

Clutton Parish Council

Monday 16th June 2014 in the Village Hall

Submissions from members of the public

- A resident commented on the anonymous letter from 'Clutton Parish Council Watch' that had been mailed to selected addresses throughout Clutton and said she felt compelled to show her support for the Parish Council. She raised the following points in response to the contents of the letter.
 - The Letter was non-democratic as it had not been sent to residents of Maynard Terrace.
 - Phillip Jones and his wife do not now, or have ever worked for Worcester research.
 - The precept issue has already been answered.
 - The clerk is an employee of the council who carries out administrative duties and cannot vote
 - The Letter was trying to divide the community.
 - She has total faith in the Parish Council
 - She will be copying her statement to those listed in the letter as being recipients of the letter.
- Another resident commenting on the Clutton Parish Council watch letter said that he was not happy that it had been sent anonymously and the Parish Council do a job to help the village.
- Another resident endorsed the previous comments and wanted to support the Parish Councillors who give up their time for the good of the village and felt that the letter was written by people who were acting in their own best interest.
- Another resident said thank you to the Parish Council for all they do for the village and urged the council not to overreact to the anonymous letter.
- A resident who is also the wife of a councillor was concerned that the letter stated that the new parish Council PO BOX no was at the top of Cooks Hill and wanted it recorded that they live at the top of Cooks Hill and do not receive Parish Council Post, in case that was the assumption made. She also said that she checked with the post office and any mail sent to the PO box address remained at the post office until it was collected by the clerk.
- Another resident also wanted to show her support for the parish council and objected to the suggestion that if you live in a certain area of the village you are not fit for office and recognised the personal harm that the members of the Parish Council may feel.
- A resident wanted to draw the parish Councils attention to the state of the grass cutting this year. It is scruffy and needs to be addressed.

Minutes of the meeting of the Council

Present: Councillors R. Naish (Chairperson), V. Adie, B. Bailey, S. Dagger, A. Hillier, P. Mullins, I. Myatt, S. Piddock. A. Starr; Cllr. J. Sparks (District Councillor); Mrs H. Richardson(Clerk), Mr. S. Barran (RFO); 18 members of the public. (Cllr Worskett after Item 83/14)

Item	Action
<p>81/14 Apologies, absences and declarations of interest Councillors D Veale, D Phillips and J Fletcher sent their apologies and there were no declarations of interest.</p>	
<p>82/14 The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th May 2014 were not approved and deferred until the next meeting once they had been amended.</p>	Clerk
<p>83/14 The co-option of David Worskett was approved and in accordance with the amendment to the standing orders, David signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the parish council table as a parish councillor.</p>	
<p>84/14 The Clerk reported on matters arising from decisions from the May meeting with regards to: 66/14: The Venus Lane Playground quotes. The Parish Council approved the maximum cost for the improvements, to be the total cost of the BaNES play managers quote, however the services working group would undertake to meet to consider these quotes in more detail to see exactly what needs to be done and whether savings can be made. Clerk to arrange services working group meeting. New Notice boards have arrived and are ready to be erected. Councillor Bailey offered to put the notice boards up. The Head Mistress agreed in principle the new position of the board at the school, but will give the final consent once she sees the notice board. The council agreed that the board at the village hall should go under the light on the front wall, near to the entrance of the village hall. Councillor Bailey will confirm with the village hall committee. 67/14: Leisure Area Lighting. The Parish Council agreed to go ahead with the work required at the Leisure Area in order to change the street lights to the Parish Council's unmetered supply and accepted the quotes provided by Western Power distribution, Southern Electric and Shaun Deacon as previously circulated in the Clerks report. Clerk to contact WPD, SEC and Shaun Deacon. 71/14: Parish Council representative to the Village Hall. Councillor Bailey will remain as the Parish Council representative to the Village Hall. 73/14: The Council Risk Assessment was accepted.</p>	<p>SWG Clerk</p> <p>BB</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p>85/14 Other Activity since the last meeting: The Council agreed that the council grass cutter should cut the grass in front of the Cabin at the Leisure Area. There is to be no increase in the</p>	

amount he charges the council as he is no longer required to cut the village green.

In response to a complaint about the overgrown brambles on the private road into the leisure area, Councillor Dagger offered to cut them back.

