

CLIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting on
Thursday 13th February at 7.00pm in Clifford Community Centre

To receive apologies for absence – David Morgan, Martin Preece

1. **To receive declarations of interest & written requests for dispensation - Declarations of interest were received from Margaret Davies, Matthew Lloyd, Candia Compton and Billie Cooper in relation to 7.1.3 Planning application ref 194381.** All four agreed that they would vacate the room when the planning application was discussed in Section
2. **To approve minutes of last meeting** (14th January 2020) and Extra Ordinary Meeting on Friday 31st January – These minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the meetings and both were ADOPTED.
3. Open Session
 - 3.1 To receive a verbal report from West Mercia Police -No one present from SNP
To receive a verbal report from the Ward Councillor – Councillor Hewitt was not in attendance.

- 3.2 To receive a verbal report from the Council's Open Spaces Adviser –

Priory Wood Common

After protracted discussion, the Council concluded that the concerns raised by the owner of Well Cottage about the ownership and management of the triangular plot of Common land alongside Well Cottage were not relevant to the Council's application for ownership of other selected plots of the Common. Inasmuch, it was agreed that the two issues should be addressed separately.

The Chairman agreed to advise the owner of Well Cottage accordingly.

- 3.3 To receive a verbal report from the Council's Footpath Officer – roadside stile by Hardwick Hall replaced with self closing gate – reports received of the gate being much safer. In regard to Bake Lane, the over hanging trees have been cut back.
 - 3.3.1 Update on Wye Valley Walk accessibility – Community Commissioning Model - JN has looked into possible grants and will share the link with the clerk in the hope that the Parish Council provide wheelchair access wider gates along the Wye Valley Walk as Cusop Parish Council have done. It was agreed in principle by all those present that JN will obtain prices on 2 wide gates.
Action JN and Clerk
 - 3.4 To receive views on parish matters from local residents. Planning application number 194381 was discussed at this point but is documented under Planning 7.1.3 as in keeping with the agenda. CC MD ML and BC left the room whilst only this application was discussed and re entered the room immediately afterwards to proceed with the meeting.

4. Finance

- Payment of invoices
- 4.1 Clerk salary – ACTIONED cheque no 543
 - 4.2 Clerk expenses (petrol at 0.45p pm 10 journeys during March 19 – Feb 20 30 miles per trip) £135.00 as per contract – Actioned cheque no 544
 - 4.3 To consider HALC invoice H825 HALC affiliation fee 20/21, HALC subscription fee 20/21 and NALC subscription 20/21 £472.82 – Actioned Chq no 545
 - 4.4 To consider payment for work agreed and carried out in 2019 - cutting grass by well John Parrington £20 – Actioned chq no 546

Also as agreed in budget and previous meeting a cheque for £40.08 was ACTIONED against receipts for materials (John Neville Chq no 547)

- 5. Natural Flood management Scheme (Jennie Hewitt) –** Councillor Hewitt was not present so not discussed any further

7. Planning –

7.1 To comment on applications to be determined by Herefordshire Council

1. Planning Re consultation 190589 – Sheepcote Farm, Clifford, Hereford.
Proposed dairy unit comprising of the erection of cattle cubicle building, milking parlour building, feed and milk silos, ancillary works plus retention of slurry lagoon – Additional ammonia report. – The councillors acknowledged the report.
2. Planning Consultation 200174 – New House Farm, Hardwicke, Hay on Wye. Planning permission proposed livestock building – no objections to this application.
3. Planning Consultation 194381 – (This was discussed at the beginning of the meeting under public participation The Old Timber Yard, Middlewood, Dortsone, Herefordshire, - Proposed erection of a single local needs dwelling on a rural exception plot. – MD, BC, ML and CC all left the room. The chair invited the parishioners present to comment on this application under section 4.4. The applicants were present and informed those in attendance that they were happy to answer any questions.

The Parish Council had received, and the Chair had logged, an email in regard to the application as the parishioner was unsure if they would be able meeting to attend the meeting. WB asked for confirmation of any Herefordshire Council input so far and it was stated that the application had pre planning had been approved. WB confirmed with the applicants that previous applications for different specifications to this one had been refused and the land was sold with no outline planning. A parishioner in attendance informed those present that he was led to believe from Herefordshire Council a number of years ago that it was highly unlikely that this particular plot would ever get planning for a residential application. The current applicants were not aware of those comments and nothing official has ever been documented. WB confirmed with applicants that no machinery would be parked at the proposed residence and it was re iterated by the applicants that no other vehicles or machinery would be parked at the property other than the family car/s. The applicants stated that the proposed residence would be an affordable housing home and regardless of how much it cost them to personally build it would have conditions on it to be sold as affordable housing for the area. All information regarding the application and supporting documents were available to view prior to the meeting.

The Parish Council had a quorum and no objections were raised in regard to the current application as they felt conditions were in place on the application.

CC, MD, MP and BC re-entered the room.

4. To comment on proposed appeal for Derry View, Newton Lane, Middlewood (as requested by Ward Councillor) -Ward Councillor not present so unable to discuss.

7.2 To note planning decisions by Herefordshire Council: none discussed.

- 5 Wayleave consent from Western Power update –** The clerk is to inform the applicant that the Parish Council are still awaiting confirmation of ownership of land.
- 6 Correspondence –** Re mainline pipes, Clerk awaiting date of meeting with Fisher German
- 7 Any other Business –**

Verges – Linzy Outram has left BB and when replacement is confirmed we will liaise in regard to this.

Recycling Plant – The clerk had received a request from a parishioner in regard to the possibility of arranging a trip to visit a local recycling plant. The clerk will liaise with Councillor Hewitt and report back at next meeting.

Litter Pick – It was suggested that the Parish Council hold a litter pick in association with the 'Keep Britain Tidy' campaign. The clerk will look into this.

ACTION: Clerk

8 Date of next meeting March 12th at 7pm Clifford Community Centre

Meeting Closed at 8.30pm

Mr David Jones
CHAIR to Clifford Parish Council