

# CLIFTON CAMPVILLE WITH THORPE CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020 AT 7.30PM  
HELD ONLINE ON ZOOM

**The meeting was held remotely as permitted under The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.**

Present: Cllr. Bennion, Cllr. S. Bent, Cllr. Fulbrook, Cllr. C. Bent, Cllr. Bostock,  
Cllr. Leedham

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr's. Lamb and Nicholls had sent their apologies for not attending the meeting. Cllr. Bennion had sent his apologies for arriving late.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr. Bostock declared an interest in item 8. b), Cllr's Bennion and Bostock declared an interest in any discussions regarding the proposed Solar Farm between Haunton and Harlaston.
3. **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020**  
These were circulated prior to the meeting, taken as read and will be signed as a true record.

A copy of the minutes will be sent to John Bainbridge to put on the village web site.

## 4. **MATTERS ARISING**

### a) **Bus Service deferred from last meeting**

Cllr. Bennion confirmed that when the service was withdrawn a group was set up between the Mease Valley parishes and all the options were looked at and discussed. The outcome was that providing a regular bus service in the parish was just not viable without any subsidy from the County Council. The cost would be far too expensive and triple the Parish precept.

### b) **Bromford Donation**

The various groups had been approached asking for ideas to ask Bromford for a donation towards. The Parish Council decided that the preferred ideas were the repairs to the church clock, the village hall needs several items for the new kitchen and the Millennium Green has ongoing maintenance costs.

### c) **Allotment Lease**

The Parish Council agreed that the new allotment lease could be signed by Cllr's C & S Bent and witnessed by the Clerk.

Cllr. C. Bent said he would do further research into the provision of fibre broadband.

Syerscote Lane had not been cleared of mud by the farmer growing leeks. It was mentioned at the last meeting that Cllr. Nicholls knew the farmer concerned and would have a word with him.

Cllr. C. Bent said that the council needs to prepare for the Clerk leaving at the end of the month. The Clerk was asked to prepare a timetable of what happens and when during the year ready for the new Clerk. Cllr's. Fulbrook and Bostock agreed to prepare an advertisement and documentation for the vacancy with the salary dependent on experience. The position will be advertised on the local web sites, Facebook and the SPCA asked to advertise also. The Clerk was thanked for all her hard work over the years.

Cllr. Bostock asked whether the Parish Council could approach the developers at the Mercia Park development and ask for more specific information regarding the balancing pond capacity and the amount of water generated from the site and if the rate of the water would be controlled.

Also, it has become difficult to report a crime to the police. The Clerk was asked to circulate Costas's mobile phone number although the Clerk didn't think it could be made public. Everyone needs to be vigilant as there has been an increase in break ins recently. Also, the Clerk was asked to report to Costas and Matthew Ellis the difficulty parishioners are having reporting incidents to the police.

Although Staffordshire County Council have been out several times cleaning the drains not all of them have been cleared. Cllr. Bostock reported that the drains outside 183 Main Street and Home Farm had not been done. The drains down to the Mill in Lullington Road had not been cleaned either. Main Street flooded again last Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July. The Clerk was asked to let Alan White know that the drains have not been sorted out. Cllr. Fulbrook had purchased a map of the drains from Severn Trent Water for £24.00. The Parish Council agreed to refund the cost to Cllr. Fulbrook. The Parish Council will keep the map for their records.

5. **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** – None present
6. **CORRESPONDENCE** (Circulate correspondence to all Cllr's)
  - a) **Staffordshire County Council** – Footpath between Chestnut Lane and Coneyberry stile Clifton Campville – Alleged Public Footpath – Wildlife and Countryside Act 1982 Section 53 - The Parish Council agreed to confirm with Staffordshire County Council that the footpath has been and still is used as a footpath for well over 20 years.
7. **FINANCE** (As per attached transaction sheet) The Cllr's agreed to all the transactions being made & cheques were signed.
  - a) **Approve Certificate of Exemption AGAR 2019/20** - The Parish Council approved the certificate of exemption and the annual governance statement.
  - b) **Approval of AGAR 2019/20 accounting statement** - These had been completed and circulated to Cllrs. The Parish Council approved the accounting statements to be signed. The HMRC end of year reporting had also been concluded.

- c) **Sign Clerks salary -**
- d) **Clerks salary increase 38p per hour back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 - £210.77.**  
The Parish Council agreed to pay the clerks salary increase
- e) **Clerks holiday pay 26 hours @ £12.39 - £322.14.** The Parish Council agreed to pay the Clerks holiday pay. This had been calculated from the HMRC web site calculate holiday entitlement based on hours worked per week, for someone leaving part way through a leave year. Employment end date 31.07.2020 leave year starting 01.01.2020 working 8 hrs per week over 2 days per week = 26 hours holiday.

**8. PLANNING**

- a) **20/00792/ABN - Land adjacent to Crofters, Haunton Manor, Main Road, Haunton – No objections**
- b) **20/00795/ABN - Land between Clifton Lane and Syerscote Lane, Wiggington – Elevation information requested.**
- c) **Solar Farm between Haunton and Harlaston – Cllr’s Bennion and Bostock had declared an interest. Information regarding this proposal had been circulated. No objections had been received at this stage.**

**9. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

**ACTION**

- a) **Dog Bin - Cllr. S. Bent asked if the Parish Council would purchase a dog bin as there has been an increase in dog fouling along Coppice Lane. It was decided to remind parishioners to pick up after their dogs as there would be a cost to the Parish Council to provide a bin and to have it emptied.**
- b) **Junction 11 Development – Discussed earlier in the meeting.**
- c) **Flooding – Discussed earlier in the meeting.**
- d) **adjacent to the Notice Board, Main Street, Clifton Campville**  
A resident living close by had offered to plant some plants in the planters and look after them. Also, the planters are in need of a coat of paint. Cllr. Fulbrook said that she would get some paint and plants then the Parish Council could reimburse her for them. She would also speak to the person who had offered to help with them.

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**10. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC – None present**

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020**  
There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm