

CLIFFORD CHAMBERS & MILCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

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DRAFT MINUTES OF ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, February 15th, Jubilee Hall 6.30pm

Present: Cllr. L Moseley (Chair)

Cllr. J Tribe

Cllr. Chaggar

Cllr. J Batchelor

Cllr. A Jordan

Mrs D Woodliffe (Parish Clerk & RFO)

County Councillor – Daren Pemberton

District Councillor – Manuela Perteghella

Also present: 25 members of the public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Manuela Perteghella

2. Declaration of Interests.

None declared.

3. Public Open Session

3.1 Member of the public read a series of notes to the Parish Council primarily relating to a dog walking business planning application. The resident suggested a lack of reference was made to council debate on the matter in the December Minutes. The resident suggested insufficient information had been secured by council members prior to their conclusion to object to the application. The Chair suggested the notes should have been sent to the PC prior to the meeting to enable council members to adequately review the points noted.

3.2 A member of the public mentioned the process for Community Right to Bid – Assets of Community Value and would be submitting a nomination form to the clerk at the end of the meeting.

3.3 A member of the public raised concerns about the green triangle to the front of the village which is disappearing.

3.4. A member of the public advised NO HGV was badly situated by Milcote Lane. Clerk to check and discuss with Cllr. Pemberton

3.5 The NP dark skies policy was noted, mentioning how some properties are having outside lights on over- night.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting.

4.1 Draft Minutes of Ordinary Meeting held December 6th would be revised to include more detailed debate on planning application 22/03414/FUL.

4.2 Draft Minutes of 4th January 2023 were agreed as an accurate record and were approved.

5. District and County Councillor Reports

5.1 Councillor Perteghella advised Stratford District and Warwick District Councils (covering South Warwickshire) are working together on a new Local Plan, to look at future development in the area, including policies, housing & employment, green spaces and infrastructure. This plan will eventually substitute the current Core Strategy and will run until 2050.

5.2 Members were advised of Full Council Meeting 27th February and the cost-of-living motion proposed by Cllr. Perteghella had been recommended for acceptance. It was encouraging to hear that a cost-of-living provision has been included in the council's budget proposals.

5.3 Voter ID was noted again and details of how to secure this will be posted on the Parish Council website.

5.4. Noting this is budget time, the current Conservative administration's proposals suggest a council tax rise of £5 for a band D property applied to the district council element of council tax. Funds for the District Council is generated as follows:

Council tax – 48%

Business rates – approx 24%

Remaining from various pots of money from central government.

5.5 Cllr. Daren Pemberton advised members of the difficulty in developing a local plan.

5.6. Cllr Pemberton reaffirmed Cllr. Perteghella's comments about the proposed council tax rise of £5.

5.7 Members were advised of a country wide levelling up fund to look at communities who require help. There will also be an apprenticeship fund.

5.8 Council members then entered into debate with Cllr. Pemberton over All Things Wild, noting how requested minutes of meetings from previous/early meetings on the application were not forthcoming. Cllr. Pemberton noted that although his initial thoughts were to support the application, his views had subsequently changed.

6. Clerks Report

6.1 Clerk confirmed approval had been received to allow some CIL funds to be used for a hydrology report. Council members resolved to secure current quotation for a report. Clerk to action.

6.2 Clerk confirmed chase again to Ruth Rose re planting trees at PC expense.

Cllr Batchelor noted the merit of having residents to adopt a tree to ensure it is watered.

6.3 Clerk has requested confirmation of funding for NP review. To be confirmed by next parish council meeting.

7. Chairmans Report

7.1 Cllr. Moseley reminded council members of his previous comments regarding the need to review the Neighbourhood Plan. The hold up in executing this is due to the Housing Needs co-ordinator (Rural Housing Enabler) and the need for SDC to sign off the agreement with the company. The NP needs updated information in order to conclude an accurate review. Matter is ongoing.

8. All Things Wild – 22/00114/OUT

8..1. Members were made aware additional information has been received for the application of ATW-Highway and Transport Technical Note 3. It was resolved to organise an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting and include this item on the agenda and to secure a revised quote from Motion. Date to be organised.

9. Village Maintenance including Flooding

9.1 Clerk to re-contact Hydrology Engineer for current pricing on producing a report.

9.2 Members discussed some village bins are extremely full and there is a need to have specific purpose dog bins located in the village, noting two within the recreation ground could be re-sited. Clerk to discuss with Street Scene.

10. Correspondence

10.1 members were advised of discussions with Stratford on Avon Garden Centre and how the business has had to cover the high costs of recent works adjacent to the building. It was confirmed the works would shortly be concluded.

10.2 Correspondence from Wild About Clifford / SWAN and the role parish councils should play in terms of wildlife/biodiversity initiatives. It was resolved to discuss more fully for the next PC meeting.

10.3 Members discussed VAS system for speeding and siting for future Christmas tree lights. It was resolved that Cllr. Moseley & Cllr. Batchelor would investigate and report back for next meeting.

11. Election

11.1. Clerk confirmed election day is May 4th, but nomination papers would be collected from SDC on March 2nd. Details of standing and relevant dates would be sent to council members within March. Nomination papers should be returned to the Clerk for checking and submitted to SDC NO LATER than April 4th. The period of Purdah is 15th March – 4th May

12. Finance

12.1 Clerk/RFO provided bank reconciliation.

Total Funds - £57,619.34 of which £34,633.66 is CIL Funds. Included reserves: £4,750

12.2 Council approved payments: (i) Bentens Payroll Services - £108.00 (ii)ATW - £2,760

13. Planning Matters

13.1 23/00153/FUL & 23/00154/LBC – Land adjacent to the Old Rectory Clifford Chambers – erection of a dwelling and formation of new access. Members felt there should be a full council site visit. It was resolved to place the matter on the agenda for an extraordinary meeting and to arrange the site visit earlier same day.

13.2 22/03309/FUL Comfort Farm – installation of ground mounted solar system. Members discussed the matter required further debate with the applicant and resolved to have the matter placed on the agenda for the extraordinary meeting with the applicant present.

13.3 23/00131/Tree – Tree Scheduled works. No objection.

13.4 22/03414/FUL - Land belonging to 12 Clifford Chambers – change of use / dog walking business (retrospective). Cllr. Moseley confirmed councillors views were based on planning objections, in particular traffic hazards at the entrance to the access lane and therefore the Council's decision was to maintain its objection.

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Cllr. Moseley confirmed the members view and in planning terms, and with further reference to traffic, the decision was to maintain PC's objection.

14. Police & Security update

With the request to have a police situation report as a regular agenda item, the Clerk confirmed contact has been made with Policeman Sid Hammond. A schedule of our meetings will be sent to Sid to give forward notice and enable him to attend some meetings throughout the year.

15. Cost of Living Crisis

15.1 Clerk confirmed attendance of a Cost -of- Living Crisis seminar with WALC and the proposed budget within SDC. It was resolved to post any information on our website for public perusal. Clerk to add any additional information relating to funding support.

16 Date of next meeting

Extraordinary meeting – date to be confirmed.

Ordinary meeting – 19th April 2023.

Meeting closed 19.59.

Debbie Woodliffe Parish Clerk.