

**MINUTES OF CLIFFORD CHAMBERS AND MILCOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD BY  
ZOOM AT 7.45pm ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs J Hall (Chairman), J Batchelor, L Baggett, M Hateley and J Tribe  
WCC Cllr Mike Brain, SDC Cllr M Perteghella - 3 members of the public were present.  
Clerk Karen Parnell

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr R Wyles

**2 FIFTEEN MINUTE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION.**

- The building of the Third Lane outside the garden centre should take place next summer but Traffic and lighting issues are currently unresolved.
- The construction of two extra buildings at the garden centre relating to the changes brought about Covid 19 in addition to the one permanent and one temporary building already constructed. Business needs to be established first and some areas do not allow for social distancing. The scale of the potential development was outlined.

Cllr Tribe will meet with the garden centre management in due course regarding flooding and lighting issues.

Cllr Mike Brain and Paul Stratton were thanked for their work and efficiency during the road Closure.

Much concern was expressed regarding development in Long Marston concerning the Road infrastructure that must be in place before works are completed.

A bypass is a consideration and Cllr Brain is monitoring the situation.

Modifications of the road will take place according to the progression of development.

Public transport and cycling is to be encouraged and air, noise and light pollution should be Monitored.

**3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**4 ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020 MEETING**

Resolved a true and accurate record.

**5 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING / NEW MATTERS**

- Flooding  
Cllr Tribe is liaising with WCC and they have confirmed that a camera inspection of the drain under The Close is scheduled for the 17th of November. Cllr Tribe will meet the team and provide an update in due course.  
WCC will be asked to update the PC regarding the £1M flood protection grant, also to get the broken drain under The Close resolved which at least would protect Barn Close from flooding.
- Neighbourhood Plan Progress  
The Neighbourhood Plan has been successfully amended and returned to SDC  
As we are now in the final stages the next step will be for us all to vote for it in May 2021.  
Cllr Baggett has made subtle changes to the plan and was thanked for her work.

Cllr Perteghella will enquire as to why the plan does not have 'made' status with SDC

Regarding the Site Allocation Plan consultation, when SDC asked for extensions inhibiting the Plans progress and status of currently 'Not being advanced enough'.

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- Adult exercising equipment  
Item deferred to January PC meeting pending further information

## 6 ANY MATTERS FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Cllr Perteghella reported:

### Lockdown

As you know, we entered restrictions on Thursday 5th November. Thank you to the Parish Council and community volunteers for any support to our vulnerable residents and those who need to self-isolate in the challenging times ahead. Please do get in contact if you need help or assistance for your residents and I will be very happy to help our community the best I can.

### Motions

Class Q motion asking for technical guidance to be published.

Cabinet has asked for a report from officers about my motion related to planning (Class Q permitted development), and the report was to reject the motion. The Cabinet accepted this and the motion was rejected at the last council meeting. I still believe that technical guidance would be of help to everyone involved in the planning process. I have been told that training on Class Q will be implemented soon and this should be open to parish councils too.

### Declaration of a biodiversity emergency

At the full Council meeting on 19th October, both my group leader Cllr Susan Juned and I proposed a motion on acting on the biodiversity crisis, calling for an increase in areas considered rich in habitats by initiating the development of council policy and practices on biodiversity and ensuring sustainable and significant biodiversity gain from new developments and call for new biodiversity sites to be included as part of the next local plan. We also call on the Council to designate more Local Green Spaces to meet the desire for communities to be able to access nature rich areas for health and well-being. I will update you on the recommendation for this motion once it is presented to Cabinet.

Below follows the whole text of the motion.

### MOTION FOR A DECLARATION OF A BIODIVERSITY EMERGENCY - October 2020

We are facing a biodiversity crisis. We advocate action at both the national and local levels to preserve and enhance biodiversity. We also recognise the importance of a healthy and biodiverse environment that ensures our future prosperity and the wellbeing of all who live, work in the District.

We request that the Council lobby the government to meet its own international commitments on biodiversity, but we want to do our bit locally as well!

We call for an increase in areas considered rich in habitats by initiating the development of council policy and practices on biodiversity and ensuring sustainable and significant biodiversity gain from new developments and call for new biodiversity sites to be included as part of the next local plan.

We therefore pledge to provide leadership and to work with all organisational departments, partners and our communities to reverse the decline in biodiversity and deliver measurable biodiversity net gain within this district.

