

CLIFTON UPON DUNSMORE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL
Held on 5 July 2017
At the Townsend Memorial Hall, commencing 7.30 pm

Present: Cllr M Nash (Chair), Cllr L Edwards, Cllr G Neelakantan and Cllr A Robinson

Also present: Two residents of the parish.

Clerk: Mrs C M Lord

MINUTE

ACTION

16/327 **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr C Palmer, Cllr H Duncan and also County Councillor Adrian Warwick and Borough Councillor Leigh Hunt

16/328 **2. Declarations of Members Interests and requests for dispensations.**

None received.

16/329 **3. Public Forum – suspension of Standing Orders**

Public Forum opened at 7.32pm

A resident enquired whether the Parish Council was aware of the reason why there appears to be no opportunity for users of the new Link Road to turn right at junction of The Kent to avoid driving through Clifton.

In response, the Chair remarked that she did not know the full details of the junction design, but that she would ascertain whether Councillor Hunt could answer the question. She reminded the meeting that there was a consultation and information event being held by the developers of the link road on Wednesday 5 July, where a definitive answer could be provided.

16/330 **4. Public Forum closed and Standing Orders resumed** at 7.35pm

16/331 **5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 June 2017**

The Members agreed that the minutes of the meeting were a true and accurate record. They were approved and signed by the Chair, Cllr Marion Nash

16/332 **6. Matters Arising and progress against resolutions**

None raised.

16/333 **7. Financial Matters**

Payments

16/334 The list of payments made since the last meeting was presented and accepted by the Members of the Parish Council. The Chair signed the list of payments made on behalf of the Parish Council.

16/335 *Financial Statement*

The Members examined and accepted the Statement of Accounts for the period ending 30 June 2017, which was signed by the Chair as a true record.

16/336 **8. Planning matters**

[R17/1070](#) – The Stables, 3 Brooklands. Resubmission of approved plans.

The Parish Council resolved to make no comments on this application.

[R17/1127](#) – Clifton Court Nursing Home. Variation to conditions of approved plans.

The Parish Council resolved to make no comments on this application.

16/337 **9. Correspondence**

- NALC – email on open competition on water supplies now applicable to local councils

The Members welcomed the opportunity to investigate the provision of a water supply at a more beneficial rate, and requested the Clerk to forward the details of the scheme to Councillor Palmer for further investigation. **Noted.**

CLERK /
CLLR
PALMER

- PPC -email regarding the condition of the Hewitt tomb

Councillor Edwards informed the meeting that she had received an email informing the Parish Council for the poor condition of the Hewitt family tomb which is located in the churchyard. The poor condition is thought likely to be as the result of vandalism. Councillor Edwards explained that although the Parish Council is responsible for the repair, the PPC have recommended the use of a specific builder to undertake the work (due to previous high standard of work undertaken). The Members however, were keen to ensure the Financial Regulations [11] are observed in order to provide best value; and which require written quotations to be submitted by 3 contractors.

The Members requested that Councillor Edwards should obtain 3 quotations for the repair of the tomb (in liaison with the PPC) and submit these to the Parish Council for consideration. **Noted**

CLERK/
CLLR
EDWARDS

16/338 10. County and Borough Councillors' reports

In his absence, the Chair relayed a written report from County Councillor Adrian Warwick:

- There is not much directly effecting Clifton that I can report, but I been involved with some school place issues.
- I am going to a Magna Park liaison on 4 July and will raise traffic issues, and also concerns about further A5 developments towards Hinckley and around Magna Park, all impacts on local traffic.
- The County Councillor grant scheme opens in mid-July. Please see if any community groups are interested. A very small pot of 5k over Fosse, so make sure Clifton gets its share!

16/339 In her absence, the Chair relayed a written report from Councillor Hunt:

- The lighting plan is now available, and has been published on the parish council Facebook page and website. The new lighting seems to be along South Road and round into Hillmorton Lane. This will address the issues that residents have been raising for some years about lighting in these areas. I have questioned why there is no additional lighting in North Road, even though there are humps to be installed there also. The response was that speed cushions within a 30mph speed limit should be within a system of street lighting, yet a streets light don't need to be directly next to the cushion. Within in a 20mph zone street lighting is not actually required. However, following advice from the Road Safety Team it was decided to light the sections of South Road which are currently unlit. The whole traffic calming scheme has been subject to a road safety audit. My guess is that South Road could be subject to rat-running as people try to avoid the centre of the village, which is why it gets the additional lighting, whereas North Road has inherent features, such as the dog-leg bend and parked cars, that will slow down or deter traffic, as well as the speed cushions that are to be installed.

DIRFT III cannot have their first occupation until the Clifton traffic calming scheme is installed, so things should start to move more quickly now as the pressure will be on.

- The next thing is to sort out the St. Thomas Cross junction, I'll be briefing Adrian on this and then handing over to him since this is a County matter.
- The Clifton Cruisers application is rumbling on. I visited the site and was shown around by Rob Over. This gave me an opportunity to see at first hand the issues that have been raised and to pose the questions that have been asked. Because the planning system now has a presumption in favour of development, applicants have to be given the opportunity to address any shortfalls in the information that

is submitted and to cover any issues that are raised. The planning officer advises that the applicant now has a planning consultant on board, and that he is addressing the points that have been raised by residents and by statutory consultees. This means that the application will not be coming to committee in July, as the applicant has to be given time to deal with matters. I have made the point that this cannot rumble on indefinitely, and the planning officer agrees.

- As promised, I've had a word with the owner of Station House. He advised that his intention is to build a 5ft brick wall and then to plant in front of it. I expressed the concerns of the parish council, and he is happy to explain his intentions, and to chat through any concerns that you may have.

16/340 **11. Reports from Councillors**

Update on application for change of status of Allotment plots 1-17 Newall Close to grazing land – Councillor Edwards

The Planning Officer has requested more information on the use of the land to support the application. This is being gathered at present, and the application will be submitted in due course.

16/341 *Update on the progress made with organising the Clifton Village Fete - Councillor Robinson*

Regular meetings are taking place on a fortnightly basis and planning is progressing well. A competition held in the school to create a simple design which will be used as the "branding" for the event with 3 prizes for the best 3 designs will be judged following the meeting. There is some interest from stallholders, but more are still required and have filled the programme for the parade ring.

It is clear that there is a lot to do and more assistance is required from residents who feel able to offer time and expertise for what is a big opportunity for the village to showcase itself. The next meeting is on Tuesday 11 July, 7pm in the Bull.

16/342 **12. Proposal to allow dogs on the playing field to participate in the Village Fete**

The Members considered a proposal to allow accompanied dogs on to the playing fields on the day of the Village Fete (16 September) in order to participate in a Fun Dog Show being staged as part of the event.

They noted that as part of the consultation process prior to the planning of the Fete residents were asked what sort of event they would like to have and whether family dogs should be allowed on to the Recreation Ground to participate in a Fun Dog Show. Of those that responded 78% considered that this would support this.

The Members agreed that the proposal was sensible and that with the provision that dogs should be held on leads and waste disposal facilities should be provided. An ample supply of fresh water should also be available to ensure the welfare of the dogs participating.

16/343 **RESOLVED: That the Parish Council gives permission for dogs on leads to be allowed on to the playing fields on Saturday 16 September 2017 in order to participate in the Family Fun Dog Show.**

16/344 **13. To receive Members motions and items for the next meeting.**

- None

16/345 **14. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place Monday 4 September 2017 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.50pm

Minutes approved and accepted as correct

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Chair

Dated