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Front Cover Picture

A plaque commemorating seven trees planted near Shelsley Village Hall unveiled as part of The Queen's Green Canopy. (photo Michael Whitefoot)

HOSPICE BIDS FAREWELL TO DEDICATED NURSE

St Richard's Hospice has said a fond farewell to Clifton's Marina Dixon, a dedicated nurse after more than 25 years of service to the community.

As a Clinical Nurse Specialist for St Richard's, Marina has touched the lives of so many people in the community and at the hospice. Last year she received the Cavell Star Award to celebrate her exceptional care.

"None of us can work in isolation, the hospice provides a team of people: from the volunteers who made the whole place begin, to all of our wonderful team now who give their kindness to each person they see," said Marina. "We are a team, and that's the only way it works. It's a true place where everybody's kindness is brought to people who need it. I am thankful for working within that team for so long. It's quite an amazing journey."

Head of Community Nursing, Julie Reece, said: "Marina has worked as a specialist palliative care nurse at St Richard's hospice for more than 25 years, starting in the infancy of palliative care in Worcestershire. She is a mentor for everyone within the team and the community neighbourhood teams, with a knowledge base of palliative care second to none - which she gladly shares. She has time and time again gone above and beyond her role to ensure the best possible care for her patients. We cannot overestimate the impact Marina has had on palliative care in Worcester and especially in community nursing."

Chair of the Council of Governors, Jenny Cowpe, said: "We want to thank Marina for her truly outstanding service for our patients and families. She always has, and always will, embody everything St Richard's stands for."

Each year the St Richard's Hospice team supports over 3,100 patients, family members and bereaved people in Worcestershire.

Marina is pictured planting a cherry tree in the hospice garden for The Queen's Green Canopy to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.)



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A warm welcome awaits you at the Stanford History Group which meets on Monday evenings for two hours in autumn at Upper Sapey Village Hall (WR6 6EU). We are a diverse group with an interest in understanding the past, to better appreciate today and how we got here!

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HARPLEY CHURCH RE-ORDERING PROJECT

The Harpley (Lower Sapey) Parish Survey of 2017 and the 2019 Feasibility Study asked questions around how to make Harpley church sustainable and fit for purpose. Feedback from both questionnaires showed both love for the church and a desire for local community events. The PCC accordingly then consulted Diocesan advisors including the Dean of Smaller Churches and sought advice from architects. Proposed plans include fitting a simple kitchenette and disabled toilet within the building. The combination of chairs and pews now allows flexibility for community meetings and events as well as formal and informal worship. And wider community events, as indicated in the Survey, would include film screenings, interest groups such as Men's Shed, Quiz Nights, Tea 'n' Chat. These would help address the loneliness and isolation highlighted in the survey.

As part of the re-ordering, the PCC intends to send the Saxon font back to Old St Bartholomew's, its original home, and use a Victorian-style font, in keeping with the age and design of the building. This will increase floor area, and also allow greater flexibility for the use of the Nave. Architectural drawings are on show in the porch noticeboard and on the website: www.lowersapey.wordpress. com

The Church of England owns the building, but the parishioners manage its upkeep and contribute towards paid clergy, insurance and maintenance. The congregation at Harpley is growing and we know that Harpley church is special to many people. But we are at a bit of a crossroads. Six local churches in WR6 have closed in the last ten years. We need greater ongoing financial security so there needs to be a wider footfall. The work and worship of previous generations on the land and in the church is to be celebrated. A church building with more manageable space and kitchen and toilet facilities will mean we can continue to have a local church for the next generations.

There is an opportunity this year to recognise the changes occurring in the Church and the Community at Harpley. We need to be pro-active in order to keep the building useable as the one community meeting place in the parish.

Look out for these events in the church: Flower Festival on 10th July; 'History of Harpley and Clifton' Talk by Jerry Johns in August; Big Breakfast 3rd September, and a Harvest Supper in October.

