

CLIVE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday 30 April 2024

This meeting was held at Clive Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 30th April 2024.

Parish councillors in attendance: Cllrs Rob Dennis, Ian Donoghue, Sandy Goldwyn (Vice Chairman), Paul Hewitt, Peter Walters (Chairman).

Also in attendance: Lydia Bardsley, (Clerk to Parish Council), Adam Osbaldiston (Sansaw Estate), Paul Nicholson (Chairman, Village Hall Committee), Bryan Bishop (Clive & Grinshill History Group), Renshaw's Field Association representatives. Public: 4

Meeting started at: 7.30pm.

P1/24 Chairman's welcome and apologies

The Parish Council Chairman Cllr Walters welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from: Cllrs Mark Haines-Eynon, Andrew Rushworth, and Peter Slark, Clive CofE School, Renshaw's Field Association (may join meeting later), RAF Shawbury, and Wem Safer Neighbourhood Team.

P2/24 Confirmation of Annual Parish Meeting Minutes 2023

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the 2023 Annual Parish Meeting were accurate, and these were signed by the Chairman. A copy can be found on the PC's website: [2023 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes](#).

P3/24 Annual reports

a) Clive Parish Council – Chairman annual report

The Chairman, Cllr Peter Waters, gave the [Chairman's annual report which will be published in full as an appendix to these minutes](#).

The report covered:

- Local Plan Review and the uncertainty of Clive's settlement status. It will be at least the end of the year before any decisions may be made.
- Third VAS sign for Wem Road – PC unable to progress due to revised funding allocations from PCC and new criteria from SC for installation of signs. Lack of police resources to support speed enforcement in Clive.
- Flooding at A49 and Sherwood bank junction –no further action from SC.
- Community speed watch –thanks to the group for their dedication, more volunteers needed.
- Dog fouling– PC has installed posters around village in further attempt to highlight problem. New laws and fines are coming into effect soon.
- Heritage status – PC need to look at pros and cons.
- Potholes – ongoing problem. Residents encouraged to use Fix My Street to report potholes and other issues, e.g. mud on road, etc.
- Repaying Renshaw's Field - repayments to continue until 2035.
- Thanks to the PC clerk for time and attention devoted to the village.

b) Clive Parish Council Financial report for 2023-24

The Parish Council Clerk gave the [PC Financial Report for 2023-24](#) which will be published in full as appendices to these minutes.

c) Sansaw Estates – Annual report

The Chairman welcomed Adam Osbaldiston to the meeting. He gave the following report:

- Difficult weather has made this a challenging year for the dairy farm, whilst trying to maximise capacity. The estate continues to work with SC highways to improve roads around estate; there has been lots of ditching work to divert water away from roads.
- They are in the Countryside Stewardship Mid-Tier scheme, which aims to promote biodiversity, environmental gains, wildflower meadows etc., and different methods of farming.
- Have successfully completed two refurbishments this year. The estate continues to grow and support people in the local farming community.
- Work with Lingen Davies charity to provide the venue for their annual colour run in Shropshire. Estimate over £100k has been raised over the last 3 years, and will continue to support Lingen Davies.
- Estate will continue to keep thriving and improving country around us, including tidying up around village, litter picks around estate.

There were some comments raised by the public about wildflowers, strimmed verges, and use of pesticides. The estate has problems with doc leaves that they are trying to deal with, but will take on board comments.

d) Wem Safer Neighbourhood Team, Annual report

The Clerk shared the [annual police report](#) which will be published in full as an appendix to these minutes. It covered incidents to be aware of this year, recent police action on Clive policing priorities (ASB, Other traffic offences, and Thefts), and upcoming community engagement in the form of the mobile police van.

e) RAF Shawbury report

The Clerk shared the [RAF Shawbury annual report](#) which will be published in full as an appendix to these minutes. The report covered: night flying, works to the airfield, hi-viz for horse riders, drones, Aries magazine, course community projects, and important dates for the future.

f) Village Hall Committee – Annual report and renovations update

Chairman Paul Nicholson gave an Annual Report for the Village Hall Committee.

The report covered:

- Village Hall AGM held last night, and noted Village Hall year runs from March 2023-end Feb 2024.
- An amazing year with major refurb work, hall re-opened in May to celebrate Coronation. Action plan is now complete, 9 years after initial discussions. Huge thanks to everyone who made it possible, and for the support from the committee, the PC, the architect, the local builder and team, Clive community, Veolia, and Shropshire Council. Many positive comments about the new hall, increase in bookings and events attendance. Great to see the hall provide warm, welcome, inclusive environment.
- New events - wine tasting has been oversubscribed, extra Pilates classes and children's dance class, monthly coffee morning, etc.
- Improved resources within hall – drawing up wishlist e.g. built in hearing loop, window blinds, etc.
- Challenge to find volunteers to support day to day running and management, cleaning rota, and events. Committee has a great team, and very much appreciate the support from the team of volunteers.
- Finances were a challenge during refurbishment. Committee aims to raise enough money from lettings to cover day to day running costs, and fundraising goes to develop the building. Chairman gave a summary of the lettings and fundraising income (e.g. Christmas fair, 100 Club, grant funding, loan) and expenditure. £131k was spent on the Village Hall building last year.

- Quite comfortable position end of last year so very pleased with that, and Committee is still solvent at the moment.
- Members of the public asked about damp patch on wall. This is possibly a problem with guttering but is hard to access. Contractor will come back in drier weather to investigate.
- The PC Chairman commented that visitors have been amazed by the transformation of the hall. Coffee mornings are a great success for the community. All credit to the VH Committee that they've made it work, and Chairman gave earnest thanks for everything they've done for the hall.

The Chairman thanked the Village Hall Committee for their report.

g) Clive & Grinshill History Group – Annual report

The Chairman welcomed Bryan Bishop who gave a report which covered the following:

- Running for 17 years, 170 members subscribed, organised over 100 events
- Hit badly by Covid, subscription-based organisation, reliant on number of members
- £60/speaker and hall hire costs – still looking for local support
- Website is very effective, lots of enquiries from ex-villagers from Australia, US, Canada etc. History Group does an immense amount of work helping people trace their history locally.
- Main work is recording local history, and they possess a vast database already of photos, maps, documents etc. They have done presentations on Hillside and Hilltop, and one on Grinshill. This month will see talks about Station road and Back Lane.
- Future challenges – how to use technology to preserve all that data
- Current projects – Poppy trail to trace soldiers around village
- Previously replaced railings opposite Clive Hall and Group was also involved in school anniversary and evacuees theatre event
- History of Clive Parish Council – History Group has gathered huge amounts of information from conversations with former Cllr Bernard Fowles, and has done similar exercise with former Cllrs from Grinshill. They knew their respective parishes and residents extremely well.
- History Group has a record of highlights from past PC minutes which was shared with the PC Clerk, e.g. in the 1920s the PC debated and turned down the proposed introduction of electricity to the village.

The Chairman thanked the History Society for the report and everything they do.

h) Renshaw's Field Association – Annual report

The Clerk read out the [Annual Report for the Renshaw's Field Association](#) that had been sent prior to the meeting. This will be published as an appendix to the minutes. This covered annual audited accounts, membership, projects updates (Drawwell wall, Queen's Green canopy, BT Wayleaves, and Land Vestiture) and the 10 year project plan.

i) Shropshire Council Report – Cllr Simon Jones

No report received.

j) Clive CofE School – Annual report

The Clerk read out the [Annual Report for Clive CofE Primary School](#), which will be published in full as an appendix to the minutes. This included numbers of children on roll, topics studied and school trips, community vegetable garden, annual cross-country event, and future events (FOCS summer fair).

No reports from other organisations were received.

