

CLIFTON CAMPVILLE WITH THORPE CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

9th September 2025 @ 7pm

Venue - Clifton Campville village hall

Correspondence – All correspondence was circulated before the meeting

Present: Cllr Bennion (Chairman), Cllr Nicholls, Cllr R Leedham, Cllr E Leedham, Cllr Bostock, Cllr Amsden, Cllr Tongue. Clerk: Sue Hughes. Members of the public - 0

1. **Apologies** – None
2. **Declaration of interest:** Cllr R & E Leedham item 7- e,f. Cllr Bostock 7- d,e.
3. **Members of the public** - None
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting** –
 - a. Minutes from 15th July 2025 meeting - These were circulated before the meeting, taken as read, and signed as a true record by the Chairman – **Approved** by all members present
 - b. Matters arising - None
5. **Finance** – All documents circulated before and during the meeting
Balance of accounts: Current **£4963.71** @ 15.8.2025 – Savings **£20232.40** @ 27.8.2025
Statements shared with members before the meeting and signed by the Chairman
Approval of payments
Payments **approved** by all members present
 - a. £46.50 Clerk’s expense
 - b. £5.00 monthly contribution to mobile phone 21.7.2025
 - c. £37.80 Nest Pension – 31.7.2025
 - d. £76.95 Pennion Water (allotment) – 15.8.2025**Receipt**
 - e. £40.37 Interest on savings account - 31.7.2025 - **Acknowledged** by all members present**Banking**
 - f. Addition signature required for banking, with access to internet banking – Cllr E Leedham to supply details –. Clerk to be removed on 16.10.2025. **Approved** by all members present
6. **Adoption of Policies**
 - a. Standing Orders – Defer to next meeting
 - b. Financial Regulations – **Approved** for adoption by all member present
 - c. Martyns Law – **Acknowledged**
7. **Planning**
 - a. Application No: 25/01024/FUL - (Full Application). Applicant: Klara Crowley
Location: Land At Highfields Farm, Clifton Lane, Tamworth, Staffordshire
Proposal: The installation of a section of cable route associated with the Thorpe Solar Farm.
No objections made
 - b. Application No: 25/00955/FUH - (Full Application (Householder). Applicant: Mr & Mrs Kirkpatrick
Location: Highfields Farm, Clifton Lane, Tamworth, Staffordshire
Proposal: Erection of a single storey side and rear extension with integral garden wall, re-
construction of existing single storey rear extension and retention of entrance gates and wall.
No objections made

c. Application No: 25/00956/LBC - (Listed Building Consent) – As above

No objections made

d. SCC/25/0079/FULL-MAJ for installation of two temporary access points at Clifton Lane, B79 0AH.

No objection made

e. SCC/25/0083/FULL-MAJ for Application for installation of two temporary construction access points at land north (no.17a) and south (no. 17b) of Clifton Road.

No objection made

f. SCC/25/0092/FULL-MAJ for Application for installation of two temporary access points at Thorpe Lane B79 0BW.

No objection made

8. **Remembrance/Poppy appeal**

Enquire if SCC will consider Leicestershire's policy for the placement of poppies on lamp posts.

Poppies for lamp post cost £5 each plus postage – agreed to buy 20. Cllr Nicholls to purchase.

Poppy wreaths from RBL to be continued, request 3 to be delivered to Cllr Nicholls for 3 locations.

Cllr Amsden to attend service on behalf of the PC at St Andrews and Cllr Nicholls at Macgregor Tythe.

9. **Email and website domain.gov.uk –**

Parish Council Websites to make transfer to cliftoncampvillepc@.gov.uk

Agreed by all members present

10. **Highways**

a. Potholes – It was agreed by majority vote that it is not the Clerk's responsibility to report potholes unless the issue is not resolved and members agree to it.

b. Sink holes outside 3/5 Chestnut Lane – Clerk to email SCC Councillor & Cabinet Officer/Cabinet Strategic officer for Highways.

11. **No man's land – Church Gates.**

Cllr Nicholls to find out what the fee is from Highways to cover a "Highway Extent Request" which is the only way of locally revealing highway owned land alongside/adjacent to the tarmacked surface, thus enabling clarification of Staff's C C denial of responsibility for the area of hazardous roadway adjacent to St Andrew's Church gates.

12. **Mobile Phone coverage –**

PC to follow up on email previously sent to Sarah Edwards. Cllr Nicholls to **compose letter** to highlight the potential concerns when BT/Openreach switch off the PTSN (Public Telephone Switched Network) in January 2027. This is electrically powered from telephone exchanges, so remains operational during localised power cuts. From 2027 such power cuts will wipe out the new "Digital Voice" via fibre Broadband, meaning access to all emergency services will be depend wholly on mobile telephones thus is a major concern in the Mease Valley where mobile reception remains unreliable. Cllr Bennion will also be sending correspondence regarding this.

13. **Allotments condition –** A report from Cllr R Leedham will be forwarded to members. To be discussed at the next meeting.

14. **Clerk**

a. Local Government Pay Award from 1st April 2025 SCP17 increase of 50p per hour for Clerk.

Approved by all members present.

b. Holiday approval no longer applicable

c. Balance of holiday remaining, 17.3 hours to be paid in October pay salary – **Approved** by all members present.

15. **January 2025 meeting –** No change at present

16. **Reports -**
Cllr Nicholls/Bennion to arrange Clerk vacancy advert for Mease Valley news.
Cllr Bostock to source Clerk's job description
Cllr Tongue to investigate recruiting a temporary clerk and the storage of documents in the village hall.

Meeting concluded @ 20:50

Next Meeting 11th November 2025

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