The PCC would love to hear about events you would like to organise in the church. Please come and see our space and get inspired for an event you might like to put on! Contact Candy, Church Warden, on cconnolly111@googlemail. com

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LOWER SAPEY NEWS

I hope everybody enjoyed wonderful the Jubilee celebrations. How quickly we have all returned to normal and the usual problems of life. How to find a gardener, how to afford to fill up the petrol tank, could we possibly afford an electric car (no), when will the shortages of flour, bread and potatoes hit us, how much will the next electric bill be? Where is the cuckoo? These are all minor problems right now, especially as this horrific war in Ukraine continues, with the Russians looking as if they now hold the Donetsk region. Incidentally, Jill Smith has now welcomed a Ukrainian refugee to her home, 'Jane' and we hope she will soon settle and I am sure Jill and Stuart will give her courage. We look forward to meeting her.

Our own village celebrations went very well with a good time had by all at the Jubilee Tea party. There was a splendid array of food and in particular, Angie Dallow's magnificent Jubilee cake. Angie would surely win any Great Bake-off competition if she entered! Around 50 villagers attended and we also welcomed some new residents.

The Great Plant Sale was also a success, despite the windy weather. We made about £680, half of which will go to St Bartholomew's and half to Christian Aid. While there, we noticed that the new grass seed was coming on nicely in the churchyard. The next step will be in autumn when some bushes and fruit trees will be planted there.

In July and August there are two more interesting events in the village to look forward to. On Sunday July 10th, there will be a 'Sustainable Church wedding and Flower Festival at St Bartholomew's, with the displays designed by Shane Connolly, who will be helped by our local flower expert Dot Millward. The Church will be open for anyone to view this between 2.30 and 5pm and refreshments will be available. Any donations towards our Church will be welcome.

On Friday August 12th, we hope to have a history evening, devoted to our own area of Harpley/Lower Sapey. The area has a long and fascinating history, especially with the two churches, mystery graves and some fine old houses in the area. The entrance will be £10 to include a glass of wine. We are hopeful that Jerry Johns will speak to us and provide illustrations on screen, giving us the benefit of his local knowledge. Various speakers will share their memories and local stories. This will also be held in St Bartholomew's Church. In September, we are holding the annual, original Big Breakfast at St Bartholomew's, starting between 10 and 10.30am. Tickets will be available before, or at the door.

In June we celebrated the christening of Victoria and Tim Gould's son Sebastian. Tory is of course Tory Richards and they already have a daughter Alexandra. In

July there are two weddings, Alan Edwards to Claire and Emma Tulloch to Loic. I am sorry I don't have Loic's surname but know that he is French. These will be exciting days for everyone concerned and we hope the sun shines and that they have wonderful lives together.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Dot Millward says that the members, visitors and guests enjoyed a lovely Jubilee lunch on June 1st in the village hall in Clifton. Everyone was encouraged to dress as for a Royal Garden Party and all 'scrubbed-up' well. The hall was decorated with lots of bunting and flags. Thanks to the committee, Maggie and to members who provided some amazing puddings.

On 6th July, the Group will visit Westonbury Mill Water Gardens near Pembridge. Meet at the village hall if you require a lift. Time to be announced.

On July 20th, a visit to Harpley to the gardens of Sue and Ray Taylor and Sue and Howard Rigby. Parking is available about 150 yards away at the Church, or let us know if you need a lift. Meet at Village Hall at 2.15.

August 3rd Visit to Clifton gardens

August 17th, annual lunch at Pitlands. Our September visits will be announced next month.

NOTICES

Church services for St Bartholomew's for the next two months (Please check these times):

July 3rd Morning Prayer at 10.30am July 7th Morning prayers at 9.30am

July 17th Methodist service and Holy Communion at 10.30am. July 24th Circle service at 10.30 August 4th Morning prayers at 9.30am August 7th Morning prayer at 10.30 On Sunday August 28th there may not be a circle service as we will have a service at Old St Bartholomew's Church at 3pm. Picnic afterwards if you wish. This will be the first service there for over three years.

No details available for September yet, but we assume there will be September 4th Morning prayer 10.30am September 8th Morning prayers at 9.30.

Housekeeping for the months will be by Pat Savage in July, Sue Ellson and Sue Everett for August and Margaret Griffiths for September. Extra ladies to help with the rota are badly needed.

The Mobile Library will call on Friday July 15th, August 19th and September 16th at 10.20 and 10.40am.

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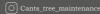
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Minutes of Lower Sapey annual parish meeting held on 19th May 2022

Present: Ashley Jones (Chairman), S. Everitt (V/Chairman), P & D. Milward, H & S Rigby, J. Jones, J & N Denniston, S. Everitt.

Election of Chairman: It was proposed by S. Everitt, seconded N. Denniston that D. Milward should be elected Chairman. All agreed. It was further agreed that A. Jones remain as Chair for this meeting only. Thanks were given to A. Jones for all work done to date. A hand over to be arranged asap.

Apologies: County Cllr D. Chambers, District Cllr C. Palethorpe, M & M Griffiths, S & L Younge.

Election of Vice Chairman: It was proposed by D. Milward, seconded by S. Everitt that H. Rigby be elected Vice Chairman. All agreed.

Annual report of the Parish: An annual report was made by the outgoing Chairman A. Jones.

Minutes of the annual meeting held 22nd January 2022: The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed S. Everitt, seconded A. Jones. No matters arising.

Financial Matters: The meeting noted that finances were satisfactory. The annual accounts were approved as circulated. The Annual Governance Statement and Annual Governance Statement were approved as circulated and the Certificate of Exemption was duly signed. The meeting held a review of the Clerk's salary, and it was agreed to increase it from £250.00 to £300.00 p.a. – proposed D. Milward, seconded S. Everitt, all agreed. Payments were agreed as £200.00 for the Jubilee party and £150.00 for the Clerk. It was noted that the bank mandate needs to be changed to include the new Chairman.

County & District Councillor Reports: Reports were received by email and will be uploaded to the website. It was agreed that the Church apply to District Cllr Palethorpe for £200.00 towards replanting the churchyard asap. Also to speak to R. Wilks about wildflower seed.

Parish Lengthsman: To be asked to look at Harpley Lane drains and see if they are blocked or broken. There used to be a pond but is now filled in? Tbc.

Highways Matters: The road from the village to High Lane has badly deteriorated and has water damage with lots of potholes – to be reported. The drain on Harpley Lane junction has finally been repaired! The agricultural signage is being progressed by Hfds Council (Balfour Beatty) in conjunction with North Bromyard Group PC.

Planning Matters: No applications received, however there is concern that the parish has not been consulted on recent matters regarding Park Horne development of 5 dwellings and also Stone House development. It was agreed that a traffic regulation order is required if Park Horne goes to appeal. Clerk to check with MHDC.

Policing Matters: A report had been received by email which has been uploaded to the website. Everyone was also encouraged to follow Rural Watch on Facebook. Rural crime continues including recent diesel thefts – community monitoring is needed.

St Bartholomews: There was no report made to the meeting.

Parish Matters: There is still a smell of sewage from Harpley Green Barn – possibly that 3 properties share a septic tank? Raw sewage may be escaping into Harpley Brook in which case the Env. Agency should be informed. Clerk to action.

Date of the next meeting: 15th September at St Bartholomew's.

TEME VALLEY WILDLIFE

When writing about wildlife it is easy to highlight well-loved animals and plants. Everyone likes owls, dormice and orchids, but creatures considered to be pests are more difficult to present in a flattering light. With that in mind I thought I would share some curious facts about greenfly, otherwise known as aphids. Aphids have been on earth for 300 million years and have survived for so long because they are highly adaptable creatures. 65,000 different aphid species have spread out across the globe with 1,700 having taken up residence here in the United Kingdom. Greenfly seem to specialise in big numbers, being capable of breeding into billions in mere weeks and being able to travel for hundreds of miles on thermal air-currents rising to six hundred miles above the ground.