P4/24 Wildflower verges project update, by Steve Varga

The Chairman welcomed Steve Varga to the meeting who gave the following update:

- Residents and former Cllrs have been trying to get the project going for a few years. PC organised a presentation from Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project and kindly donated some seeds.
- Two verges have been prepared alongside Back Lane and Field Drive, and the fingerpost and small area by school. Areas were strimmed early March so rain may have washed half the seeds away. It normally takes around 2 years to show any effect.
- Have been advised to sow a meadow mix, which includes flowers and grasses which will help keep back weeds.
- Volunteers will be doing a traditional mow in July. They have bought some extra yellow rattle seed to control existing vegetation
- Hopefully verges will be up and running soon.

The Chairman thanked Steve for this update.

1 x member of the public left the meeting at 20.10

P5/24 Dog fouling

The Chairman gave an update:

This is still terrible problem even though there are bins available. The PC has identified hot spots and is putting up posters. New laws will be in effect soon (1st June) with £100 fine.

There is now a dog warden who can receive reports over the phone. Dogs will also need to be kept on lead on highways, and there will be fines for not cleaning up dog mess. People in village need to help with reporting dog related matters.

Members of the public reported that the National Trust encourage a "stick and flick" solution to fouling (if not on highway). Dog mess decomposes quicker than if owners hang poo bags on trees/bushes in plastic bag. Anything that helps minimise dog mess in public places would be good.

It was noted that there is a lot of dog mess in the woods at the end of Mine Bank. Cllrs had reported the slipped bin at the end of the lane, but SC doesn't consider work is necessary.

P6/24 Local Plan Review update, by Clive Parish Council

Cllr Dennis gave a recap on the plan and an update on current examination progress. This included:

- SC's statutory obligation to review the Local Plan every few years, and for it to be up to date. Current plan period is 2016-38.
- SC submitted draft plan to government for examination. PC view is that Clive has been incorrectly scored in hierarchy of settlements assessment, and contests Clive's proposed Community Hub status (scores based on out of date, inaccurate data). PC's requests to update the score and revise settlement status have not been actioned.
- Impact of Community Hub status on development and housing allocation in Clive.
- Concerns development boundaries will not be respected.
- Examination process started in 2022. Inspectors have to check legal requirements are met and plan is sound. PC gave written and in person statements at Stage 1 hearings - believed the Local Plan is unsound due to reliance on out of date, inaccurate, and poorly administrated data.
- Hearing stages are still ongoing, inspectors have asked SC to re-write 4 strategies and a consultation is in progress now. Expect rest of stage 1 hearings will happen after end of latest consultation.
- Stage 2 hearings –More specific relevance to Clive. The parish comes under Wem and will get its own set of hearings. The PC will be able to share arguments to contest Community Hub status. No dates for these hearings yet, maybe early 2025. At this point we will be 10 years into lifespan of the Plan period by then. The PC will be there with a written statement and in person representation.

Following a question from the public, it was clarified that the PC is contesting not just housing allocation figure, but overall Community hub status. At the moment Clive parish is classed as open countryside and new planning developments are not always considered viable in this type of settlement.

P7/24 Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr Dennis gave an update:

Interest in neighbourhood Plans stemmed from Local Plan Review, and what can be done to shape future local development. If agreed at referendum the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) gains statutory status, and carries more weight in planning law, they can last from 5 – 20yrs. You have to demonstrate robust community engagement, it has to involve entire community and pull together views, aspirations, and needs of local people.

NP has to be submitted to SC and then examination, then goes out to referendum. NP needs at least 50% approval to be “made”.

Point of NP is that Local Planning Authority (SC) has to make decisions in accordance with the NP. It can't **prevent** development but it can **shape** development, e.g. priorities for new development, pedestrian links, allotments, etc.

NP could specify for example that developers use local materials, e.g. Grinshill red stone, but it would have to be agreed by whole community.

NPs are a big piece of work, progress stalled during covid-19. PC is aiming to revive the project, but it needs the entire neighbourhood area to get involved. If government makes future changes to planning policies, the NP will still carry weight. There is a sign-up sheet if anyone would like to join the NP steering group.

