

**Clifton Reynes & Newton Blossomville Joint Parish Council**  
**Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020**  
**At the Reading Room, Newton Blossomville.**

**Present:**

Louise Evans (Chair)  
 Gerry Cronin  
 Andrew Brown  
 Thomas Walker (Clerk)

**Apologies:** Len Greenwood.

**In attendance:** David Hosking (MKC Ward Councillor), Arlene Ormston (PSCO), three members of the public.

	<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Actions</b>
1/20	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Greenwood and Ward Councillors McLean and Geary.	
2/20	<b>Declarations of Interest</b> Councillor Cronin declared an interest on item 14/20.	
3/20	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair, with an amendment to item 8 to note that it is 'people' rather than 'councillors' that will require speedwatch training.	
4/20	<b>Representations from the Public</b> The trees and shrubbery at The Close are not being trimmed at all, which is obscuring the 30mph speed limit sign. Trees are enveloping the telegraph cables here. Councillor Hosking agreed to report this at MK Council. There is an issue with rubbish being left out all week at The Close, identified with a particular property. Councillor Hosking agreed to raise this with Environmental Services at MKC. Some coping stones opposite the Robin Hood pub are falling into the road. Councillor Evans agreed to look at these.	DH DH LE
5/20	<b>Finance Papers</b> The finance update as previously circulated was noted.	
6/20	<b>Parish Council Precept Level</b> It was agreed that the parish precept would remain at the level of £7468 per year for 2020/21. The Clerk to inform MK Council.	TW
7/20	<b>Website</b> The new website is up and running with minutes, agendas and Councillor information. The Clerk agreed to add contact information for the PCSO and ward councillors as well as policy and procedure information.	TW
8/20	<b>Unspent Excess Reserves</b> Two proposals were raised for the use of unspent excess reserves: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active management of foliage in the Millennium Field, cutting back approximately 2m roughly every 2 years. The clerk to invite three providers to quote for works.</li> <li>• Repairs to finger post signs for Clifton Reynes public footpaths. The Clerk to email a contact supplied by Councillor Hosking to confirm if MK Council owns these.</li> </ul>	TW
9/20	<b>Councillor Responsibilities</b> The following Councillor responsibilities were agreed for the coming year: Councillor Cronin: Finance	

	Councillor Greenwood: IT Councillor Brown: Planning Councillor Evans agreed to adopt all other responsibilities.	
10/20	<b>CCTV Provision</b> This item was deferred for consideration at the next meeting.	
11/20	<b>2020 Meeting Dates</b> The following meeting dates were agreed for 2020: Wednesday 25 March 2020 Wednesday 20 May 2020 (Annual Meeting of the Parish & Annual Parish Meeting) Wednesday 22 July 2020 Wednesday 16 September 2020 Wednesday 20 January 2021 It was noted that clashes can occur with MK Council meetings. These are only scheduled until May 2020 but a calendar for the remainder of the year will emerge at that time. Dates are subject to alteration up to 3 working days before the meeting in the event of unforeseen circumstances.	
12/20	<b>Pre-Meeting Procedure</b> It was agreed to maintain the procedure established at this meeting with a draft agenda circulated a few weeks before the meeting. The final agenda to be placed on Facebook and circulated via the village email lists.	
13/20	<b>Reports from the Chair, ward councillors and the PCSO</b> <u>PSCO:</u> Community Speedwatch – This needs three people and a co-ordinator (point of contact). 6 people are interested. - MKC has sent someone to survey traffic speeds in Newton Blossomville. Proposing new speed limit roundels. PSCO Ormston can ask for a speed van to sit in the village as a trial. AF will pass details to North Crawley about borrowing SIDs. - It was suggested that the Clerk reach out to MK Council's speed control officer about monitoring in Newton Blossomville, copying Councillor Hosking. – 1 burglary took place in Newton Blossomville in September 2019. A caravan theft occurred in July, a trailer theft in August, an attempted burglary in the pub in October and some hare coursing in January in Clifton Reynes. AF will be in Newton Blossomville on 3rd February marking tools and giving advice. Open to bookings from residents. - Olney Community Forum will be on 19th March in Chichley Village Hall. - It was noted that 30mph signs on green bins are helpful. - Crime prevention advice is going in the Olney Phonebox magazine. <u>Chair:</u> Marquee – It was proposed to offer rent-free use for people storing it. - It was noted that the insurance doesn't cover private events. <u>Councillor Cronin:</u> – A reminder needs to be circulated to allotment holders. <u>Councillor Hosking:</u> – MK East development area south of Newport Pagnell is contingent on a £95m infrastructure bid. No update on this at present. MKC have adopted a Supplementary Planning Document for MK East. - MK Council's 2020-21 Budget is currently out for consultation. - £1000 ward budget is available – bids to be received by 27 February. A suggestion of using £40 to cover the Simplelist cost for the email list was made. This and other suggestions to be agreed by email. - Olney Ward Forum will be on 25th March in North Crawley.	TW
14/20	<b>Current and Ongoing Planning Applications.</b> <b>a) 20/00002/LBC: Listed building consent to re-render the front of The Old Post Office</b>	

	It was agreed to make no objection to this application.	
15/20	<p><b>Neighbourhood Plan Preparation</b></p> <p>It was noted that the ongoing debate over Milton Keynes Council's 5 year housing land supply leaves the parish potentially at risk of speculative development, although a Neighbourhood Plan which would protect against this would likely take several years to prepare. Councillor Evans to ask for interest in developing a plan via the email list.</p>	LE
16/20	<p><b>Co-Option for Vacant Councillor Position</b></p> <p>The position has been advertised in Clifton ward, with one expression of interest being received. The candidate will attend the March meeting.</p>	
17/20	<p><b>Clifton Village Signs</b></p> <p>The design previously circulated was approved without a crest and fence and mounted on two oak posts, with the following budget:  MK Council contribution: £1,875  Parish Council contribution: £625  Total: £2,500</p>	
18/20	<p><b>Items for Discussion &amp; the Next Agenda</b></p> <p>No items were proposed for the next agenda.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 08:40.</p> <p><b>The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at the Reading Room.</b></p>	TW

Chair's Signature..... Date.....

**Finance update provided to meeting:**