Not all greenfly are green, as anyone who has tried to grow broad beans can attest. Brown and off-white are among the commoner colours. Other insects unloved by gardeners, such as whitefly, mealy bugs and scale insects are, perhaps unsurprisingly, close relatives. They all feed in the same way, by puncturing stems and leaves to suck up nutrient-rich plant-sap. The plants suffer stunted growth



and become prone to infection. Aphids exude part of the plant-sap as a sugary secretion called honeydew. This may cause the growth of black mould on the plant's leaves. Honeydew also attracts black ants which have adapted to control and "farm" aphids in order to gain the honeydew for themselves. In return they provide protection against aphid predators.

It is widely known from school biology lessons that aphid reproduction involves an unusual process called parthenogenesis in which large colonies arise from consecutive generations of unfertilised females. Young aphids can mature in as little as a week and it has been calculated that if every aphid produced by a single female were to survive and reproduce for up to 100 days then the ensuing aphid mass would weigh in at 10 million tons. Another large number.

So what's good about aphids? Well, it's mainly that they provide food for birds and other insects in the great web of life. We've all seen blue tits hanging upside down to get at greenfly but the larvae of ladybirds, lacewings and hoverflies hoover up a good quantity too. Hoverflies may then be eaten by spiders which in turn may be eaten by robins. This serves as a good example of a biological food-chain. Aphids are preyed on by parasitic insects and fungi too.

Organic gardeners can control them either by using physical force or a method called companion planting. The former involves squashing the insects by hand or swooshing them away with jets of water or weak solutions of washing-up liquid. Companion planting is designed to attract hoverflies and ladybirds to eat them up. Favourite plants to use for this are marigolds, tagetes and rudbeckias, but perhaps it's better to just live with them and admire their achievements.

The next meeting of the Teme Valley Wildlife Group will be at Stoke Bliss and Kyre village hall, WR15 8RR, on Thursday July 14th at 7:30pm. We welcome Terry Green of the British Hedgehog Preservation Society to talk about their work. Everyone is most welcome, it is just £2 on the door.

For up-to-date information on what wildlife is being seen in the area, or to give us your sightings or comments, visit our Facebook page. Our programme of events, bird survey and archive photographs are available on our website www.temevalleywildlife.co.uk We normally holds meetings on the second Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Contact us by telephone on 01568 750413 or by email at tvwg@outlook.com

HARPLEY & CLIFTON HISTORY EVENING

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Jubilee celebration photos in the parishes



The Clifton Grand Picnic team: [L-R] Esther Campsall; Evie Campsall; Jenny Pound; Mandy Henry; Martine Jones; Alan Cooper; Andy Arnold



Clifton villagers gathering outside the village hall at the start of the Jubilee walk

Gwen Sanderson; Pat Arthur; Mike Pederesen and Sean Finnegan at the picnic lunch in the vilage hall in Clifton





Nearly 200 residents from across the Shelsleys gathered for a commemorati





[Top left] Karen Webber, HM The Queen, Sir Anthony Winnington and Alice Timmis. [Top right] Sam Minton, Maggie Lisseman, Lou Ford. [Bottom] Birt and Darwin families.





ve Platinum Jubilee photo outside the Village Hall (photo: Michael Whitefoot)



Jubilee celebrations in Harpley Church





Mandy Henry prepares to cut the Clifton WI Jubilee cake (left).

Tom Barnes (above) celebrates with granddaughters Rosemary and Bethany.







Shelsley folk enjoy a patriotic Jubilee picnic (above).

Harpley Jubilee queens Jane Dallow and Diane Smith (left).

SHELSLEYS JUBILEE REPORT

We all had a lot of fun at the Shelsley Platinum Jubilee party at the Village Hall on Sunday 5th June. Approximately 200 people attended and we were blessed that the rain held off so that we were able to have a village photo without umbrellas. The fizz and wine were flowing which meant lots got up to dance to the excellent band and singer.