We ask Council to develop local measures to prevent the loss of and to enhance biodiversity and:

- (1) Develop the excellent work of the Development Requirements Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Part N in the Core strategy Review.
- (2) Pledge to secure future measurable biodiversity net gain, building on past achievements.
- (3) Make the Council estate, more hospitable to a wide range of plants and animals, including on our parks and open spaces.
- (4) Ensure the delivery of biodiversity enhancements through our future planning policy and development control functions by ensuring that the Core Strategy will enable the development of a mandatory biodiversity net gain policy for the district, ensuring that this is a core principle for all future development.
- (5) Designate more Local Green Spaces in the Core Strategy to meet the desire for communities to be able to access nature rich areas for health and well-being.

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## Help for Businesses during Lockdown

### Local Restrictions Support Grant National Lockdown

Businesses in the District will be able to receive additional support during second lockdown. Businesses across the District that are required to close due to local lockdowns or targeted restrictions will now be able to receive grants worth up to £3,000 per month.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for the grant, the business would need to have been open as usual and providing in-person services to customers but has been required to close due to local COVID-19 restrictions.

### Payments

Payments are triggered by the national decision to close businesses across the District and throughout England. Eligible businesses must have been closed for the entirety of the lockdown period.

As with other COVID-19 business grants, local grants to closed businesses will be treated as taxable income.

These restrictions came into effect on Thursday 5th November and we will be providing more information about how affected businesses may apply.

Check the link below for updates:

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/coronavirus/local-restrictions-support-grant-national-lockdown.cfm>

### The Test and Trace Support Payment

The council is administering this support payment which has been announced by the Government for residents who are struggling to self-isolate due to financial constraints. Individuals who are required to self-isolate and who meet the benefits-linked eligibility criteria will be entitled to £500. This will be payable as a lump sum. These changes came into effect on 28 September 2020, alongside the legal duty to self-isolate.

The online application form should be available on the 12th October; individuals who are eligible prior to that date will be able to make a backdated claim. The scheme will run until 31 January 2021. This is the link to more details and to the application form <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/benefits-support/test-and-trace-support-payment.cfm>

## UBUS

The UBUS community transport service is still operating during lockdown 2.0 for essential journeys. From the 26 October the service has improved with longer operating hours (0915 - 1900) and all areas of the district served by UBUS Monday - Friday.

The booking centre is open 0830 - 1800 and will be reminding people that only essential journeys should be made.

UBUS vehicles are transporting a maximum of 5 people at a time with passengers to social distance. Face coverings must be worn unless passengers are exempt.

To access the services residents should call 01789 264491.

[UBUS@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:UBUS@stratford-dc.gov.uk)

## Site allocation Plan (SAP) 2020 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The Preferred Option of the SAP 2020 has been voted by council to go to Public consultation. Please let me know if you would like my support with my representation on any of the parish sites included in the SAP. Get in touch as soon as possible and let me have a copy for your comments for each site.

Some of you might already know that I am supporting the residents of Meon Vale in their campaign to save the Meon Vale woodland which has been allocated for strategic development for up to 300 houses in the SAP. The site in question contains the much cherished Meon Vale woods, meadows, brooks, footpaths which link to the Greenway. I made it clear to the Council that its allocation to development, which will see the

fragmentation of the woodland and loss of biodiversity, is completely at odds with its Climate emergency declared not even one year ago. I proposed at Full council meeting in October an amendment which would have allowed the Meon Vale woodland to be

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included in the SAP as a Safeguarded ecological Site because of its importance for green infrastructure, biodiversity, climate change mitigation, community wellbeing, in the same way that other sites in this Plan are safeguarded for their importance to employment or other infrastructure. The amendment was defeated in the ensuing vote, 20 to 14.

The public consultation on the SAP 2020 started on 29th October for 7 weeks and parish councils and residents can comment directly on the interactive version of the document on the Council's website [www.stratford.gov.uk/sappo](http://www.stratford.gov.uk/sappo) or download a form from the website to fill and email this to [planning.policy@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@stratford-dc.gov.uk)  
The Possible Future of the District Council

UPDATE: The White paper on devolution will not be published until at least the Spring now. Whilst Warwickshire County council prefers a single unitary, the 5 District councils, including Stratford District Council, have commissioned their own report to look at all the options, and their report's preference is for a North Warwickshire unitary and a separate South Warwickshire unitary.