SD

The Council agreed that the unbudgeted quote for repairing the steps in the Leisure Area between the road and the Cabin should be included in next years budget, but in the meantime the steps should be closed as they are not safe. Councillor Starr offered to look at the steps and close them off.

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It was noted that a serious accident occurred on Clutton Hill this month between a car and a lorry.

Weight Limit and speed restriction at Harts Lane Hallatrow.

The width restriction proposed last month was not going ahead and the Parish Council was asked to consider a Weight Limit and speed restriction at Harts Lane Hallatrow.

Clerk

It was agreed that the Clerk would respond saying that the Parish Council is disappointed that this proposal is not accompanied by improvements to Marsh Lane and we wouldn't want it to proceed in its current form as it would push more traffic down Marsh Lane and Temple Lane.

Clerk

Councillor Myatt reported that he had attended a meeting with Curo regarding the proposed Maynard Terrace Development. The notes from the meeting would be circulated.

86/14 The Clerk will respond to the resident regarding issues about the Clutton Hill Industrial Estate.

Clerk

87/14 The Council considered the issue of **sewage discharge in the streams around Clutton** and the several causes:

- 2 current consents for discharge near Churchlands Farm
- The malfunction of the Sidings treatment works
- Overflowing drains in the field behind the bungalows at Greensbrook

The Council were concerned about the 2 confirmed cases of Cryptosporidium in children that had visited the Waterfall in Greyfield woods.

The Council agreed to send a letter to neighbouring parish councils and local schools to warn them of the potential danger to public health for visitors to the waterfall at Greyfield woods. Then to contact the public health Authority and the Local Clinical Commissioning Group.

Clerk

The Ward Councillor will continue dialogue with Paul Crossley and the environment agency.

JS

88/14 Following a site visit to the **allotments** on Saturday 14th June the management and upkeep of the allotments was discussed. It was decided

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that the Services Working group should meet to discuss in further detail and to make a proposal to the Council at the next meeting.

89/14 **Council Insurance Policy**

The Finance working group recommended that the council accept the quote from new providers AON as it offered good cover, but significantly cheaper. The Parish Council agreed to accept the quote from AON.

Clerk

90/14 **Parish Council Review**

The council approved the creation of a new working group to review the workings of the Parish Council including the governance documents and the working groups. It was agreed that Councillor Worskett would lead the group and Councillor Mullins also volunteered. Each existing working group needs to nominate a councillor to join the new group. The new working group was tasked to report back with an update at the July meeting and aim to offer a proposal at the September meeting

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91/14 **The End of Year Accounts 2013/2014 and Annual Return to the External Auditor** were approved.

It was noted that it had been advertised that electors had the right to view the accounts, but no-one had contacted the Clerk to view the accounts.

92/14 **Trees at the Leisure Area**

It was agreed that Councillor Dagger would prepare a tree survey at the Leisure Centre and cut down the trees / branches that are overhanging the Youth Club and remove the wood. Councillor Dagger has offered to do this free of charge.

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93/14 **Planning Working Group Report**

Cllr Myatt reported that the Working Group had discussed the following application:

14/02267/FUL: 20 Valley View: Erection of Extension to garage.

The Working group had no objections to this application. The council agreed that this application should be supported.

Clerk

Cllr Myatt also reported that 14/01510/FUL: Parcel 0074, Flatts Lane, Farmborough: Solar Park had been refused by committee.

94/14 **Report from the Ward Councillor**

Cllr. Sparks reported that

- Another Solar farm is being considered between Chelwood and Clutton, but this is supported by Chelwood Parish Council as it is well hidden by hedges.
- He will be trying to find out how many other village schools have no pavements for children on the route to school.
- The pot holes in Church lane should be fixed very soon.

Cllr Sparks was requested to find out whether a sign could be put at the top of Cooks Hill saying 'no access to Clutton Hill trading estate' as too many lorries are using it as a cut through and although there is a sign at the top of Clutton Hill saying 'no left turn into Clutton Hill Trading Estate' by the time they get there it is too late.

95/14 **Finance**

The Council approved the Finance Report and the Cash flow, which had previously been circulated.

Close: The meeting ended at 9.50 pm