This sort of party does not just happen by itself and it was fantastic to see so many parishioners helping in the build-up, on the day, afterwards clearing up, or being very generous with a financial contribution to the costs. In particular, I'd like to thank the following: ave and Maggie Bates, Val and Charlie Jones, Carole Warren, Cassian Roberts, Lou Hutton, Dave and Mia Bellfield, Holly Perks, Bridget Francis, Karen Metcalfe, Kate Hurst, Laura Taylor, Alice Timmis, David Moore, Vanessa Rogers, William and Claire Sutherland, Mark and Belinda Skipp, Beryl and Des Robson, Sir Anthony and Lady Winnington, Anthony Champion, Simon Hodgetts at SB Print, Jon Horton at Addison Wines, the Hill Climb and Shelsleys' Parish Council.

Rob Pound

PS - We still have a few extra Platinum Jubilee china mugs for sale (£8 each). Please email robertipound@yahoo.com if you are interested.

CLIFTON JUBILEE AFTERNOON TEA AND CELEBRATION

Having worried about the weather it actually turned out to be pretty fair and so the Jubilee Afternoon Tea was a resounding success at St Kenelm's. Many thanks to all bakers/sandwich makers and helpers for all their hard work leading up to and on the day. Thank you for making the Event such a community success. The dancers were great, especially as they negotiated the church wall so skilfully.

The children from After School Club and Eagles class created some beautiful Jubilee Plaques which were displayed at church over the Jubilee weekend; children in Robins also created a wonderful Jubilee throne. Everyone at St Kenelm's were really delighted to have the plaques and 'Throne' in our porch for the Jubilee Celebration and they are now in the church windows. We were really impressed with all the work that had gone into making everything and want to say a very big 'Thank You' to all of you.

In case you had not noticed, there is a new plaque in the church wall to celebrate the Jubilee. It was commissioned by the Parish Council and has been financed by them and by the PCC of St Kenelm. Do have a look when you are going past. We now have nearly a 'full set' starting with the Coronation!'

We received many donations during the afternoon, for which we thank everyone, and we are going to send £100 to The Air Ambulance Fund.

CHURCH SERVICES IN CLIFTON, THE SHELSLEYS AND LOWER SAPEY (HARPLEY)

JULY

Sunday 3rd July

The Third Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Morning Worship, St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey
10.30am Holy Communion, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

Sunday 10th July

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity 10.30am Matins, St Kenelm, Clifton

Sunday 17th July

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Methodist Holy Communion, St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey
3.30pm-4.30pm Activ-i-teas, Clifton Village Hall

Sunday 24th July

The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Circle Service, St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey
6.30pm Evensong, St Kenelm, Clifton

Sunday 31st July

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Team Songs of Praise, St Leonard, Cotheridge

Morning Prayer

<u>Thursday 7th</u> - 9.30am at St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey Monday 11th - 9.30am, St Kenelm, Clifton

Wednesday 20th - 9.00am, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

Holy Communion at Heaton House, Martley every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 10.15am and every 1st and 3rd Wednesday via our YouTube channel – wwrtlive1

AUGUST

Sunday 7th August

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Morning Worship, St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey

Sunday 14th August

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Holy Communion, St Kenelm, Clifton

Sunday 21st August

The Tenth Sunday after Trinity
10.30am Methodist Morning Worship, St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey
3.30pm-4.30pm Activ-i-teas, Clifton Village Hall

Sunday 28th August

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
3.00pm Annual Service at Old St Bartholomew's, Lower Sapey
6.30pm Evensong, St Kenelm, Clifton

Morning Prayer

<u>Thursday 4th</u> - 9.30am at St Bartholomew, Lower Sapey Monday 8th - 9.30am, St Kenelm, Clifton

Wednesday 17th - 9.00am, All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp

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The new plaque in the church wall of St Kenelm's in Clifton to celebrate the Jubilee.



