

CLIFTON CAMPVILLE WITH THORPE CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON TUESDAY 9TH MAY 2017 AT 7.30 P.M.

Present: - Cllr. Clarke Cllr. Leedham Cllr. Starkey
 Cllr. Ingram Cllr. Pugh

1. **WELCOME & APOLOGIES** – The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Annual General Meeting. Cllr. Fullbrook had sent her apologies.

2. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

These were circulated prior to the meeting Cllr. Leedham proposed that they were taken as read and signed as a true record Cllr. Clarke seconded the proposal.

3. **MATTERS ARISING** – Cllr. Ingram had taken the position of Vice Chair this year.

4. **CHAIRS REPORT 2017**

Planning this year has been another busy one with regular plans needing attention. The Arkall Farm Housing Development on the Parish boundary has been on the Parish Councils Agenda for sometime now being approved at the planing meeting, fortunately the Secretary of State has now called the plans in be looked at, let's hope the right result is forthcoming and Tamworth doesn't increase to our Parish boundary. Within Clifton Bromford housing are looking to redevelop the houses on Main Street and Lullington lane with a mix of rented shared ownership and outright sale properties. At the time of writing we await to be shown any plans. The Parish Council still try their best to stop the village sprawl outside the current envelope. Early March saw the Ashby road closed for the Anker Valley housing development to have utilities bought over the railway bridge. As a result we saw an enormous increase in speeding traffic through our villages, at peak times hundreds of cars were clocked by our very active Speed Watch Team at extremely high speeds, my thanks goes to our Speed Watch volunteers who do a very commendable job. Unfortunately this year, we have suffered our first fatal motorbike accident in the village close to St Andrews school. The combined results have brought the necessity for our own vehicle activated speed warning signs to be purchased, funding is the hurdle, but with the likes of crowd funding and our own money we hope to achieve this, this year. The road networks still get little attention although have been marked up ready for pothole and carriage way slumping repair recently. We will have to wait and see how many are repaired. The Parish Council continue to support the many village committees this year. To help support them in the future we are now asking for more detail from each committee regards what funding will be required for the forthcoming year with costings for the projects. This will then help us with our precept. It was sad news to hear that thieves had broken a fence on the Millennium green to get closer access to St Andrews church and the Copper was stolen from the lady chapel roof, but on a happier note, it is great to hear of the wonderful community spirit that was given by a few villagers to get the church roof temporarily watertight again. The Village Litter pick in March of this year was for the first time run by the Parish Council, unfortunately it was not as well attended as in previous years, but those that attended, did a sterling job of clearing Clifton, Haunton and Thorpe of the usual amount of litter. I would like to thank Pam Patchett for the time she has given up to organise the previous litter picks which have helped to keep our Villages and surrounding areas tidy. The Allotments continue to be well supported with one allotment

vacant, we have kept the rent at the same amount again. The Allotment dinner was enjoyed by many at The Green Man with the announcement and awarding of the Best Kept Allotment Award. Haunton is in The Best Kept Village Competition, Cllr Douglas Clark is heading the team again this year, the village are looking into fundraising to buy new signs for the Village entrances and the village bench has recently been repaired ready for the judging. I wish you luck for this years competition. Within the village this year Julie Bullous the retired head teacher of St Andrews was honoured with an OBE for her work in education, a well deserved tribute. The Parish Council Newsletter is now online which has freed up sometime for the councillors with just a few hard copies having to be hand delivered. The village websites continue to be a well utilised asset within the community and my thanks go to those who host them. During the Autumn Tony Bryan resigned from the Council after many years of service. My thanks go to him for his support that he gave to me while in the chair. Penny Bennett also resigned at this time due a change in personal circumstances. January saw the co-option of Matt Bingham to the Council bringing his knowledge as river warden to widen our knowledge within the community. We are still one Councillor short, but have an interest in Philip Bennion a previous councillor with a wealth of knowledge. I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support and hard work in the last year, particular thanks go Helen who makes this job a whole lot easier. Lastly I wish the new chair well as I stand down.

Robert Pugh Chairman, Clifton Campville with Thorpe Constantine Parish Council. Cllr. Leedham proposed that the Chairman's Report is adopted, Cllr. Clarke seconded the proposal.

5. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN/ ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Cllr. Ingram agreed to stand as interim Chairman. The election of Chairman 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 31/03/2017 was £14,954.00

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

The Chairman and Clerk signed the Annual Governance Statement for 2016/17 & the accounts spreadsheets. The Parish Council accepted these as a true record of the finances.

7. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS – None

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 8th May 2018

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.42pm