

Clutton Parish Council

Monday 18th December 2017, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Public Submissions: A resident said that the minute 173/17c of the November meeting was misleading where it was stated that a resident had used a route across the field into Greyfield Woods for 19 years and another had used it for 40+ years. It was pointed out that the minute referred to the issue presented to the Parish Council which would now be investigated.

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council

Present: Councillors R Naish(Chair), B Bailey, J Bush, I Myatt, A Parfitt, D. Phillips, D Veale, G Williams, Cllr K Warrington (Ward Councillor) and Mrs H Richardson (Clerk); 4 members of the public

Item		Action
177/17	Apologies were received and accepted from A Hillier, S Piddock, T Starr & D Worskett.	
178/17	The minutes of the meeting on Monday 20 th November were approved.	
179/17	It was reported Cllr David Phillips had cut back the sharp ends of the vandalised Firepit and was now considered safe, but the Parish Council still needed to decide what to do now, whether to try to repair, replace or remove it completely. Suggestions and quotes were invited for the next meeting. It was still unclear when the project to replace the street lights with LED lights would commence despite several attempts to request timescales from SSE Contracting. The lights on Clutton Hill have been repaired with the old-style lights in the meantime, although one has been removed at the bottom of the Clutton Hill as the bracket was so badly rusted, and a replacement was pending.	
	<u>Planning</u>	
180/17	There were no formal planning consultations this month and it was reported that permission had been given for an Erection of a single storey rear extension at 4 Rogers Close and permission had been given for the erection of a single storey prefabricated concrete garage at Tynings Cottage.	
181/17	It was agreed that a clear channel of communication was needed with CURO through the construction of their development and contact would be established with the site manager once development starts. Residents should be encouraged to report any problems to the Clerk who would keep a clear log and would communicate with CURO. Any major problems that need immediate action could be reported through the Ward Councillor.	
182/17	All residents have now received the Neighbourhood plan questionnaire and should be encouraged to return the responses asap.	
183/17	'Assets of Community Value' were reviewed following a recent training course attended by Cllr Rosemary Naish. It was agreed that the Village Hall was the most important asset to meet the criteria of improving social wellbeing of the community and so an application would be made to have it registered as an Asset of Community Value. The Railway Pub and the Old Railway Line were also put forward and an application would be considered once the application for the Village Hall had been submitted.	
	<u>Finance, Legal, HR, & Admin.</u>	
184/17	The monthly finance report was accepted	

Financial information for the meeting of the Council to be held on 18/12/17			
Cashbook balance reported at November meeting		£	58,975.37
plus Receipts since last meeting			
		£	-
less Payments since November meeting			
Cheques per November meeting	£ 3,627.27		
		£	3,627.27
Balance per Cashbook at 30/11/17		£	55,348.10
Receipts due		£	-
Available before December cheques		£	55,348.10
Cheques to be signed on 18/12/17			
Salary Cheques	£ 1,827.28	Dec salary	
NEST	£ 97.84	Pension	
HMRC	£ 673.25	NI & PAYE	
B&NES Rent	£ 125.00	Clutton Station Park Rent	
EDF	£ 293.29	Electricity for Street lights	
SLCC	£ 250.00	Cilca	
Jenny Bush Reimburse	£ 49.06	Decorations for Tree	
Helen Richardson Reimburse	£ 52.31	Printer Ink & Stamps & paper	
		£	3,368.03
Balance at bank after December cheques		£	51,980.07
less ringfenced			
Legal Fees	1600.00		
Planter & Plants	300.00		
Neighbourhood Plan Grant	8980.00		
		£	10,880.00
			£41,100.07
Outstanding debtors	£ -		
Outstanding creditors			
Community Payback	£ 360.00		
		£	360.00
			£40,740.07

185/17 The second draft of the budget was considered following the public consultation on the 2nd December. A suggestion of renovating the Finger Posts was put forward. Councillors were urged to consider the draft budget before the next meeting where it had to be finalised.

Highways, Rights of Way & Infrastructure

186/17 It was reported that the access arrangements for the Maynard Development was now the responsibility of B&NES and not CURO but it was not clear how or why this change has been made and would be looked into. DV

187/17 It was confirmed that following a further speed test by B&NES the traffic calming measures introduced had increased average speeds through the village by the school and further up Cooks Hill and no solution has been provided. It was also pointed out that no final safety audit had taken place on the scheme, contrary to best practice. It was reported that B&NES were waiting for the results of a National review of 20mph speed limits before they offer a response.

Parks & Open Spaces

188/17 Sleepers have now been installed by the Millennium Stone on the A37 to keep debris back from the road. The Parish council has received positive feedback regarding the Christmas Tree and so it was agreed to install one again next year. A grant application was being submitted to install 2 bins in Clutton Station Park, arrangements for emptying the bins were being considered.

Correspondence

189/17a A resident suggested that the overgrown verges on the A37 were attended to by the Village Operative once they commence as the width of pavements were being

reduced.

- 189/17b The Parish Council had received notification that PKF Littlejohn had been appointed as their external auditor.
- 190/17 The Ward Councillor reported that the grant for replacing the Street Lights with LED lights in Clutton Station park had been submitted as part of the Ward Councillor Initiative.
Following her intervention, the planning officer was now renegotiating the materials for the Maynard Development as the Sample Panel had shown they would all be red brick.
Chew Valley homes would be connecting the sidings development to Mains water following years of problems.
- 191/17 It was reported that Clutton United Charities had been pleased to have been able to assist a family in the Village and would welcome further nominations. The Charity was able to help families with children with an educational requirement and anyone that met the criteria should contact the Clerk who would put them in touch.
There were still problems with flooding and blocked drains in Temple Inn Lane and Clutton Hill.
Cllr Jenny Bush had cleared the remaining debris from the allotments.

- 192/17 The Clerk reported that she had received the forms for the application for a footpath into Greyfield Woods and would start collecting supporting evidence. Some damage to the car park wall had been reported and was awaiting a quote for repair.
The recommendations of the Local Government Boundary Commission Review was now available on www.lgbce.org.uk and Clutton had been put into a ward with Farmborough. It was pointed out that the Ward would be 10% over the recommended no of residents and would result in our residents being underrepresented. Councillors were asked to take a look at the proposals.

Clerk

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Close: The meeting ended at 8.51pm