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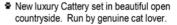
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Church Matters

by Rev Anne Potter

Fifty-five years ago I made friends with a young German girl. She chose to have a career in physics travelling the world giving lectures but since her retirement she has built up a portfolio of paintings – of which we have quite a few. Not necessarily ones I would have chosen!



For Marlis art is a form of expressing her life and she is interested in picking themes which create a challenge. Her latest theme was the 'Blue Planet' focussing on the effects of climate change on the world expressed in ten large paintings.

For her 70th Birthday, in January 2021, she planned a 'cross-over performance' bringing together three artistic disciplines - her images, singing and dance. Within her theme she had four episodes, with two perspectives. "ZOOM out" the view from space showing the beauty of our planet. "ZOOM in" the view in detail where the processes of change due to global warming become directly visible. As Marlis says, 'it concerns all of us, grabs us making us reflect and drives us into action to preserve our planet as a habitat'.

Her episodes express the conflict between the existence of our planet "I AM" and the needs of life on the blue planet; the struggle of coral reefs to survive due to rising water temperatures; the harvest of rape fields depending on the work of millions of bees and the Antarctic where gigantic icebergs are melting.

Unable to go ahead last year Marlis invited family and friends this June. It was an incredible experience - the interweaving of Marlis' paintings with the musical sounds created by her singing teacher and the dancing of a' long-standing male friend. Whilst not a Christian her creativity echoes a spiritual depth revealing the amazing creation of God, I was struck by her conclusion: "I AM" 7.7 billion people, 380 thousand plant species, 1 trillion animals all need the earth to live

"I AM" – straight from the Bible. Jesus has seven 'I am' sayings. The two that Marlis' performance resonated with me are 'I am the bread of life, whoever comes to me will never go hungry and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty' and "I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Words of hope and encouragement as we think and pray about the ways in which we can act and do our small part in saving our 'Blue Planet'.

OLD ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND THANKSGIVING

Recommencing after a two year Covid absence, the Annual Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving, for the life of Old St. Bartholomew's Church, Hope Lane, Lower Sapey, WR6 6HE, followed by a picnic, takes place once again. As usual, the event is on August Bank Holiday Sunday, which this year falls on 28th August starting at 3pm.

This year, The Venerable George Howe, retired Archdeacon of Westmorland and Furness, takes our service. A delightful man, he has joined us at the service before as part of the congregation and so it will be excellent to have him actually lead our worship this time. Vital Spark (West Gallery Musicians) will once again provide our music. They will also play before the service and after it, as they have done in the past.

As usual, do please bring a picnic chair to sit on during the service (some chairs will be available for those without one) and your picnic for after the Service. Toilet facilities are available, though no wheelchair access, sadly. Disabled parking in our yard - please arrange, details below. We look forward, as usual, to welcoming you all to the dear Old Church's special day. Any queries to: Pat Prosser on 01886 853 244 or patprosser@hotmail.co.uk"

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a huge thank you to all who supported the Christian Aid fundraising effort in the Teme Valley his year. This includes the guest speaker, the envelope collectors, the chefs, the waitresses, the cake bakers, the gardeners, the helpers, the donors, the table setters, the drinks makers, the wine suppliers, the flower arrangers, the cleaners, the egg suppliers, the milk suppliers, the bar tenders, the ticket buyers, the customers, the raffle prize givers etc.

We have done magnificently well once again this year with four successful social events in Clifton and Harpley, as well as achieving a substantial contribution via the house to house collection. I am very proud of the fact that a small rural community such as ours has again worked collectively to organise some wonderful local events and to raise a huge amount to help people in need across the globe.

The grand total is a whopping £2870.73. Well done everyone.

Marion Dipple.

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Minutes of the annual meeting of Clifton Parish Council on Thursday 9th June 2022

Present: Councillors J. Bowden (Chairman), A. Henry (Vice-Chairman), R. Henry, B. Gilbert, N. Campsall and P. Brooks. Also present: County Cllr D. Chambers and two members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Cllr L. Merrick and District Cllr C. Palethorpe.

