

# CLIFTON CAMPVILLE WITH THORPE CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: - Cllr. Bennion Cllr. Ingram Cllr. Pugh  
Cllr. Fulbrook Cllr. Leedham

- 1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES** – The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Annual General Meeting. Cllr. Bingham had sent his apologies and Cllr. Dawson had said she will be late.
- 2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 9<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017**  
These were circulated prior to the meeting Cllr. Leedham proposed that they were taken as read and signed as a true record Cllr. Pugh seconded the proposal.
- 3. MATTERS ARISING** – None
- 4. CHAIRS REPORT 2018**

Firstly I would like to acknowledge and thank Councillor Pugh for his service as chair and for the healthy state in which he handed over the role and the accounts. Further acknowledgement goes out to Helen Elliott for her continued hard work and contribution as clerk.

We reluctantly accepted the resignations of Councillors Starkey and Clarke and thank them for their efforts whilst serving as Parish Councillors.

We have welcomed onto the Council Councillors Bennion, Light and Dawson who have strengthened our ranks and added value to the excellent work of all the existing Parish Councillors.

In a challenging twelve months we have worked to address many concerns of parishioners including planning and developments, crime, speeding, road safety, maintenance, finances, pollution and public transport.

The Parish Council invited Staffordshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Matthew Ellis to attend our meeting and hear our concerns about rising crime and anti-social behaviour. Mr Ellis shared with us the difficulties he faces in his position in prioritising very tight budgets across the country yet echoed our frustrations and directed us to Inspector Rea to address concerns at a more local level.

This has proved fruitful in addressing issues of anti social behaviour particularly around Syerscote Lane.

The Parish Council invited Bromford Housing to engage in dialogue prior to submitting plans for developing Main Street/Lullington Road. Some of our concerns were acknowledged and two characterful properties have been spared demolition helping to maintain the historic street scene. Further concerns have been raised to the Planning Department regarding the submitted plans for the development and we await responses from Bromford Housing/LDC Planning Department as no planning decision has yet been made.

The Parish Council have supported many planning applications over the last twelve months and will continue to represent and serve the needs of parishioners in this area. Disappointment was expressed by all at the failings of Lichfields Planning Committee to acknowledge the Parish Plan when considering development proposals. We the Parish Council now recognise this as a piece of work requiring attention in order to strengthen our position in the future.

The Parish Council have adopted the public phone box from BT to avoid losing it as a iconic feature in the village. It requires a through renovation and with the improving weather

refurbishment work is now continuing. A usage of the phone box has not yet been finalised but we look forward to seeing developments in the immediate future. Thanks to all those involved in this piece of work.

Another ongoing project is the acquisition and siting of mobile digital speed signs. This is a lengthy complicated project and whilst progress has been slow with several set backs we have made steps forward and hopefully see light at the end of the tunnel. Locations have been agreed with Highways and a grant of £500 towards them has been secured from Alan White at the County Council. The Parish Council have the remaining funding required and are confident of instructing work to commence imminently.

For the second year running a wreath was laid on behalf of the Parish at the Remembrance Service and we were proudly represented by Councillor Fulbrook.

In order to ensure compliance and transparency we reviewed the annual donations made to charitable organisations within the Parish and donated the sum of £2600 to those worthy causes. A huge gratitude goes out to all those involved in running the various committees and organisations that play such a pivotal role within our community.

Following Government cut backs and the removal of the subsidies the Parish was dealt a huge blow in losing its bus service. This being the only public transport available to our rural community. Councillor Bennion lead a project on exploring other ways we could provide public transport. The conclusion was that this was not financially viable and did not address the need for the government to acknowledge the importance of providing such services in rural areas. We are currently awaiting the results of a tendering process to provide some form of bus service within ours and neighbouring parishes.

The Parish Council has financially supported the superb work by Haunton residents in preparation for the Best Kept Village Competition in addition to this we refurbished both benches in both Haunton and Clifton Campville.

The annual litter pick was a great success again and despite a slightly smaller turnout a similar quantity of litter to previous years was removed from the Parish. Many thanks to all those involved.

In conclusion, our parish continues to be a wonderful place to live thanks to the efforts of many who give up their precious time sometimes for little or no recognition and to them we offer a huge gratitude. Thank you for your continued support and I hope we can continue to address your concerns and represent your needs over the next twelve months.

Nicolas Ingram – Chairman, Clifton Campville with Thorpe Constantine Parish Council.

Cllr. Leedham proposed that the Chairman's Report is adopted, Cllr. Fulbrook seconded the proposal.

**5. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN/ ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

This was deferred to the next meeting.

**6. FINANCE**

a) The Clerk reported that the accounts for the last financial year had been completed. The balance of accounts as at 31/03/2018 has increased to £16,574.24 (£14,954.00 as at 31/03/2017).

b) Sign Section 1 of Annual Return & Accounts Spread Sheets.

The Chairman and Clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/18 & the accounts spreadsheets. The Parish Council accepted these as a true record of the finances.

**7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS – None**

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm