco are unlikely to undertake presently.	GC
10	<p>Clifton Renes Boundary Signs</p> <p>Councillors are hopeful that the existing survey can be used for the new application for the sign. It is also hoped that it will be possible to convince Ringway/MKC to use the sign style chosen by the Parish. Newton Blossomville needs its own survey for extra signs there. Newton is likely to accept a standard MKC sign. The Clerk to retrieve and send the Chair photo examples of these MKC signs. The bid will need to wait for the CIF scheme to restart. It was noted that the Newton Blossomville signs have planters. These are not attached to the signs, but it is important to make sure that these planters aren't affected when the signs are changed. Councillor Cronin agreed to lead on the survey in Newton.</p>	TW GC
11	<p>Parish Council Suppliers</p> <p>It was agreed to continue with the current suppliers for dog bin emptying, payroll services and insurance. The Clerk to complete sourcing of quotes for the Millennium Field maintenance contract.</p>	TW
12	<p>Bank Account Signatories</p> <p>Councillor Greenwood reported he visited Metro Bank in 2019 and the bank were undertaking a credit check, but nothing became of this. The Clerk and Councillor Greenwood to be added as signatories.</p>	TW/GC/LG
13	<p>Insurance Arrangements</p> <p>It was agreed to renew the existing insurance arrangements. The Clerk to pass details to Councillor Cronin for payment.</p>	TW/GC
14	<p>Reports from the Chair, ward councillors and the PCSO</p> <p><u>Chair:</u> Councillor Evans reported she has contacted the PSCO about training. A Clifton resident has painted the worn-out fingerpost sign and has done a very good job. Councillor Evans will contact this resident and ask for the cost of these works to reimburse for them.</p> <p><u>Councillor Hosking:</u> MK Council is pre-occupied with the Covid-19 situation. Green bin & bulky waste collections were initially withdrawn due to low staff, then reintroduced. Some collections are still being missed but Serco are getting close to normality. The Newport Pagnell tip was suspended on Government advice, but this has now reopened with special measures in place, with visits by booking only. Issues are being experienced with the booking system. Emberton Park has now reopened.</p> <p><u>PSCO:</u> Between 22 January and 28 May there were no crimes reported in Newton Blossomville. One trailer theft in February and a road traffic accident were reported in Clifton. The situation is looking fairly good. Increased shoplifting and trailer theft have been reported generally across the region.</p>	
15	<p>Bridleway Resurfacing Issues</p> <p>Councillor Greenwood requested an update on the bridleway situation. The Clerk to pursue.</p>	TW
16	<p>Co-Option for Vacant Councillor Position</p> <p>Councillor Evans has been in contact with a Clifton resident interested in the position who could not attend this meeting. It was agreed that this candidate will submit a paragraph to explain their interest and what they can bring to the position. It was agreed that a vote on accepting this application can be taken by email, with ratification at the next meeting.</p>	All
17	<p>Items for Discussion & the Next Agenda</p> <p>The following items were proposed for the next agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal adoption of new councillor 	TW

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Annual Audit Submission Documents • Village Signs <p>The meeting closed at 09:10.</p> <p>The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th July via videoconference.</p>	
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Chair's Signature..... Date.....