

**Meeting of Clifton Parish Council held on Thursday 21st July 2011 at 7.30pm at the
Community Centre, Whiston Crescent, Clifton**

Present: Mr B Livesey (In the chair)

Mr S Fish

Mrs L Hurst

Mr B Padgett

Mr J Stevens

Mrs P Livesey

Mr S Langton

Mr T Cobb

In Attendance: Mr G Edwards

Cllr Rita Drinkwater (at 8pm)

Cllr Ian Dalgarno (at 8pm)

1. Public Forum: A resident from Clifton House Close

The resident was concerned about the youth shelter on the playing field encouraging anti-social behaviour from persons using it to drink and smoke in. The incidents will be brought to the attention of the police and they will be asked to monitor the situation. It was suggested that the Parish Council should consider strengthening the bylaws by having a closing time on the playing field to stop the behaviour going on into the night which is when many of the incidents had occurred.

2. Declaration of Interests: None

3. Apologies: Mr I Pacey, Mr R Puritz, Mr M Ephgrave

4. Police Report: None

5. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 9th June 2011, a copy of which had been circulated to each member of the council, were agreed a true record and signed.

6. Matters Arising:

6.1 Stockbridge Road Development: It was noted the Stockbridge Road development has now been bought by a new development company

6.2 S106 Funds: It was discussed by the Central Beds Councillors present that there will soon be a website available that will detail S106 agreements and their trigger points, this should be up and ready to use in 3-4 weeks. Procedures are also being put in place to publish all outstanding S106 agreements for each ward; this will give CBC a better way of monitoring and checking trigger points. It was also discussed that the Parish Council would be given more involvement in the checking of S106 agreements in future.

Cllr Drinkwater also found out there is £4,486 in S106 available for All Saints Lower School. The contact for education S106 in our area is Keith Armstead.

7. Outstanding Matters: None

8. Correspondence:

8.1 Central Bedfordshire Music Update: Read Out

8.2 Steve Shaw Re: Sustainable Communities Act: It was proposed and carried by all in favour that a response of 'Yes' to indicate Clifton Parish Councils support will be sent

8.3 Amev Re: Letter to Mrs Floyd: Parking on Shefford Road: Read Out

8.4 Central Bedfordshire: Planning Appeal by the Co-Operative Group to a Wind Farm In Langford will be held on 1st November 2011: A reply will be sent indicating a representative of the Parish Council will hopefully be able to attend

8.5 Central Bedfordshire: Rural Development Programme: An invitation will be sent to ask a representative to the next Parish Council meeting to discuss the programme

8.6 Bedfordshire Drainage Board: Clifton Maintenance Programme 2011/12: Circulated. It was also noted that Councillor Dalgarno is now appointed to the Internal Drainage Board and to contact him if any problems in the area should arise. It was mentioned to him that the drainage ditch near the S-bends by Samuel Whitbread, had overflowed in the past during bad weather and should be looked at with piping being the preferred option.

8.7 Rave Bus: Parking in the Playing Field 17th August: Read Out.

8.8 Mr R Anderson: Quote for Community Centre redecoration: Read Out. It was agreed that Mr J Stevens would discuss with Mr Anderson with a view to obtaining a revised quotation. In any case more quotes would be obtained.

8.9 Central Bedfordshire: Economic Development Plan Consultation: Circulated

8.10 CA Traffic Ltd: Traffic Calming Information: Read Out

8.11 Central Bedfordshire: Joint Local Access Forum: Circulated

8.12 Marston Vale Forest Centre: Picnic 31/07/11: Circulated:

8.13 Central Bedfordshire: Queens Diamond Jubilee Beacons: Given to Highways Committee

8.14 Joyce Tiney: The condition of the duck pond: Given to Highways Committee

8.15 Street Watch: Report for July: Circulated

8.16 BRCC: Funding for Sports Facilities: Given to Playfield Committee

8.17 Bedfordshire Bugle: July: Circulated

8.18 Open Space Society: Summer 2011 Booklet: Circulated

8.19 LCR magazine: Summer 2011: Circulated

8.20 Clerks & Councils Direct Magazine: Circulated

9. Community Centre and Playing Fields Management Committee:

9.1 Community Centre Solar Panel Project: It was agreed in principal the council was in favour of going ahead with this project. Also it was proposed and carried by all in favour that Mr J Stevens will apply for a grant of £11,300 from Lefarge as a possible source of funding for this project. It was discussed that as the current government green energy bill may soon be revised, the installation of the panels should take place before March 2012 so full financial benefit from the government can be made.

9.2 Re-pointing and Steps outside the Community Centre: Mr J Stevens has gained a quote from Pat Kruss. It was proposed and carried by all in favour to ask Mr Kruss to go ahead with the work. It would be £80 for the re-pointing and £320 for the construction of the steps.

9.3 Netting at the side of the Playfield: It was noted that the Football Club will be repairing the net at the side of the Playing Field.

