

CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (May '19 - Dec '20)

As I write this report for the residents of Cleeve there is one issue that has dominated everyone's lives and that of our families and friends; Coronavirus.

It has been great seeing our community come together to help & support each other, especially the work by **Cleeve Resilience Group** in this difficult time.

The March meeting of the Parish Council was the last to be held physically; subsequent meetings used Zoom or Microsoft Teams to enable Councillors to participate using their own computers from home. District Councillor Steve Hogg and any interested villagers have also been able to join in the meetings in the same way.

The same technique has been used for a variety of formal and informal meetings.

In line with UK Government guidelines regarding Covid-19 and social distancing the Annual Parish Meeting, due April 2020 was cancelled.

The following is an update on Parish Council activity

CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

- There have been some changes to the Council; sadly, due to health problems Cllr Lister resigned Oct '20 we would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her a speedy recovery and all the best for the future.
- We welcomed Ben Whistance by co-option to the council in June '20 and were grateful he stepped up to the role of Vice Chair in Oct '20 following Cllr Lister's resignation. Ben has taken on the guardianship of the defibrillator installed outside the village hall; we thank Jean Ashman for overseeing this previously.
- In Aug '20 Alicia Fox left her post after 3 years to move on to new challenges. We welcomed Andy Warren, who has an extensive background in finance, to the role of Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer. Andy is aiming to achieve the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) qualification which provides a broad knowledge of all the aspects of a clerk's work - roles and responsibilities, the law, procedures, finance, planning and community involvement.

QUALITY COUNCIL

- In June 2019 Cleeve Parish Council was granted **Foundation Award** under the Local Council Award Scheme. This prestigious award recognises that the Council achieves good practice in governance,

community engagement and council improvement.

FINANCE

- A Parish Council Precept is a tax charged on each property in a parish, it is seen on your Council Tax bill. It is used to fund all the activities that the PC undertakes for the benefit of the community.
- The 2020/21 Precept level of £16,329.27 had a modest increase of 4% which equated to £43.15 per year for a Band D property.
- A new precept for 2021/22 will be agreed at our January '21 meeting.

PLANNING

- CPC has commented on 25 planning applications over the period May 2019 to November 2020. Of those decided **12 were Approved, 3 were Refused** by North Somerset Council and 3 were withdrawn.
- I'd like to thank Cllr Geoff Pritchard whose knowledge of planning is a great asset to CPC.
- In Feb '20 Cllrs attended the **Lord Nelson Public Inquiry** and, after a long fight, the result of that appeal was to allow planning permission for demolition of the former Lord Nelson Public House and redevelopment, incorporating petrol filling station with associated retail store and air/water facilities, replacement lounge bar/restaurant, hair and beauty salon and owner's office accommodation.
- During the inquiry there was a site visit which I attended on behalf of CPC, whether you were for or against this development I personally found it very sad to see the pub in such a dirty and neglected state.
- Bristol Airport Appeal; CPC continues to object to this planning application. CPC has responded to Application 20/P/2896/APPCON. Our response included details of the considerable impacts caused by the airport to the village.
- We also commented on the updated appeal documents relating to Air transport movements, noise, traffic, the multi storey car park 2, climate change and the ecological emergency and the economic case for expansion.
- I'd like to thank Cllr Hilary Burn for her tireless work regarding the airport expansion and appeal.

COMMUNITY

- There were 5 Grant applications for 2019/20 totalling £1,094.28

Parish Council grants were awarded to:

- Court De Wyck - New microphone/sound system (£225)

- Cleeve Kids Corner – repairs to play equipment (£445.28)
- Revd Nigel Thomas - Labyrinth event (£99)
- Cleeve Community Resilience Group - (£155 this money has not been claimed and is still available for the group to use)
- Cleeve Village Hall - Flooring (£300)
- Storyfest - Event on Cadbury Hill (£25)

Grant forms can be downloaded from CPC's website or by contacting the Parish Clerk

CLIMATE EMERGENCY

- Climate Change has become a "HOT" topic and in Oct '19 CPC agreed to declare a Climate & Environment Emergency.
- When commenting on future planning applications we will look at how the project plans to be as energy efficient as possible.
- We are looking at 'rewilding' - enhancing nature by planting more trees and changing the way we mow our open spaces.
- CPC has taken the following steps to help minimise single use plastics and reduce waste generally:
- Sept '19 PC meeting - Presentation by Libby Watts from Facebook Group 'North Somerset Reduce, Reuse & Recycle'
- Oct '19 PC meeting - Presentation by Pat Walmsley about climate change & emergency
- Nov '19 Colin Russell from North Somerset Council attended the PC meeting; we have agreed to install and trial a litter splitter/separator bin on Pound Green (Delayed due to COVID-19)
- Bishop Road Stores have agreed to collect empty crisp packets which will be taken to a local registered collector... helping to reduce landfill (Delayed due to COVID-19)
- Our village orderly does litter picks throughout the village for a few hours each week. In July '19 a new litter picking trolley arrived. All waste collected on litter picks is manually sorted into recyclable and non-recyclable waste.

