

MEETING:	CLAPHAM PARISH COUNCIL
LOCATION:	The Methodist Hall, High Street, Clapham
DATE:	Tuesday, 18 th October 2022
TIME:	7.30pm
COMMENTS:	
Parish Council Members:	Cllr. Phillipa Simms, Chair (PS) Cllr. Sarah Walker, Vice Chair (SW) Cllr. Eric Cooper (EC) – Late arrival Cllr. Ali Dove (AD) Cllr. Jacky Fraser (JF) Cllr. Ian Gaskin (IG) Cllr. Adrian Langley (AL) Cllr. Cicely Palmer (CP) – Late arrival Cllr. Alan Prudham (AP) Cllr. Nigel Sparrow (NS)
Apologies Received:	Cllr. Paula Hurley (PH) Cllr. Dora Ornithari (DO) Cllr. Jane Walker (JW) Cllr. John Reid (JR) Cllr. John Keech (JK) Cllr. Charlie Tomkins (CT)
Clerk to the Parish Council:	Rosemary Plum (RP)

MINUTES OF MEETING

1) Apologies for Absence	
Noted above.	
2) Declarations of Interest	
- AL declared interest in any Football Team discussions. - EC and JF declared interest in the Allotments. - Eric declared interest in finance matters.	
3) Open Forum	
a) The following issues were noted: b) Pathway from parade of shops into Slade still not cleared (IG) c) Bollards on the Glebe green has have pulled out (JF). Reported to JW as its Borough responsibility.	
4) Minutes of Previous Meeting	
No comments. Proposed by: SW Seconded by: AL	
5) Matters Arising from the Minutes <i>(for information only)</i>	

Nothing to report	
6) Clerk's Report	
a) Considerable progress on monthly maintenance work. b) Further positive engagement with the Beds Police acknowledged by SW. and AP confirmed officers seen visiting Riverside Gardens on several occasions. c) Meeting Wednesday 19th October to review and update office printer contract.	
7) East-West Rail	
a) No update on the scheme itself. b) EWR meeting scheduled 14/10 postponed to 26/10. EC may attend. c) EC attending meeting at Wyboston 19/10 d) NS in light of Govt position with spending cuts, should we not from the CPC turn round and say EWR should be totally scrapped? With other infrastructure programmes being scrapped, this one could prove to be very expensive. e) What is MP Richard Fuller's view on the situation. We could write to Secretary of State (SW)	
8) Police Matters	
a) Local crime Figures were shared. b) We are being appointed dedicated patrol officers who will be in touch with RP in coming weeks to understand our issues and make arrangements. c) AP requested police to check Cody Road garages for suspected drug dealing.	
9) Borough Council Report	
a) Report from Cllr Jane Walker read by PS. b) JW is requesting further information from the Borough about the footpath enquiry from Dave Wooding. c) Concerns about fuel poverty in the village and how it's affecting those least able to apply for grants (EC). How can we help? d) BRCC are looking at trying to help and are having meetings and advertising only in Bedford Town Centre. This isn't good enough and they should be going out to the villages and rural areas (NS) e) Can we use village agents who are well versed in helping complete paperwork. It's working very well in Central Beds. f) PS has reached out to the village agent and NW to get groups back up and running. Should we put a flyer in the next Village News with the information (PS)	JW-info RP-next Agenda PS-Village News
10) Environment Committee	
a) Review of Environment Committee meeting 11/10/22 b) Environment Committee recommend Council accepts quote for Riverside Gardens tree pruning, remove vegetation and vines and remove reeds in front of the fishing bays. Price £790 from JDT Consultants. WORK WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED	