10. Highways Committee:

10.1 Traffic Calming: Mr T Cobb noted he was still in discussion reference the camera signs. Volunteers are now required for Speed watch. A minimum of 4 people are needed so the project can become active with the police.

10.2 Public Rights of Way Localism Project: The questionnaire was filled out with a positive response, the Parish Council would like some form of involvement. The completed form will be forwarded to David Leverington and a response should soon follow.

10.3 The Joint: The state of the weeds in The Joint was discussed. Councillor Drinkwater would bring this to the attention of the highways department at Central Beds on our behalf.

11. Planning: The following plans had been returned to Central Beds with:

No Objection

CB/11/01906/FULL: 27 Hitchin Lane, Clifton: 1st floor rear extension and roof alteration to front

CB/11/01970/FULL: Telephone Exchange, Shefford Road, Clifton: Removal of Glazed Panels

CB/11/02220/FULL: Cormandel, Broad Street, Clifton: Erection of Porch to Front

CB/11/02109/FULL: 5 Sears Close, Clifton: 2 Story side & 1 Storey Rear Extension

Objection:

CB/11/02068/FULL: Lavender Cottage, Church Street, Clifton: Improvements to extension, new porch, removal of garage

Central Bedfordshire Granted:

CB/11/01222/FULL: 78 Shefford Road, Clifton: Construction for vehicular access

CB/11/01698/FULL: 1 Elm Farm Close, Clifton: Installation of Solar Panels

CB/11/01308/FULL: 14 Church Street, Clifton: Replace old garage with new in rear garden

CB/11/00780/ADV: Land adjacent to RAF Henlow, Advertisement: Sign in the shape of an aircraft

CB/11/01571/FULL: 17 Shefford Road, Clifton: Conversion of flat roof on detached garage and conversion with study space in roof over existing garage

CB/11/01686/ADV: Samuel Whitbread Community College: Signage at front of building

CB/11/01482/FULL: Land to the rear of 6 Whiston Crescent: Clifton, Erection of 2 bedroom detached house

12. Reports:

12.a Central Bedfordshire Council: The Highways department are setting up a depot for road salt distribution in Biggleswade and have invested in more salt provision for this coming winter. Councillor Dalgarno is to ask for a bag of salt for Clifton.

It was noted Chapel Close has now been adopted as highway, maintainable at public expense by Central Bedfordshire Council.

The problem of anti-social behaviour in the area was discussed. Councillor Drinkwater offered to speak to a youth worker who maybe able to offer a solution.

13. Finance:

Current Bank Statements at 23/06/2011 show

Community Account	£ 3,155.31
Business Saver Account	£ 55,205.13
New Treasury Deposit Bond	£ 30,000.00

Ref New Treasury Bond: The terms for renewing the bond were not satisfactory and the amount will now be added to the Business Saver Account.

Outstanding Accounts: None

Receipts: The following receipts were reported:

Mrs B Turner: Hire of Meeting Room	£ 64.00
Mrs H Harris: Hire of Centre 9/07/11	£ 48.00
Henlow Badminton Club: Hire of Centre in June	£ 66.00
Clifton 1 st Brownies: Hire of Centre in May	£ 22.50
Clifton 1 st Guides: Hire of Centre in May	£ 22.50
Clifton 1 st Rainbow Guides: Hire of Centre in May	£ 22.50
Woodlands Pre School: Hire of Centre 22/07/11	£ 48.00
Mrs T Chiswell: Hire of Centre in April/May	£ 407.00
Barclays Bank: Interest for ¼ March to June	£ 7.16
HMRC: VAT Repayment to 31/05/11	£ 629.54
Mr A Jones: Hire of Centre in May	£ 33.00
Clifton Parent and Toddler: Hire of Centre in May	£ 80.00
Milton Keynes Community: Hire of Meeting Room 22/06/11	£ 16.00
Ms C Wakefield: Hire of Centre 22/06/11	£ 48.00
Mrs R Turner: Hire of Meeting Room in June	£ 54.00

Payments to be authorised:

Ch101851	Herts CC: Cleaning Materials (+VAT)	£ 154.92
Ch101852	Mr R Anderson: July wages	£ 726.76
Ch101853	D Granger: Village Grass Cuts X2 (+VAT)	£ 726.86
Ch101854	Cleverly Horticulture: Hanging Baskets (+VAT)	£ 76.80
Ch101855	N Power Ltd: May Electricity (+VAT)	£ 131.29
Ch101856	Mr WJ Ferguson: June Litter Collection	£ 60.00
Ch101857	Mr A Crawley: June Playing Field Maintenance	£ 300.00
Ch101858	BATPC: Standing Order Book	£ 27.76
Ch101859	Miss Sherwood: June Wage (+approved expenses)	£ 622.51
Ch101860	Anglian Water: April to July Water Bill (+VAT)	£ 12.07
Ch101861	N Power Ltd: June Electricity (+VAT)	£ 132.06

Date of next meeting: Thursday 8th September
Thursday 13th October