TREE MANAGEMENT

- During October '20 Hilary & our tree warden Carolyn Woodthorpe did the Pound Green annual tree inspection.
- General maintenance such as trimming branches is needed on some of the trees.
- Unfortunately honey fungus has been noticed under the large conifer towards Bishops Road, quotes and advice from qualified tree surgeons are being sought as to whether the tree needs removing or reducing in

height.

PUBLICITY

- A reminder, that the CPC Facebook page and website provides up-to-date information on Parish Council activities and provides links to other useful sites. In addition, application forms for the CPC Grants application forms can be downloaded.
- We held our first Council Surgery in September 2019 and aimed to run them each month between 9:30am - 11:00am in the Village Hall Annexe; we've had various professionals on hand for residents questions; Bristol Airport expansion plans, Richard Branchflower NSC highways, Tina Huckle-Mills village agent. These will recommence when we are in a position to do so.

THE FUTURE

- The Quarry & Quarry car park are common land, the Parish Council are its protectors, we are currently looking into how to manage visitors parking and the impact inconsiderate parking is having on our residents & village. Large stones donated by Hilary have been placed along verges & around the triangle to protect the grass from cars. We would like to thank the **Village Hall committee** for enabling visitors to use the VH as a temporary overflow carpark.
- We are looking into installing bike racks at the quarry car park
- In response to concerns regarding speeding vehicles along Cleeve Hill Road, speed tests were conducted in June '19 - thanks to Bristol Airport Community Fund for awarding us a grant of £4000 in Feb '20 which is going towards implementing new speed limit signs and road markings. We hope this will not only reduce the number of speeding vehicles but improve safety for drivers & pedestrians. Unfortunately, this work has been delayed due to the Covid situation.

THANKS

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for all their effort, ideas and contributions.

Cllr Ronnie Morley (Mrs)
Cleeve Parish Council Chairman

CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – UPDATE (Jan '21 – May '21)

The news is still dominated by Covid-19, but there have been recent changes to Government guidelines and we are hopeful that normal Parish Council meetings can resume from June.

We deferred April's meeting by a week to observe the period of National mourning following the death of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh.

The following is a brief update on PC activity :-

FINANCE

In January we set a precept level for 2021/22 of **£16,656** this was a small increase of 2% which equates to £43.77 per year for a Band D property.

PLANNING

CPC has commented on 2 planning applications, one neutral comment and the other an objection to the material changes linked to the Lord Nelson development.

Bristol Airport Appeal; CPC will be attending and reading a witness statement at the Public Inquiry commencing 22nd July 2021, the duration of the inquiry could be up to 4 weeks.

COMMUNITY

CPC received three grant applications totalling £650

Grants were awarded to :-

- Cleeve Village Hall - lock for carpark (£450)
- Yatton United Charities - support for residents of Cleeve (£100)
- Avon Wildlife - dormice boxes (£100)

CLIMATE EMERGENCY

CPC will begin to use a new community carbon calculator as a baseline, this will enable us to review our own and the local community's carbon footprint.

THE FUTURE

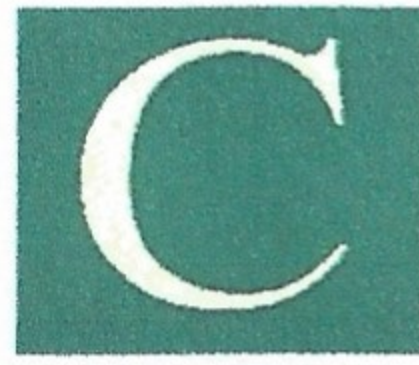
We are hopeful the speed reduction work on Cleeve Hill Road will commence soon.

We will be asking residents for ideas on how to spend £6,072 CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) awarded to us because of the Lord Nelson development.

THANKS

Thanks again to my fellow councillors for all their effort, ideas and contributions.

Cllr Ronnie Morley (Mrs)
Cleeve Parish Council Chairman



CLEEVE PARISH COUNCIL

Here for you.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2021

The financial year 2020/21 was dominated by the coronavirus pandemic and expenditure was less than budgeted estimates.

Expenditure during the 2020/21 financial year was £13,182

Administration

£9,260 was spent on the basic running costs for the council – salaries (Clerk and the Village Orderly), administration, insurance, hall rental, subscriptions, audit fees, training costs, administrative election expenses, post and stationery.

Maintenance

£292 was spent maintaining the grounds of – Pound Green, the Millennium Garden and also the Village Hall.

£1,743 was spent on emptying the dog bins. The Trustees of the King George v Playing Fields and Groundwork (Goblin Combe) both contributed 50% of the cost of each of the bins located on/near their premises (£260 in total).

Grants

£300 was granted to the Cleeve Village Hall towards replacement of flooring.

£25 was granted to Somerset Storyfest towards event in September 2020.

Precept for 2020/21 and 2021/22

The Council took a decision in December 2019 to raise the precept by 4% for 2020/21.

The Council took a decision in January 2021 to raise the precept by 2% for 2021/22

If there are any questions on the Council's finances, please do ask.

Andy Warren

Clerk

5 May 2021