

Clutton Parish Council

Monday 15th June 2020 Virtual Meeting on Zoom

Minutes of the monthly meeting of the Parish Council

Present: Councillors S. Barran, J Bush, D Hayward, I Myatt, R Naish, A Parfitt, T Starr, N Skinner, D Veale, K Warrington, G Williams (Chair), S Davis (Ward Councillor) and Mrs H Richardson (Clerk) and 0 members of public

Item	Public Submissions: None	Action
94/20	There were no apologies or declarations of interest. It was reported that Aly Akroyd had resigned from the Parish Council. The Parish Council thanked her for her contribution particularly her response to the Covid pandemic and the Parish Council look forward to continuing to work with her in her role as Village Agent.	
95/20	The minutes of the meeting on Monday 18 th May were approved.	
96/20	It was reported that there were no matters arising from last month's minutes that are not covered on the agenda for this meeting.	
	<u>Planning Consultations:</u>	
97/20a	a) 19/05110/FUL. Three Ways, Station Road. Erection of a single storey 2 bedroom dwelling adjacent to existing bungalow (Revised Information) The Parish Council resolved that they were opposed to the application and the revisions did not alleviate the Parish Councils concerns. The access to the new property has been moved even closer to the junction with Venus Lane. The Councils objection were due to overcrowding of the plot, and the poor visibility at the cross-roads with the Cabin & Station Road. Photos would be taken to demonstrate the concerns.	
	<u>Planning Decisions:</u>	
98/20a	20/01204/FUL. The Bungalow, Broomhill Lane. Proposed remodelling of front access drive and erection of the detached garage building. PERMIT	
98/20b	20/01350/ADCOU. Sleight Farm Stowey Road Clutton. Prior approval request for change of use from Agricultural Building to 1 no. Dwelling (C3) and for associated operational development. REFUSE	
98/20c	Appeal Decision 3244000. 15, The Mead, Cooks Hill, APPEAL DISMISSED	
	<u>Finance, Legal, HR & Admin</u>	
99/20	The Finance reports and payments for June were approved.	
	<u>Parks, Open Spaces & Environment</u>	
100/20	The Parish Council approved expenditure for a tree survey at Station Park and at the Allotments.	
101/20	It was reported that two planters had been stolen from the village and other planters had been fixed to prevent further thefts. The Village Operative would be asked to maintain and water the planters as the volunteer system didn't seem to be working. The parish council considered placing some mulch in each planter to reduce the amount of watering needed. It was also reported that several complaints had been received about the new planter in the lane by the play area, which had been installed to prevent the	

ongoing issue of vehicles from taking a short cut along the pedestrian lane. The complaints appeared to have been made about the delivery of the planter and not where it was finally placed. The B&NES Rights of Way officer had also received a complaint about the planter but she has no problems with the positioning of it. While she was there she noticed a raised patch of the tarmac where a tree is uplifting the tarmac. As it is a trip hazard, she is going to get it repaired.

Thanks were expressed to TS for the new planter. He also offered two more. The Parish Council agreed to purchase another 'no cycling' sign for the lane as it is currently only visible in one direction.

- 102/20 The Parish Council considered the purchase of a recycling box for single use plastic. The decision was deferred until more information could be gathered.

Highways, Rights of Way & Infrastructure

- 103/20 The Parish Council approved an allowance of £30 per month for the Village Operative for fuel and maintenance of his own tools. The Village Operative would be asked to keep a tally of expenses. Decision to be reviewed in 12 months time.

- 104/20 It was reported that the Village Operative had fixed, painted & filled the planter by the play park, construct the picnic table on the allotments, strim the footpath at the top of Broomhill Lane, painted 5 planters, cut the hedge next to the plat area, sowed grass seed in the football goals, weeded parish Car park.

This month he would be asked to water all the planters and install some water retention gel & bark in each planter, cut back brambles on the bank in Station Park and place the new picnic bench.

Community Engagement

- 105/20 The village Agent provided a report on the support provided to residents by the village volunteers. The Parish Council wanted to thank everyone that had given up their time to help their fellow residents through the crisis.

- 106/20 The **Ward Councillor** reported she was still trying to identify Kelvin Packer successor in highways and had been told the Gary Peacock was taking over. She has been speaking to a resident regarding school transport to St Gregory's.

Correspondence

- 107/20 a) Resident: lack of road signs: Frances Row. It was reported that CURO had still not installed road signs for the new development and deliveries were continued to be delivered to the wrong address.

b) Resident: Hedgerow in Playpark. A resident had asked for the hedge at the back of the play area to be cut back. The village operative had been asked to do it, but he felt it was too big for him and so Primrose would be asked for a quote.

- 108/20 a) Clutton United Charities Trustees had nothing to report but would be meeting shortly.
b) It was reported that the Village Hall Committee had not met, but the committee had decided not to apply for the £10,000 grant which is available to all Village Halls support them through the pandemic, mitigate their loss of income and to fund changes that may be required once community facilities are allowed to open again (adapting to social distancing and install hand sanitisers etc). The

Parish Council representatives on the Committee have done their best to convince the rest of the committee to apply for the grant, but they were out-voted. It was reported that committee members were concerned the additional income would take them into the next audit bracket requiring a detailed audit of their accounts, which is not the case. There was concerns that they would have to provide reports of what the money was spent on which would add to the workload of the volunteers. There were concerns that taking the money would add to the national debt, they did not think that they would need the £10,000 on offer and the fund should be left to businesses that paid business rates.

Tony Starr left the meeting

c) The Flood wardens had nothing to report.

d) The Allotment association reported that they were having problems with Dogs mess on the allotments and asked that a message was sent to residents to ask them to keep their dogs off the allotments. The Community Garden will be complete once the bench has been finished, which is available to all residents to use.

Tony Starr Re-entered the meeting

109/20 The Clerk reported that Play-grade bark was recommended for the base of the cone-climber which was more expensive than standard bark, a quote of £80 for two dumpy bags was approved. The Parish Council also agreed to install some hand sanitising units in anticipation of Parks reopening.

The clerk had received a message from a resident concerned about the Village Operative and Footpath Ranger cutting back hedges during nesting season. It was noted that they are both aware of the legislation and check for nests before they cut.

It was reported that Clutton Flower Show has been cancelled and therefore would not need the grant.

It was reported that the Clerk was in contact with the dog bin contractor and waiting for a date to open up the bins again.

CURO have informed the Parish Council that they will be resurfacing the roads around Maynard Terrace which will mean road restrictions on Thursday 18th and Friday 19th June. It was noted that they had informed their new residents in the new estate, but had not informed the original residents of Maynard Terrace. The Clerk was asked to contact CURO to ask them to contact all the original residents.

The meeting finished at 9.31pm

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday 20th July 2020 7.30pm.