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### **ANY MATTERS FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

Cllr Mike Brain reported:

#### **B4632 Clifford Lane 5 Week Closure**

B4632 road closure gave us significant problems especially with HGVs rat running through villages and causing serious damage to verges on single track country lanes and contravening weight restrictions on both river bridges. We worked closely with the Candent Gas contractors to try and lessen the impact, but these were complicated essential works that required a full road closure. By working together with businesses, farmer and contractors we initially knocked 1 week off the 5 weeks and were hopeful that we could reduce it even further, which we achieved on 3rd November . That was 17 days ahead of schedule with the road reopening that same morning. Sadly Businesses, Residents , Villages and Country Lanes have seriously been damaged or inconvenienced , especially business who have lost valuable custom and much needed revenue on the lead up to Christmas. Although a scheme for compensation is in place and charity fund is also available for small scale projects in local villages. Sadly It want compensate everyone fully . Let me know where I can assist. In addition the 2 safety cameras I had installed were stolen from their locations by The Bell & Four Alls Welford on Avon on Wednesday 28th October. Any information would be welcome to identify the perpetrators.

#### **Storm Drains**

WCC Officers have worked closely with residents to identify culvert/drains blockages to reduce the fear of flooding. Tomorrow is scheduled for CCTV inspection of the system to hopefully identify where the problems are, that's if all landowners permissions have been given. Obviously it's not that straightforward as some of the system falls within private property, which is not the responsibility of WCC.

#### **Nosh & Natter**

Nosh & Natter covers a wide area and is based at Meon Vale under the supervision of Barbara Craig and Isobel Slater N&N volunteers delivered 28 afternoon teas to members in October and last week delivered their first hot lunch to 40 members. This will continue into December and hopefully beyond. Cllr Seccombe and myself were able to support this wonderful organisation by funding it from our Councillors Community Grant Scheme. With this in mind I would like to say a Big Thank You to

all NHS staff, Carers & All Volunteers either on the frontline or working locally delivering to people in need. Not forgetting the people who provide our daily services, keep the power on, remove our rubbish and food suppliers keeping shelves stocked and deliveries coming. My thoughts are also with local businesses and suppliers who are unable to operate effectively during this second lockdown.

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## Councillors Community Grants

Community Grant Scheme 2nd Round. I had £2000+ left in my pot, but applications received were 10 times that. Although I couldn't support all the applications I was able to support the Clifford Chambers Village Hall Project fully by allocating £500

## Information

Warwickshire County Council Web Site contains a lot of advice and information on a number of subjects including of course Cov-19. Go to [www.warwickshire.gov.uk](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk) and go to Press Releases.

## The Vale of Evesham Freight Quality Partnership

I attended via Zoom The Vale of Evesham Freight Quality Partnership Working Group last Friday 13 November 2020, 2pm. We were represented well with WCC Officers, Bidford on Avon Parish Clerk & Chairman of Welford on Avon. The agenda consisted of reports from the previous meeting earlier in the year and mainly revolved around HGV's in The Vale of Evesham and their inappropriate routing. I will forward the minutes when published.

As always you can contact me via:- [mikebrain@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:mikebrain@warwickshire.gov.uk)  
Telephone 01789720728 Mobile 07980308568

## 7 PLANNING MATTERS

Application(s) reference: 20/02736/FUL

Proposed : Demolition of a single storey timber framed glazed canopy and the one and half storey gable end wall to the rear. Construction of a one and half and a single storey extension to the rear. Replacement of a metal up and over garage door with a window and dwarf brick wall.

A canopy over the front door. Replacement windows all as indicated on the drawings.

At : 54A Main Street, Clifford Chambers, CV37 8HX,

For : Mr and Mrs L Potter No objection

## 8 TO RECEIVE ANY CORRESPONDENCE

Old Tramway Revived - Stratford to Shipston Cycle Path presentation and information.

Notification from Professor Stefan Buczacki regarding damage to his beech tree.

Suggestions for benefiting the village from Julian Philcox

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### FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

To consider a donation to St Helen's Church - Agreed at £ 700.00

To approve payment of following accounts:

Barry Saunders (Website Maintenance) £ 720.00

Avon Planning Services £ 798.00

Tree maintenance £ 125.00

Receipts

Precept 50% £4000.00

V.A.T Reclaim £ 974.00

## 10. MATTERS OF INTEREST

Use of the website and Village Voice was promoted.

## 11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.45pm

Meeting closed: 9.30pm

Agenda items for January meeting to be received by the clerk by 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2021

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