c) Astonishment at quotes of £850-£1,000 for handrail fitting to ramp to lower level of Riverside Gardens. NS getting new quotes. d) Jubilee tree going to be replaced by the nurseryman, Colin Carpenter free of cost. Delivery and labour £125. Anonymous donor has agreed to pay for the replacement of the tree. If the tree doesn't grow in spring, it will be replaced by the nurseryman.	NS-quotes
11) Maintenance Report a) Review of work completed (RP)	
12) Planning Committee a) Applications Decided by Borough Council: • 11, Woodlands Clapham , Bedford Bedfordshire MK41 6FS - Removal of existing conservatory and erection of new single storey side extension ALI Dove left the meeting at 9pm b) Borough Planning guidance report - We need to review and respond with a formalised response by 26th October.	
13) Publicity Report a) Update from the Event Meeting 13/10/22 (PS) b) Short but effective Events Group covering mainly Xmas lights on Sat 3rd December. World Cup games being played that day so starting Clapham event at 5pm with lights on no later than 6pm with setup from 3pm. c) Call for suggestions of hot food providers (PS) d) Bedford Lions not being involved as at Sainsbury's all day. e) CP may know of a possible Santa. f) Other events – Coronation Event a possibility and need other ideas for the Saturday of the bank holiday weekend.	
14) Allotments a) Tidy Up Day was very well received and a lot of work was done. 16yd skip filled by end of Saturday, no fly tipping. Thanks to EC also for all the administrative work he has been doing for months. b) Proposal for full Council visit to allotments and Millennium Park to appreciate the task that is ahead of us with both areas (NS).. Doodle poll (RP) to select most popular date poll dates for before next meeting. c) Creation of Council Allotment sub committee – item postponed to next meeting pending further research on operation of other Allotment Committees in Bedfordshire. d) Meeting arranged with Mary Joliffe 19/10 to try and establish where we're at with the Clapham Trading Hut (EC) e) We don't want to lose the momentum that EC has created and it's something we need to look at as it's potentially a very good income generator for the parish council (IG).	RP-Doodle poll RP-next Agenda

- f) Suggestion to have additional parish council meeting for allotments for 30mins by starting a 6.45/7pm with dedicated time for allotments (IG and AP).

15) Garages

- a) In the High Street, we currently have:
- 5 rented
 - 1 appears not to be renting any longer
 - 6 available
 - 5 parking spaces all rented
 - 1 further parking space to be created as part of demolition
- b) In Cody Road, we currently have:
- 28 rented
 - 3 available – which may be needed for tenants of High Street following demolition (5 possibly required)
 - 2 Parish Council service garages (Sand Store + CCTV)
- c) Hanson Social Value Bid
- Work to tidy outside of garages will be completed in this financial year but still don't have a date (RP)

16) Cemetery & Burial Ground

- a) Offer by resident, Trevor Holyoake to donate a 6' Walnut Tree for planting in the burial ground was accepted. (RP)

RP-Mr Holyoake

17) Highways

- a) 2022-23 capital maintenance programme includes:
- Cody Road Clapham, Footway resurfacing from 31/10/22 to 5/2/23 8am to 6pm (Breheny Civil Engineering)
 - Mountpleasant Road resurfacing starts on 1st to 29th November 9am to 3.30pm. Disruption and closures and buses will be rerouted.
- b) Green Lane depression in footpath outside White Cottage, causing subsidence. Work still not done (NS)
- c) White 20mph faded in Green Lane (NS)
- d) Roadwork signs dumped into hedge at top and bottom of green lane (NS)
- e) PS and JW met with Andy Prigmore on-site near the Surgery on The Glebe. He's going to check with the developers about work and perhaps list it as Borough work.
- f) White lines in 30mph roads will no longer be replaced because it slows people down if there are no road markings. They won't be replacing white lines in Milton Road (PS)
- g) Proposal to remove yellow lines at High Street at Fox & Hounds near Budgens to promote parking (PS)

RP-report

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18) Finance

- a) Review of Accounts paid.

PROPOSER: SW

SECONDER: AL

19) Website & Social Media

- a) Robin at BATPC wants to be kept up to date about our website development and use of .gov.uk domain name (RP)

20) Correspondence

21) Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th November 2022