



CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL

Here for you.

Minutes of the Meeting of Cleeve Parish Council held on Tuesday 9 January 2024 at 7.30pm in Cleeve Village Hall

1/24 Present

Chair Cllr Ronnie Morley, Cllrs Ben Whistance, Hilary Burn, Marianne Pitman, George Stringer, Colin Knowles and Clerk, Andy Warren.

2/24 Apologies

Cllr Geoff Pritchard and District Cllr Tom Daw.

3/24 Members of the public

3 members of the public attended.

1 member of the public wished to raise the ongoing issues with flooding across the Parish but, in particular, around Rhodyate Lane. Despite work carried out the issues remain unresolved, and CPC are in close contact with NSC and our District Councillor is also monitoring closely. NSC advise that, with budgetary constraints, further work will not be possible in the current financial year but work has been added to the priority list.

Further report that southbound electronic bus timetable still not working. This is chased on a regular basis and will be done again.

4/24 Declaration of interests

- (i) Declarations of interest relating to this agenda.
None
- (ii) To consider applications for dispensations.
None

5/24 Agreement of Minutes of the Meeting held on 14 November 2023

- It was resolved that the Minutes of the 14 November 2023 meeting are confirmed as a true and accurate record.
- Proposed by Cllr Burn and seconded by Cllr Pitman. Signed by Cllr Morley.

6/24 PCSO Report

- PCSO Nick Gough reports that there have been a number of break ins across both Cleeve and the wider area. Advice has been provided and added to website and Facebook.

7/24 District Councillor Report

- Following the by-election held on 16 November Thomas Daw was elected as District Cllr for the Wrington Ward.
- Unfortunately, full Council of NHS clashed with our meeting but contact has been made with District Cllr Daw and he has submitted the following report.
- "Following our meeting with Hannah Young on Monday about highways in Cleeve. I am going to be working with Cllr Dan Thomas and Cllr Bridget Petty to put pressure on this to happen.
- A planning proposal by Epic has been put forward to have their new headquarters in Long Ashton. I am currently helping the campaign against this. The proposal will push more pressure on the airport and take up green belt land.
- I am also looking into the application by the airport to remove its green belt status and how I can help block this.
- I have requested whether it is possible to speed up the process in getting the pipe work at the bottom of Rhodyate Hill completed. Unfortunately, this will not be possible until the new financial year."

8/24 Clerk's Report

- Following representations to NSC regarding the efficacy of the recent flooding work. I have received the following from NSC.
"I can confirm our contractor has visited the outlet pipe to the ditch on Rhodyate Lane, following the recent ditching works. The outlet pipe was jetted, with the intention to clear any obstructions. At the time of jetting, the operatives have recorded an issue with the pipe 30 metres from the ditch.

This means, although the ditch is clear, water will not run from the ditch, as the drain from the ditch is suspected to be collapsed. Therefore, we have identified the localised drainage works required and added these to our priority register. At present, the level of funding available to respond to these enquiries is not sufficient to respond to all requests we receive immediately, and as a result we hold a priority register. The priority register enables us to make best use of limited resources, and complete the highest priority works first. We prioritise drainage works by looking at many factors, including if the problem represents a safety issue for road users or causes flooding damage to property. As the surface water flooding issues experienced score relatively high on the priority register, I would expect the works to be identified for delivery in the upcoming financial year, as we have currently spent this year's budgets. The next financial year starts April 2024."

- The rope mechanism on the flagpole has malfunctioned and the flag has become loose. Am in contact with the company to resolve. A new flag will also be ordered.
- We have been contacted by Insurance Company regarding the damage caused to the fence at Goblin Combe Car Park in August 2023. Am in discussion with them over next steps as we may be able to claim for the damage.
- As part of an initiative by the Police and the NHS Emergency Bleed Kits have been placed in a number of places. For us there is a box attached to the defibrillator at the Village Hall and also fixed to the notice board at the Goblin Combe Car Park.
- The Kids Corner in the King George V playing field have now received a grant of £13,305.20 from the Airport Fund which will allow for repairs and improvements to be completed.

9/24 Financial Report

a) Payments made

16/11/2023	BACS	Cleeve Village Hall – October	£21.90
20/11/2023	BACS	Cleeve Village Hall – November	£21.90
20/11/2023	BACS	C R Monkman – Grass Cutting	£230.00
20/11/2023	BACS	King George V Playing Fields	£101.00
22/11/2023	BACS	Ommec Direct Ltd – Signs	£172.20
30/11/2023	BACS	ICO – Data Protection	£35.00
01/12/2023	BACS	Caroline Crane – Salary	£176.28
01/12/2023	BACS	HMRC – Caroline Crane	£44.00
01/12/2023	BACS	Andy Warren – Salary	£792.43
01/12/2023	BACS	HMRC – Andy Warren	£191.80
08/12/2023	BACS	Andy Warren – Expenses	£38.40
20/12/2023	BACS	M Watts CC Ltd – posts triangle area	£1,116.00
29/12/2023	BACS	Caroline Crane – Salary	£100.68
29/12/2023	BACS	Andy Warren – Salary	£501.43
31/12/2023	BACS	Bank Charges	£18.00
02/01/2024	BACS	HMRC – Caroline Crane	£25.20
02/01/2024	BACS	HMRC – Andy Warren	£118.80
08/01/2024	BACS	Andy Warren – Expenses	£30.00

b) Payments received

31/12/2023	BACS	Credit Interest	£181.51
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c) Bank Reconciliation as at 31 December 2023

Reconciliation prepared, circulated and attached for agreement and signature by Chair and Vice Chair

d) Budget for 2024/25

Calculations prepared and circulated. After discussion it was resolved that Cleeve Parish Council seek an increase of 3% in our Precept for 2024/25. This equates to £17,499 or £46.44 for a Band D property.

