

**CLIFTON UPON DUNSMORE PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING**

Held on Tuesday 11 August 2015  
At the Townsend Memorial Hall, commencing 7.30 pm

**Present:** Cllr M Nash (Chair), Cllr L Edwards (Vice-Chair), Cllr G Neelakantan and Cllr C Palmer

Also present: one resident of Clifton upon Dunsmore.

Clerk: Mrs C M Lord

Minute	ACTION
15/62	<p><b>1. Apologies for absence</b> Apologies were received and accepted from Borough Councillor L Hunt.</p>
15/63	<p><b>2. Declarations of Members Interests and requests for dispensations.</b> Councillor Palmer declared his non pecuniary interest as a board member of the Townsend Memorial Hall Trust (as his Register of Interest form had not yet been submitted to the Borough Council.)</p>
15/64	<p><b>3. Public Forum – suspension of Standing Orders</b> The Chairman opened the Public Forum at 7.34pm.</p> <p>The resident present expressed his thanks to Councillor Neelakantan for her efforts to resolve problems with excessive vegetation growth particularly in Hillmorton Lane and Lilbourne Road. He said however, that the problems still remained, and requested that this was pursued with the Highway Authority.</p> <p><i>In response Councillor Neelakantan indicated that she would do so.</i></p> <p>The resident expressed his concerns on the possibility of re-siting the pitches at the playing fields in order to create another pitch. He stated that in the past this had caused concerns for neighbouring home owners in terms of damage from stray balls. He questioned whether the teams would be responsible for any damage caused. He also expressed concerns about the potential significant increase of traffic in the area and associated parking problems. The potential for the increase in litter was also raised.</p> <p><i>In response the Chair stated that she had not been made aware of any previous issues relating to 2 pitches at the site or any damage caused to neighbouring properties by footballs. She assured the resident that any problems or issues raised by residents would be monitored and addressed accordingly if possible. She also assured the resident that all football teams are required to have their own insurance, and would be responsible for any damage proven to be caused by their activities.</i></p>
15/65	<p><b>4. Public Forum closed and Standing Orders resumed at 7.40pm</b></p> <p><b>5. Football pitches and purchase of goal posts</b> The Members considered the issues raised concerning the poor condition of the football pitches and the resolution [PC 15/57] to investigate solutions to the goalmouth and goalpost problems in the long term. They noted that the goalmouths and goalposts were in a poor state of repair and that whilst a short term fix was possible, in the long term a more permanent solution must be found to allow local teams to use the pitch. Although this would</p>

cause greater initial outlay, it could generate greater income. Members noted an additional factor to consider was that at least 3 local teams now wished to use the pitch for Sunday matches; and that only 2 can be accommodated at present. Due to Councillor Robinson's absence due to annual leave, Councillor Neelakantan and Palmer presented a comprehensive spreadsheet report demonstrating 4 different financial models for the Parish Council to consider involving accommodating 2 or 3 teams, different numbers of games and also the option of retaining the status quo.

Councillor Palmer had also received 3 quotations for the replacement of the goalposts and purchase of an additional set, and had also taken advice from the Borough Council on costs involved with relocating the pitch.

Following lengthy discussions on the logistics, timescales and costs of either retaining the pitch in its present position or moving the pitch, thus creating another and also the need to purchase additional equipment; the Members considered that Scenario 2 (to accommodate 3 teams on 2 pitches) would be the most cost effective solution in the long term.

Councillor Nash proposed:

- That the quotation for Stadia Support for 1 set of goalposts and nets should be accepted (to confirm that the quote includes sockets)
- That the Clerk should arrange for the pitch to be relocated and marked out the old posts are removed and the new ones are set in ground sockets.
- That the 2 teams who wish to use the pitches should provide a list of their matches in order to avoid clashes.
- That the Parish Council investigates the possibility of grant funding from the Football Foundation in order to facilitate 2 pitches in the 206/17 season

Councillor Edwards seconded the proposals with the proviso that due consideration is given to any adverse effects arising from the changes in neighbouring properties is monitored and the situation reviewed as necessary. On a show of hands all Members were in agreement.

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**RESOLVED:**

- 1. That 1 set of goalposts and nets should be purchased**
- 2. That the Clerk should arrange for the pitch to be relocated and marked out the old posts are removed and the new ones are set in ground sockets.**
- 3. That the 2 teams eligible to use the pitches provide a list of their matches in order to avoid clashes**
- 4. That due consideration is given to any adverse effects from the changes in neighbouring properties is monitored and reviewed as necessary.**
- 5. That the Parish Council investigates the possibility of grant funding from the Football Foundation in order to facilitate 2 pitches in the 206/17 season.**
- 6. Lead Roles and Delegated Responsibilities**

The Chair reminded the meeting that due to the recent resignations of Councillors, there was the need to re-allocate a number of Lead roles. Councillor Palmer was therefore requested to take responsibility for Street Lighting and the Village Car Park within the limits of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. Councillor Palmer agreed to do so.

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**RESOLVED: That Councillor Palmer should be delegated to take Lead Role responsibility for Street Lighting and the Village Car Park within the limits of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.**

#### **7. Appointment to the Joint Burial Committee**

The Chair reminded the meeting that due to the recent resignations of Councillors, there was the need to appoint another councillor to the Burial Committee. Councillor Palmer was therefore requested to serve on the

Committee, and agreed to do so.

15/68 **RESOLVED: That Councillor Palmer should be appointed to serve on the Clifton and Newton Joint Burial Committee.**

**8. URGENT ITEMS CONSIDERED AT THE CONSENT OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair informed the meeting that she had been approached by the organiser of an event which was to be held at the Bull on 22 August to raise money in memory of a Hillmorton resident who had died recently.

A request had been made for the Parish Council to provide the use of the playing field as a car park for up to 250 vehicles, for people attending the event.

A number of concerns were expressed at the request, mainly being; that there was no public liability insurance in place, the potential danger to children (and adults) using the playing fields and play area and damage to the playing fields which could be caused if the weather was wet.

Following discussions all Members agreed with the concerns raised over the use of the playing fields as a car park, and agreed that this was not appropriate.

15/69 They **RESOLVED** that the request for the use of the playing fields as a temporary event car park should be refused.

The Chair was requested to inform the organisers of the decision to refuse permission and to advise the organiser to notify Rugby Borough Council, the Police Community Support Officer and local residents of the event. It was also suggested that a local landowner should be approached for the use of a field for the purpose of a car park.

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15/70 **9. Members Motions for next Agenda**

None received.

Date of next meeting Monday 7 September 2015 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chairman

Dated .....