

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL OF
CLIFTON HAMPDEN, HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE SOFTWARE ON 28th
September 2020 AT 7.30 PM**

		Action	By date
	<p>Present: Chris Neill (Chairman), Penny Hill, Jaqi Mason, Sam Casey Rerhaye, Rob Hollins.</p> <p>Apologies: Glenn Pereira, Lorraine Lindsay Gale</p>		
47	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>None Noted</p>		
48	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The Minutes of the meeting of 13 July 2020 were agreed as drawn</p>		
49	<p>Interests</p> <p>None.</p>		
50	<p>Recreation Ground Committee</p> <p>The payment to the Tennis Club was discussed. It was agreed that this year, the full amount would be paid. However, it was noted that this was an exceptional payment due to the pandemic and the Club needed to start raising money.</p> <p>It was agreed that work to cut the bushes around the site would take place again.</p>		
51	<p>Village Hall Committee</p> <p>All Covid-related requirements had been installed.</p> <p>There is a group of residents who would like to carry out re-wilding in front of the Village Hall but would require a small amount of money. The Parish Council agreed to contribute £250 for this project.</p>		

52	<p>School</p> <p>There have been changes taking place. The former Head left at the end of last term and an interim Head is in place who is trying to consider a number of matters.</p> <p>The Head has raised an issue around parking. A suggestion was made to use the land alongside the Village Hall. Guidance will be given on using the Rec.</p> <p>There had been a Health and Safety report on the site and issues were raised with a fence which was too low. No action has yet been taken on this but an update will be provided as soon as possible.</p> <p>The Parish Council would like confirmation on whether there is a regulation on fence height.</p>		
53	<p>Highway and Footpath Matters</p> <p>Cycle Path</p> <p>The cycle path between Clifton Hampden and Long Wittenham was progressing. The Parish Council was pleased to learn that all the landowners involved had agreed to donate the land.</p>		
54	<p>Planning</p> <p>It was agreed that JM will draft an objection to the inclusion of the Apron in the Local Plan. This will be sent to CN who will send it on.</p> <p>JM will be submitting a personal objection to the Local Plan.</p> <p>CN has objected to the Farm Park on traffic grounds.</p> <p>Culham Science Centre have put in a scoping opinion for an exhibition hall within the Science Centre grounds. It was considered that more parking would be required. The scoping they had asked for was as high as other inset buildings on sight.</p> <p>CN will discuss this with the person who is doing the landscape work for the Neighbourhood Development Plan.</p>		
55	<p>Clifton Hampden Finance</p> <p>It was confirmed that cheques would be signed for sending out.</p> <p>An update was provided on the new bank account. It was confirmed that all signatures have been provided and the change should be actioned shortly.</p>		

56	<p>Report from District Councillor</p> <p>It was expected that more officers would be required to work on Covid response. If a further lockdown takes place, SODC will be distributing boxes to people who are shielding. It was hoped that more coordination with the community groups would take place. There had been a good link with the community groups and the Village group had been confirmed as still being active if needed.</p> <p>A survey will be distributed to businesses to inform the SODC economic recovery plan.</p> <p>SC-R has a hard copy of the Local Plan Consultation if review is required. The Apron around the front of the Science Centre has been included in the Plan. This was not put forward in the Plan. It was not discussed at the Examination in Public.</p> <p>The Apron is in the Clifton Hampden Neighbourhood Plan area. As this was not put forward as a modification, it was agreed that the Parish Council should object to the inclusion of the Apron in the Plan.</p> <p>Consideration was taking place as to whether there were grounds for Judicial Review. The guidance from the Secretary of State was that the Plan should be progressed through. There were only 21 days after adoption by the SoS for a Judicial Review to be requested.</p> <p>There was an attempt to get people together to be well-prepared when it is possible to submit a Judicial Review claim. The SoS would likely rather the Council approved the Plan and adopted it itself. It would go to a full Council Meeting.</p> <p>The District Council is carrying out a lot of work and trying to prepare as much as possible. However, it is not possible to make any plans at this stage.</p> <p>Thames Champion (Cllr Jo Robb) wants to get information from Parishes that border the river. Is someone interested in giving her information about water quality, problems, biodiversity issues or anything that would affect the quality of the river. PH noted that there had been illegal dumps by Thames Water in 2019 in Clifton Ditch. PH tried to subscribe for water testing but already oversubscribed. There is a resident in Burcot who is a geographer and who</p>		
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has raised this as an issue. There had also been an increase in people swimming in the river over the summer.

A new resident in the Village is a hydrologist working in Wallingford who may be interested in working with other residents. In addition, there are more Burcot residents whose houses border the river.

SC-R will send on the email address for the Councillor to PH and PH will circulate to interested parties.

The people swimming in the river had highlighted the lack of a public toilet in the village. People had used public areas as a toilet. The Parish Council would like the District Council to reinstate the toilet in the Barley Mow carpark. Alternatively, the Parish Council would like to install an eco-toilet, but to have support with it in terms of maintenance.

The Barley Mow carpark did not belong to the Parish Council although it was within the Parish Boundary. The Parish Council would like a composting toilet on the wharf.

Clifton Hampden had been listed in the national press as one of the best areas for river swimming in the country and no support had been received from the District or County Councils. The Parish Council needed additional support from marketing and tourism departments in the District and County Councils.

It was agreed that the Barley Mow would be approached to ask if they would be willing to make arrangements for swimmers to use the pub toilet.

There were issues around whether this was an Environmental Health concern. The toilet was removed some time ago.

SC-R will speak to Long Wittenham and Environmental Health. It may be that a number of parties need to contribute money towards the cost.

A question was asked about the Farm Park. The current position is that the officers are waiting for information about the access. SC-R is waiting to speak to an officer. This is a major application, so if the officer is minded to approve it, it would likely be called in to committee.

It was noted that the timing could not be worse due to the works on the road, housing developments and works at the Science Centre. This would also potentially damage the new bus route as the bus would be delayed and usage would fall.

Under the new call-n powers, if a Parish Council objects to any application, the Planning officers will call and discuss the issues.

57	Correspondence		
58	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>It was noted that there would be some final meetings concerning the Neighbourhood Plan. The consultation was nearly finished to go out and the aim was to carry this out in November.</p> <p>This would not be the final consultation. It would then go to SODC for comment which would be implemented and the aim was to send it to referendum next year.</p> <p>It was noted that Giles was carrying out an excellent job with the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The timing of the next meeting was discussed. It was agreed that the next meeting would start at 8pm.</p>		
59	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>26 October 2020</p>	AD	