



## CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL

*Here for you.*

**Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 15 April 2025 at 7.00pm in Cleeve Village Hall.**

**Present:**

Cllr Ronnie Morley (Chair)  
Cllr Hilary Burn

Cllr Marianne Pitman  
Cllr George Stringer

**In attendance:** Andy Warren (Clerk), District Cllr Tom Daw, Hannah Baker (Groundwork South), Jackie Lower, Emma Walters and James Barnfield (NSC BSIP team) plus 3 members of the public,

**1. Chair's welcome to the public**

Cllr Morley welcomed all those present.

**2. Apologies:**

Cllr Colin Knowles.

**3. Minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2024**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2024 were agreed as an accurate record

Proposed by Cllr Stringer and seconded by Cllr Burn.

Signed by the Chair and handed to Clerk.

**4. Chair's Summary of the Year**

Update provided for period to April 2025 (Appendix 1)

**5. Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP)**

The BSIP team provided maps of various parts of Cleeve to illustrate their plans under the BSIP scheme.

These include:-

- 50 – 40 mph starts at Highridge House. This then drops from 40 – 30 mph from 1 Main Road, just past the junction with Rhodyate Lane and continues to 66 Main Road, where it goes back to 40 mph.
- Touts ownership is shown on the map in purple. Unable to raise the kerb as it isn't adopted highway.
- Double yellow line kerb ticks to deter lorries and cars parking outside Touts on non adopted footway.
- Additional gully at junction with Bishops Road to alleviate highway flooding issues.
- Existing footway at junction with Bishops Road to extend around the corner to Millier Road. New crossing points at this location. Dropped kerbs to be installed opposite the Wool Shop.
- Free standing RTI next to the wooden shelter on Millier Road.
- Cycle maintenance stand next to the wooden shelter on Millier Road.
- Bus shelter near Touts to be replaced with new two bay shelter.
- Two benches on stops at Warner Close and layby filled in to improve pedestrian access, as well as tactile crossing point, new bus stop platform and cage, where existing layby was. No shelter provided as patronage levels do not meet shelter threshold.
- New aligned crossing point at Warner Close.
- Crossing point at Graitney Close.
- Crossing point at Bishops Mead.
- Rebrand shelter at Rhodyate Hill. Although reflective strips were discussed on both shelters, solar powered lighting on both shelters has been investigated.

The plans were discussed between the BSIP team, Councillors and the members of the public. In particular the extent of the 30mph limit, whilst slightly improved is felt to be too short and should, ideally, go beyond the dangerous bends near Holy Trinity Church. Also the short length of 50mph on the A370 is felt to be unnecessary and will give vehicles little time to reduce down to 30mph. A number of other adjustments were suggested, and the team will take these away and come back with revised plans.

**6. Questions to your Councillors and District Councillor.**

There were no questions from the public for the Council.

District Cllr Tom Daw advised that he will work with the BSIP team in liaising with Touts.

Hannah Baker from Groundwork advised that they continue to foster greater community involvement and have a number of Community Volunteering Days arranged.

**7. Ideas from electors for improving quality of live for Cleeve residents**

No particular ideas were forthcoming.

Cllr Morley mentioned again that we currently have 3 Councillor vacancies which are currently being advertised and sought any expressions of interest.

One member of the public expressed an interest and will be contacted by Clerk.

**Close of Business**

The Chair thanked all attendees and Meeting closed at 20.35

## Appendix 1

### **Cleeve Parish Council Chairman's report 2024/25**

#### **Your Council**

There have been a few changes this year, we welcomed the return of Cllr Lister in June through co-option, however sadly we've recently had several resignations...

Caroline, Cleeve's village orderly has moved away, we thank her for her 8 years service and wish her & her family all the best in their new home in Cossington. We welcomed Judy Kiernan to the role on 1.4.25. Chris Monkman's contract finished in March, he is no longer taking on ground maintenance but will be running a cafe in Cheddar, wish him all the best... our new contract for grass cutting is with Greener Future Ground Services Ltd.

Cllr Geoff Pritchard resigned recently following a stroke, we thank him for all his help with planning applications and sharing his extensive local knowledge and wish him a speedy recovery.

Cllr Debs Lister sadly resigned after realising that since rejoining the PC it is not the right time for her.

Lastly, Cllr George Stringer resigned... although sad for Cleeve it is following a 55 year voluntary service with local government, 22 of those with Cleeve PC, we thank him for his dedication and wish him a well-deserved retirement.

In the past year the PC has responded to several NSC Consultations, most recently the local plan 2040... we responded no to all proposed potential sites for additional housing development in Cleeve.

#### **Traffic**

We have submitted 3 requests to NSC for speed reductions, we await their response.

We are hopeful the plans shown by the BSIP team tonight will be the impetus for moving our vision forward.

#### **Finance**

In January we increased the precept by 10%

We set a precept level of £19,249 which equates to £51.04 per year for a Band D property.

This was a hard decision to make but this increase will cover a rise in costs and extra financial liabilities that we have taken on in the past year following changes to NSC's delivering together program.

#### **Planning**

CPC responded to 9 planning applications last year, covering:

- 1 new house
- 4 extensions/refurbishments to existing houses
- 1 new outbuilding
- 3 others e.g advertising and retrospective

We sent a letter requesting an Environmental Impact Assessment with regards the solar farm proposal above Cleeve/Wrington

#### **Airport**

Thank you to Cllr Burn for her continued commitment attending airport meetings and keeping us informed of ongoing discussions regarding airport dispensations, particularly those allowable for night flights and more recently the Airport master plan.

#### **Community**

This year we awarded grants of the following amounts to local organisations:

All About Cleeve £400.

Yatton United Charities £100

#### **Open spaces**

Progress is being made at the community orchard in the former Millennium Garden. We held another volunteer session in January to plant more fruit trees... thank you to all who donated a tree for the orchard

and those who came to help.

### **The Future**

British Telecom are wanting to remove the phone box on Pound Green.

Cleeve PC can adopt the box for £1. We have had a suggestion to use it as a community library/book share, do you have any other ideas?

Whatever the converted box becomes we would need some one/people to organise and manage it... could you help?

We would also like to have some sort of community event in the orchard ... would you like an Apple day in October? An annual celebration of apples and orchards? Any ideas from village groups?... maybe have an apple pie making contest with judging and prizes? Apple activities/crafts for children?  
If you would like to help, please get in touch.

### **Thanks**

Finally, thank you to all the Councillors and our clerk for their continued hard work on behalf of the community.

Ronnie Morley 14 April 2025