

CLIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Clifford Parish Council Meeting on
Thursday 10th October at 7.00pm in Clifford Community Centre

Present: D Jones, D Morgan, S Forrester, C Compton, M Davies,
Also Present: 2 members of the public, R Mighall (Open Spaces Advisor) and E Noble Parish Clerk.

1. **To receive apologies for absence** – Billie Cooper, Martin Pearce, Matthew Lloyd J Neville (Footpaths Officer), W Bullough
2. To receive declarations of interest & written requests for dispensation – None received
3. **To approve minutes of last meeting** 11th July 2019 and Extra-ordinary Meeting on 16th August 2019 – the minutes were agreed to be an accurate account of the meeting and signed off.
4. Open Session
 - 4.1 To receive a verbal report from West Mercia Police – Apologies were given as they were not able to attend the meeting.
 - 4.2 To receive a verbal report from the Ward Councillor – Jennie Hewitt was in attendance and read her Ward report out to those present – Please see Appendix A attached.
 - 4.3 To receive a verbal report from the Council's Open Spaces Adviser – - Richard Mighall provided the following report for the Parish Council

Priory Wood Common

Councillors will recall that the Land Registry had received 8 objections to the Council's claim for ownership of selected plots of Priory Wood Common. Of these, the Land Registry is aware that 4 have been withdrawn. It is understood that a further 3 have been withdrawn albeit that the Land Registry has yet to be advised. The 8th and last objection is a recent one from a resident who wants some questions answered about the management of Priory Wood Common. The Chairman and Richard Mighall will meet the resident on 17th October to discuss the matter and report back at the next meeting.

The Council was pleased to note that the 3 largest plots of Priory Wood Common had been recently mown. An invoice for payment was awaited from the contractor.

- 4.4 To receive verbal report from the Council's Footpath Officer John Neville gave his apologies and reported that there was nothing further to report on since the previous month's meeting.
- 4.5 To receive views on parish matters from local residents – no residents present

5 Finance

- 5.1 Payment of invoices - Clerk salary – This was actioned and cheque was issued for September

Payment of invoices

- 5.3 To consider Autela payroll invoice for payroll services £48 - **Actioned**
- 5.2 To consider cost of SiLCA as per agreed in March for clerk training – agreed and Clerk to book on to necessary and agreed training plan as per job description. Parish Council will be invoiced by HALC once training has taken place.
- 5.3 To consider HALC invoice - £60 was actioned for website hosting and domain name - **Actioned**

6 Planning -

- 6.1.1 **P193231/F - Planning Permission** 12th September 2019
Land at Sheepcote Farm Castle Road Clifford Herefordshire , Proposed agricultural workers dwelling, two farm buildings, new access and ancillary works

No outright objections but all present felt it would benefit from some sort of screening (trees) to filter out light pollution.
- 6.1.2 **P193187/F - Planning Permission** 10th September 2019
Land adjacent to dismantled railway line South of Westbrook Court Dorstone Herefordshire , Proposed general purpose agricultural building – no objections
- 6.1.3 **P193014/F - Planning Permission** 5th September 2019
Land at High House Clifford Hereford Herefordshire HR3 5HF, Use of existing buildings and of land in association with an equine livery and erection of external riding arena

After much discussion those members present felt the parish council could not support this application and the comments to the council would be as follows:-

3-years ago, planning application 163504 was submitted for the development of 3 new-build houses adjacent to High House in Priory Wood. There were numerous objections from the local community as well as from the Parish Council. Herefordshire Council's Transportation Department also commented, inter alia, that: "This development is located in a very rural setting with no connection to public transport; there are also no public transport connections from nearby Clifford, therefore the only option for residents to use is private vehicles. There is also no ability to provide footway or cycleway connections which are not on the public highway. The lack of footway and cycleway connection would result in pedestrians / cyclists walking / cycling along narrow carriageways which are subject to national speed limits. The carriageway through Priory wood is very narrow with no formal passing places. The development is for 3 by 3 bedroomed dwellings which have the potential to increase the vehicle trips along these narrow lanes. Herefordshire Council design guide specifies 3 bedroom houses and larger to have 3 parking spaces, therefore this has the potential to increase vehicle trips by at least 18 movements per day". This statement provided compelling evidence that, for transportation reasons, the development should not proceed. What the Transportation Department didn't record was that the Wye Valley walk goes along the upper road, that much of the roadside verge is common land which cannot be driven over by vehicles and that there are a number of blind entrances to some of residences. These additional factors would have made the case for rejection of the application on transportation grounds even more compelling. However, it became evident that almost any objection, whatever the strength of the argument, would be over-ridden by the core strategy requirement to build more houses. Consequently, and disappointingly, the application was approved. We now have a new planning application 193014 linked to the development of 8 private livery stables at High House. The application makes clear that this will generate at least 32+ vehicle movements per day in Priory Wood. If we add the 18+

vehicle movements per day associated with the earlier mentioned development for 3 houses (which have yet to be built), this will result in at least 50+ additional vehicle movements per day. Bearing in mind the Transportation Department's reservations about an increase of just 18+ vehicles per day on Priory Wood roads, it is beyond reason that this number of vehicles should be allowed to rise to almost 3 times that number. Inasmuch, the Parish Council strongly objects to this application and recommends that it be rejected.

6.1.4 [P193277/L - Listed Building Consent](#) 24th September 2019

Castleton Barn Clifford Hereford Herefordshire HR3 5HF, Proposed installation of air-Air source heat pump – **No objections**

6.2 To note planning decisions by Herefordshire Council: - **none discussed.**

7 Update on Verges

Pat Stirling and Linzy Outrim recently met and had a positive meeting in regards to verges. WB, SF and DJ will meet to discuss areas to trial and report back at a Parish Council meeting sometime before next spring as it will give the PC a chance to open dialogue with the landowners of any roads identified as being potentially suitable to be trialled

8 SIDS/Traffic Calming Measures

8.1 Update on school road -

Jenny Hewitt has spoken with Paul Norris at a local access forum and it was decided that Jenny, DJ, Paul Norris and the Safety Officer (who had recently carried out an inspection at Clifford School) will arrange a walk of the area to discuss the options. Clerk to initiate the meeting. **Action Clerk and David Jones**

DJ spoke with the Head Teacher at Clifford Primary School who mentioned that the Safety Officer had been in the day before but assessment of the car park or road outside the school was looked at and therefore would not form part of the report. The Head Teacher was going to get in touch with the Officer to invite him back out to look at the aspect of school safety.

9 To discuss Precept Correspondence from Herefordshire Council – Clerk to prepare a budget and report back to Parish Council at next meeting. The Precept has slightly increased year on year. **Action: Clerk**

10. Update on Neighbourhood Development Plan

MD updated those present. It is progressing. A request has come in to purchase OS maps to assist with this and the clerk will action this. **Action: Clerk**
A wildlife survey plan is to commence shortly at a cost of £1700 but this is out of a grant that has recently been awarded to the NDP Steering Group.

10 Correspondence, - Electric cables – a request for wayleave has been received but those present would like more information. Clerk to email the company and ask for relevant information to pass on to DJ. **Action: Clerk and DJ**

11 Any other Business

12 Date of next meeting November 14th at 7pm

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

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