Members of the public asked a question about whether SC is ignoring NPs once they've been approved and officially made. This has been considered and discussed by the PC. It was **NOTED** that Ercall Magna NP was made 2 years ago, and it is doing what the community envisioned it would do, i.e. it is controlling development in a rapidly expanding village.

It was clarified that the Neighbourhood Fund CIL contribution that is made given to PCs increases from 15-25% for areas that have a NP.

P8/24 Heritage status of Clive village and assets

The Chairman gave an update:

The PC is trying to assess the pros and cons on this, and has been in touch with Grinshill PC to understand their experiences. The Clerk explained a bit about conservation areas and article 4 and the kinds of details they can specify for planning purposes.

P9/24 Traffic and speeding through the village

Cllr Donoghue gave an update on VAS (vehicle activated speed) sign data from Quarry View and Station Road. The [speed data brief](#) will be published as an appendix to these minutes.

Anecdotally we know we have a problem, but police need to see evidence of it, he summarised data from the 1st qtr of 2024:

Station road: approx. 1/3 of vehicles travel at speeds higher than 30mph, 6% over 35mph (3 vehicles per day), average speed: 27.9mph, max: 46.6mph

Quarry View: Has been a period of outage, but hopefully now fixed. 56% of vehicles are speeding, 18% over 35mph, over 30 vehicles/day. Approx. 1 in 5 vehicles are excessively speeding. Average speed is significantly higher than on Station road. Max speed recorded: 59 mph.

PC can definitely highlight greater problem at Quarry View end of village. Data shows peak in vehicle numbers during school run and rush hour (8-9am) and again with periods of speeding. Need to focus on school run times to improve safety for the walking bus.

Cllr Donoghue had also extracted specific data from the Quarry View VAS from autumn school term, excluding weekends.

46% of vehicles were travelling at speeds greater than 30mph, and 22% were in excess of 34mph, just over 87 vehicles per day. Average speed: 30mph, max speed: 57.4mph. Data had highlighted the speeding rates during the school run:

- 0800 –0900 hrs 7.6 vehicles/hr exceeding 34 mph
- 1500 –1530 hrs, 7.3 vehicles/hr exceeding 34 mph
- Highest rate, 1700 –1800 hrs, 9.2vehicles/hr exceeding 34 mph.

PC aims to use this data to present to police and highlight the problem in this location and these time periods. PC will give them raw data in entirety and specific data to target specific times to help catch speeders as well as improve safety at school.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Donoghue for this info which the police have requested.

Community Speed watch – There is a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer.

P10/24 Pot holes update

The Clerk shared a [report from Shropshire Council highways on pot holes](#) which will be published as an appendix to these minutes. The report covered data for pot holes repairs, causes of pot holes, changes in how SC Highways tackles pot holes, and investment in highways drainage systems. The clerk encouraged attendees to keep using Fix My Street to report all sorts of problems, not just potholes.

The Clerk will chase SC re. the Corbett wood sign, and signposted parishioners to SC Trees department for queries about diseased trees.

2 representatives from RFA arrived at this point and in addition to the report given earlier they highlighted that they have introduced additional tree safety inspections after storms and heavy winds.

P11/24 Public session and close

Other matters were raised by parishioners:

- Concert in aid of cancer research next Sat. Hopefully it will become an annual/bi-annual event, with possible involvement from the school as well.
- Cyber Protect Live information session 8th May (see info on PC website), potential awareness training for Clive community if enough interest. Clerk will share info with Clive CofE School.
- Freedom Fibre poles installation – The Vice Chairman gave an update. Clive is now part of roll-out, Freedom Fibre employees have said there will be some negotiation on poles installation, but they don't need planning permission. Cllrs have shared info on Facebook with maps for locations of new Freedom Fibre poles and cables. It is unsure when Clive will be ready to connect.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 21.02pm

Confirmed as accurate: _____ Date: _____