It was resolved to accept the Financial Report, to confirm the Bank Reconciliation and to submit the request for Precept at £17,499 for the financial year 2024/25.

Proposed by Cllr Knowles and seconded by Cllr Stringer.

10/24 Planning Applications

For Discussion

None

Under Enforcement

Issues raised with NSC regarding planning conditions relating to landscaping and to provision of Vehicle Charging Points. Although not a condition of planning the dropped kerb outside Tout's does need attention and to be raised at forthcoming BSIP Meeting.

11/24 Goblin Combe Parking Working Party update

We have been contacted by Insurance Company acting for the driver who damaged one of the posts on the car park fence in August 2023. Clerk liaising with company to arrange repair.

12/24 Bristol Airport

Cllr Burn has prepared a comprehensive response objecting to the NSC Local Plan 2039 Pre Submission consultation as it relates to Bristol Airport being removed from the Green Belt. Having been circulated it was resolved to confirm the comments and for Clerk to submit.

Proposed by Cllr Pitman and seconded by Cllr Whistance.

13/24 Speed Limit Reduction – Report from Meeting 8 January 2024

On Monday 8 January 2024 Cllrs Morley, Pitman, Knowles, Burn and Stringer together with Clerk (and District Cllr Tom Daw later in meeting) met with NSC Cllr Hannah Young, Executive Lead for Highways and Transport. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the ongoing traffic issues as highlighted in the Traffic Survey completed in 2022 and, in particular, to seek assurances regarding the reduction of speed limit to 30mph for the village.

In a follow up email Cllr Young advises that "NSC commitment to put in place a 30 mph limit which we definitely know can be done for the centre of the village, accepting that we will need to do a little more work at the point when we can allocate engineers to the project to look in detail at the start and end points and hopefully achieve the full stretch that you are keen to see."

At this stage this is positive news but indicates that further work is required to fulfil our aims.

Clerk to reply pointing out that the limit should extend, as a minimum, to include the playing field which has regular football, tennis, cricket (including Junior County Cricket) matches plus the Al Fresco restaurant. Also to request an early meeting with the relevant engineers.

14/24 Millennium Garden/Community Orchard

The pruning/clearing working party took place on Sunday 7 January 2024. We are indebted to Cllrs Ronnie Morley, Hilary Burn, Ben Whistance, George Stringer and Colin Knowles plus Denis Burn, Heidi Andrews, Carolyn Woodthorpe, Mark Daniel, Judy Kiernan, Pat Walmsley, Michael Morley, Chris Monkman and Elizabeth Vaughan who all took part on the day.

Chris Monkman will be disposing of the debris by bonfire which he will carefully monitor and control. This will be done by 21 February with due regard to weather conditions and he will also liaise with local residents.

We also need to consider:-

- setting up a committee to oversee the progress.
- Renaming the area and installing a new sign.
- Providing 2 disabled friendly picnic tables (see item 15/24)
- Cutting the leylandii bordering neighbouring properties. (Quotes to be sought)
- Whether Thatchers may provide some trees under their scheme for Community Orchards.
- Getting media involved.

15/24 CIL Monies

Two ideas have been suggested for research.

- Cllr Knowles has suggested a plasma screen for the Village Hall which could be used at CPC meetings but would also be a resource for the village. Cllr Knowles will investigate costs.
- We have already identified the need for picnic table in the new Community Orchard area. After the work in clearing the site it is suggested that 2 tables (both disability friendly) be sourced. Clerk to investigate options.

16/24 Consultations for Comment

- NSC Local Plan 2039. After discussion it was resolved that CPC objects to the changes to the Settlement Boundaries and Green Belt. These changes bring some areas within Settlement Boundaries and take the village out of Green Belt. We will also point out the loss of Green Belt which is not being equalised and the need to preserve the Strategic Gap between Cleeve and Claverham. We will also point out that part of the settlement boundary to be removed is not actually in Cleeve but is Claverham settlement boundary.
- Proposed by Cllr Stringer and seconded by Cllr Knowles. Clerk to submit on behalf of CPC.

For Information Only

17/24 Risk Assessments

- Ash trees above the green in quarry above the rock ledge are in dangerous condition. Clerk to liaise with Cllr Burn regarding removal.
- Dropped kerb outside Tout's development – see 10/24.

18/24 Report on Meetings and activities attended

Cllr Knowles, NSC Planning Workshop 14 Dec 2023. Slides provided to all for information. Including advice that preliminary bat roost assessments must be carried out.

19/24 Any matters to go on next agenda

Community Orchard, Flooding, Tender for Grass Cutting, CIL monies

20/24 Invitations to External meetings

Cllr Burn, Bristol ACC 17 January 2024
Cllr Morley, Recreation Club meeting, 23 January 2024

21/24 Future Meetings

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 February 2024.

Meeting finished at 20.59 pm.

Signed*Andy Warren*..... Dated18 January 2024.....

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