

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF
CLIFTON HAMPDEN, HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE SOFTWARE ON 15th
June 2020 AT 7.30 PM**

	Present: Chris Neill (Chairman), Penny Hill, Jaqi Mason, Glenn Pereira, Rob Hollins, Lorraine Lindsay Gale and Sam Casey Rerhaye. Apologies:	Action	By date
17	Public Participation None Noted		
18	Minutes The Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 20 May 2020 were agreed as drawn		
19	Interests None.		
20	Recreation Ground Committee Tennis Court It was noted that the Tennis Club would like help with court maintenance fees. Financial support was given previously and it had been agreed that the Parish Council would not agree it without discussion. The Tennis Club does not have a quote but would like between £340- £450. It was agreed that the Tennis Club will be asked to provide quotes and a decision would be made at the next meeting. There was some discussion about changing the surface of the court to allow other sports to use the court but this would be expensive. Further discussion will take place to see whether there would be demand for this. Playground equipment. It was noted that the company who maintain the School playground require their own assessment before carrying out any work. It was agreed that the company who carried out the assessment would be approached to see if they can recommend a company to carry out the work.		

21	<p>Village Hall Committee</p> <p>A number of people are asking when the Hall will reopen. The Committee has had an informal discussion and felt that the space should be offered first to the School. PH has confirmed with the School that they don't need to use the Hall any more than they currently do.</p> <p>The Village Hall will now have to work out how to meet the government regulations. The previous arrangement was that the Hall is cleaned by the person who hired it. This is unlikely to meet requirements so the Hall is not yet ready to open. A generic Risk Assessment will have to be completed for the Hall and each user will also have to do a Risk Assessment.</p>		
22	<p>School</p> <p>A meeting will take place later this week to discuss the plans for the future.</p>		
23	<p>Highway and Footpath Matters</p> <p>Cycle path.</p> <p>There is a group in Long Wittenham which was also trying to get the route between Clifton Hampden and Long Wittenham established. GP is communicating with people from OCC and people who can help achieve the objectives.</p> <p>Road consultation</p> <p>A draft response has been prepared and the particular areas that will be highlighted are the impact on the green belt and the impact on traffic.</p> <p>It was agreed that the only addition for the response were the cottages on Clifton Heath as these have no foundations and may be impacted by an increase in traffic. It was noted that these are not in the Parish, but would be worthwhile to include these.</p>		
24	<p>Planning</p> <p>The Application from Culham Science Centre was noted.</p>		
25	<p>Clifton Hampden Finance</p> <p>Another Cheque Book is required.</p> <p>PH will provide a statement on the finances of the Social Club and Events Committee as they have money in the Parish Council Bank Account.</p>		

26	<p>Strategic Planning.</p> <p>Local Plan: JM will register for sessions on Green Belt, infrastructure and the land adjacent to the Science Centre.</p>		
27	<p>Report from County Councillor</p> <p>The report outlined what was happening to help schools reopen including a parcel of PPE. All schools are open but many parents are choosing not to send their children to school. It was noted that it has been very difficult to accommodate children in the new requirements. The government has recognised that it is a difficult task but until social distancing requirements have changed it is unlikely to be able to get schools back.</p> <p>Travel grant- going to do little things that may help a bit as only limited funds are available and will be used across the County. The second tranche of money will be larger which will be more useful.</p> <p>The Registration service is now allowed to start registering births and have isolated booths and a one-way system so that families can start registering babies.</p> <p>At the last meeting, parking in the village was discussed. This has been sent to the Member for Highways Maintenance but no response received. A follow up will be arranged.</p> <p>The County Council will have a cabinet meeting tomorrow. It is not possible to give update now on cycle paths but will hopefully there will be an update shortly. The Council is likely to have a financial shortfall.</p>		

Report from District Councillor

There is a small discretionary fund available to support local business. Fewer applications were received than expected in the first round of applications and additional funds are available.

Car parking charges have been reintroduced in towns, and there may be a system in place so that payment can be made through an app, but it is not known if cash will not longer be supported. The Council intends to review all the parking charges as these make a loss.

A letter has been sent to urge the County Council to be more adventurous with regards to cycle infrastructure. There is a new EU fund (the High Street Safety Fund) to help towns adapt to COVID so this might be seen in other towns in the district. This could include installation of hand sanitisers or parking changes. Some villages have asked for a 20mph speed limit put in.

One solution for the Long Wittenham to Clifton Hampden cycle path was for a 30mph limit to be in place between the two villages.

There is another fund for Local Enterprise Partnerships for “shovel-ready” projects. The Science Vale cycle path has been put forward to OXLEP but don’t know what will happen.

There was money available to open up Science Vale. Some parts of a cycle route between Didcot and Culham Science Centre are being constructed. Long Wittenham to Clifton Hampden is a vital link between existing routes.

The newly established community hub for COVID is still ongoing but activity has reduced. Vulnerable people are still being supported. Food box preparation has moved to the Cornerstone Arts Centre. There will be delays in SODC services as staff have been redeployed.

Rubbish collections are going well. SODC are paying out a lot more than getting back in at the moment. Lots of councils are losing income through business rates etc.

There is a backlog of planning applications and some applications will be decided in a different way with Ward Councillors involved if there is an objection. Not all applications will go to Committee. If the Parish Council has any objections to an application, it is best to inform the District Councillor.

Raised issues with litter coming off lorries with unsecured loads. SCR will get in touch with the Council officer who can ring Biffa.

Local Plan Examination

Examinations in Public start on 14 July. SCR has put herself forward to speak on a number of issues including Culham, Didcot Garden Town and Grenoble Road.

	<p>Council officers have put in updated documents on Green Belt and Culham. SCR will send a link to the page where all the new documents are listed.</p> <p>A document has been put in to amend the building standards to be carbon zero and this has been submitted. Councillors are going to work to make this more stringent and put it to the inspectors.</p> <p>A discursive approach rather than an adversarial one appears to be being taken. Keen to be willing to offer mitigations or some alternatives or ideas.</p> <p>Culham are hiring a barrister and two experts. SCR has tried to write to the project manager and has been told that the Examination in Public would either be live-streamed or recorded. SCR has pointed out it cannot be recorded as it is a discussion and this won't be possible if only a recording is provided. The project manager has said that they will try and do it via their technology.</p>		
29	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Cricket Club had a letter from SODC Licensing authority as they are doing an audit of all club certificates. The Cricket Club is operating under a club premises certificate which was issued in 1977. PH is in discussion with SODC for a licence that allows the Social Club and Cricket Club to operate as they have done.</p> <p>There have been some discussions about having a social distancing event outside.</p>		
30	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to Ian Kemp to say a representative would like to attend at the sessions for Matters 6, 7 and 12</p> <p>Culham Science Centre have new klaxons that they have upgraded and will be tested between 11-12 on Wednesday 17 June. Upgrades are louder than previous klaxons. They will be on the last Tuesday of every month at 10am thereafter. An update will be sent to the village.</p> <p>Radiation Emergency Preparedness Regulations - the regulations have changed and any radiation of 1 millisievert will need to be communicated. CSC were talking about doing a leaflet drop and as it is sensitive, they feel it would be good to talk to people about it. It was agreed that Chris Warwick should be invited to the next meeting.</p> <p>Exit of the Barley Mow carpark is not the responsibility of the Parish Council. The exit is overgrown.</p>		
31	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>13 July 2020</p>	AD	