

CLIFFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting on
Thursday 12th March at 7.00pm in Clifford Community Centre

In attendance: David Jones, Will Bullough, Margaret Davies, Billie Cooper, Simon Forester, Matthew Davies, Martin Preece. Also present: Emma Noble, Parish Clerk (arrived 7.15pm) and 8 members of the public.

Agenda

- 1. To receive apologies for absence – Candia Compton, David Morgan. John Neville (Footpaths Officer)**

- 2. To receive declarations of interest & written requests for dispensation – none received**

- 3. To approve minutes of last meeting (13th Feb 2020) -** The minutes will be revisited as it was felt the timing of items covered on the agenda were slightly out of sync. The clerk was not present when the previous minutes were discussed but noted changes.

- 4. Open Session**
 - 4.1** To receive a verbal report from West Mercia Police – one reported theft of a strimmer from a garage within the parish. The resident reported that he had received a visit from a van prior to the theft and this may or may not be connected.

 - 4.2** To receive a verbal report from the Ward Councillor – Cllr Hewitt was not in attendance however the report she sent had been emailed to Parish Councillors prior to the meeting.

 - 4.3** To receive a verbal report from the Council’s Open Spaces Adviser - Priory Wood Common It was noted that the Council’s Open Spaces Representative (OSR) had written to the Land Registry asking which of the 5 points raised by the sole remaining objector to the Council’s application for ownership were valid objections. The Land Registry’s response, couched in somewhat oblique terms, appeared to indicate that the 2nd point was the only valid objection , the other 4 points being simply statements. This 2nd point read “The Parish Council has not (solely) been instrumental in the maintenance of the common for the requisite number of years”. It was also noted that the OSR would ask the Land Registry to defer the date on which the issue would be submitted to tribunal for resolution from 16 March to 3 April. It was agreed by all those present that the Clerk will write to the local resident to inform them that the Parish Council would not object to their application with Land Registry for the triangle of land in question. **ACTION CLERK**

 - 4.4** To receive a verbal report from the Council’s Footpath Officer – John Neville gave his apologies .In regard to footpaths ML raised concerns that he has recently noticed that wire fences next to stiles have had square segments cut out which lets dogs through. This is causing problems as sheep and lambs are kept in these fields and they could escape. These fences should not be cut and the clerk will provide a poster for ML to put up. The clerk will also put an article in the local publication.

 - 4.5** To receive views on parish matters from local residents. –
 - 1) Concerns were raised in regard to Herefordshire Council approving the application P193014//F. Concerns raised were increase in traffic and the various types of vehicles using the lanes. Advice was given to monitor the situation and also for all those parishioners concerned to register their thoughts with Cllr Hewitt. It was noted with concern that planning approval had been granted for the eight horse livery in Priory Wood, despite a robust and compelling objection from the Parish Council that it be rejected for road traffic reasons. It was proposed and agreed that the matter be taken up with the Ward Councillor.

- 2) Two parishioners were in attendance to explain that they have recently submitted an application for premises license to sell alcohol 1 or 2 nights a week. Currently they have a licence to retail alcohol as an online outlet.
- 3) A parishioner raised concerns about a wooden post leaning down on a fence and pushing the fence out as it is under pressure. This is opposite Newton Farm. Clerk to inform John Neville, footpaths officer.

5). Matters Arsing

5.1 Update on Commissioning Model (Wye Valley Walk double gates) – JN has submitted relevant form.

5.2 Recycling Plant visit – Clerk has emailed Cllr Hewitt to see if she can arrange this. Clerk to pursue.

5.3 Litter Pick – Clerk has emailed Cllr Hewitt to see if she can help with this and will forward details when receives a reply.

6) Finance

Payment of invoices

- 6.1 Clerk salary – This was ACTIONED
- 6.2 Clerk expenses (petrol at 0.45p pm £13.50) This was ACTIONED
- 6.3 To consider HALC invoice H914 HALC 'What's My Role' training CILCA £150.00 – This was ACTIONED
- 6.4 To consider payment for 2 bags of cement for footpath expenses – J Neville £16.73 – This was ACTIONED
- 6.5 To Consider payment as authorised by NDP Steering Group for £756.00 – Bill Bloxsome.- This was ACTIONED

7 NDP Steering Group Update – Andrew Craven, Christine Bates, Edgar Smit and Mark Hope- Jones
The Steering Group have submitted a Parish Plan proposal via email previous to the meeting. The NDP needs the document to be signed off by the Parish Council so that they can then move forward to the next phase with Herefordshire Council a view of going out to public consultation once it has been approved. One councillor had not received the email so it will be resent with a date for comments/approval to the Clerk or Andrew Crane by 21st March. It was noted that all Councillors present should take time look through this document and reply by 17th April. If no comments received by this date the clerk will proceed to the next stage. Clerk to post a copy for David Morgan. **ACTION CLERK and ALL PARISH COUNCILLORS**

8. Lengthsman Scheme – register of interests - - As there were no grants available for the P3 Scheme this year it was felt by all present that there was just not enough money from the budget to engage in this scheme. Recent wet weather has caused more problems than usual for gullies, drains etc and this is maybe something we can consider for next year when the precept is discussed for 2021/22. **ACTION: CLERK TO NOTE TO FOR 21/22 PRECEPT**

9. Planning - To comment on applications to be determined by Herefordshire Council

9.1 Planning Re consultation 191862 land opposite The Farm, Locksters Lane, Clifford, Herefordshire – proposed self build dwelling with garage..

The Parish Council had previously not supported this application and it was felt that this was still to be the case with the same concerns. The clerk will log this if comments are being taken on this re application. **Action: Clerk**

9.2 To note planning decisions by Herefordshire Council:

10 To consider the outstanding objection in regard to Priory Wood Commons – Covered in Section 4.3

11. Correspondence – letter from parishioner regarding dog fouling/parking at Priory Wood. Also please see CIS sheet

– It was noted that the Chairman had received a letter from a Priory Wood resident complaining about dog fouling in Priory Wood. The Council agreed that notices reminding dog owners to clean-up dog mess would be exhibited on the 3 principal Priory Wood Commons and on Chapel Common Notice Board. The resident also complained about local residents parking on Chapel Common ‘car park’. A Councillor proposed – and the Council agreed – that the Clerk would write again to all Priory Wood residents reminding them that, in accordance with the Scheme of Regulation for Priory Wood Common, overnight parking was not permitted anywhere on the Common. It was also agreed that the Clerk would advise the objector of these actions. **Action CLERK**

Also please see CIS sheet - Items on this were: - Reports emailed from Cllr Hewitt, these had been emailed to Parish Councillors prior to meeting.

Wayleave – Communication of emails and telephone calls between Freedom, the Clerk and the proprietor had been exchanged and the clerk explained the current situation of legalities over the common land and would reply as soon as anything changes in this situation. It was discussed at the March Parish Council Meeting and agreed that at present nothing further could be agreed but it is hoped the matter will be resolved shortly.

Calor Rural Fund – applications for grants are open and this was emailed to Cllrs prior to the meeting.

Settlement Hierarchy – emailed to Cllrs.

Flooding Clean Up – Talk Community emails from Herefordshire Council emailed to Cllrs

Balfour Beatty – No replacement for Linzy Outtrim in post yet.so enquiries to go to Paul Norris.

12. Any other Business – Acknowledgment of a letter received on the evening from Hay and District Luncheon Club – will be added to next agenda.

12.1 It Was unanimously agreed that David Jones should become a signatory on Clifford Parish Council bank account.

13. Date of next meeting April 9th at 7pm Clifford Community Centre

Meeting closed at 8.46pm

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