To agree the Minutes of the meeting held 5th May 2022 – Minutes were proposed by Cllr Gilbert, seconded Cllr A. Henry and agreed by all. No matters arising.

District & County Councillor Reports: Reports circulated prior to the meeting were noted and will be uploaded to the website. County Cllr Chambers noted concerns regarding bus service reductions across the county - more details will follow. The divisional funding offer to contribute towards a new bus shelter is still available but the location of any new bus shelter cannot be progressed currently as WCC are working on a new policy document. Community Transport Schemes are being encouraged in rural areas and the meeting noted the service currently provided by Tenbury Wells Transport. Other schemes working well include the one in Abberley. Resurfacing of the footpath by the church is programmed for this summer with a date to be confirmed. Concerns have also been raised at county level regarding ambulance waiting times and patient transfer delays especially at Worcs Royal Hospital. The Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee are currently looking into this matter and looking for significant improvement. If this isn't achieved, then the matter will be referred to the Sec. of State. The Health & Care Trust is also working closely with WCC towards making improvements. Financial & Governance Matters: Payments and receipts - the schedule was agreed as circulated. Clerk to arrange payments. Councillor Code of Conduct 2022 was adopted as per the CALC & NALC version and will be added to the website. Financial Regulations were approved and adopted and will be updated on the website. Councillor Registers of Interests have been updated as required and will be uploaded to the website. 2021-22 Audit is currently with the Internal Auditor and will be submitted in due course. An extra-ordinary meeting may be required to sign of the annual statements – to be confirmed.

Parish Matters/Updates: Village Maintenance Plan – Cllr Gilbert reported that the hanging baskets have now been hung up. The Horse Chestnut tree works have been completed. R. Wilks has replaced the damaged planters on the Green but there may be some more which need replacing in the autumn. The History Room – J. Johns reported that the Open Day went very well with a steady number of visitors all day which was very encouraging. Some extra Volunteers are also being recruited now. Cllr Gilbert and J. Johns will now progress the project locally. It was agreed that this matter can be taken off the agenda as a standing item, but future reports will be welcome.

Playing Field: Concerns were noted re unleashed dogs and agreed that dogs should be kept on a lead but that this is difficult to enforce, and that current signage may be ignored. The matter will be better addressed when the new playing field development goes ahead and that it may be better to change

signage etc and enforce more strongly when the scheme is completed. The Clerk was asked to reply to the letter of concern and J. Johns agreed to place an article in Teme Triangle. The Council also noted that some items of play equipment needed to be removed following the recent RoSPA inspection and it was agreed to notify the school. R. Wilks is to be asked to carry out immediate actions required. It was also agreed to place a 'no climbing' sign on the basketball area asap – Clerk to arrange.

Pavilion Repairs and Maintenance – work is being progressed on the roof and we await the insurers instructions – Clerk and Cllr Gilbert to progress. Cllrs Bowden and Gilbert to look into water heater which isn't working properly. The building has been deep cleaned recently and looks much better. Users are required to leave the building clean and tidy, but we may need some additional consumables and Cllr Bowden agreed to look into this, including the provision of hand driers. The Council noted that H&S matters need updating at the pavilion, including Public Liability Insurance to be displayed, servicing of fire extinguishers, updated Fire Certificate and evacuation plan. Clerk to progress with Cllr Bowden. New Defibrilator – arrangements are being made to install this asap at Yeomans Garage. The Clerk will then register the defib with the emergency services. Cllr Gilbert is progressing the installation and Cllr Brooks will monitor the defib once installed.

Section 106 Matters: Four Acre Field (CFAF) Project – Cllr Campsall reported that MHDC need costing re-presented due to the time lapse on the project and this will be done asap on Parish Council terms. It was agreed to purchase a JCT contract as required. Documents also need to be updated, and Cllr Campsall is progressing all these matters. Correspondence has been received regarding previous letters of intent and it was agreed to 'draw a line' under this with contractors involved. Cllr Campsall and the Clerk will progress this matter. Legal costs to date have been confirmed as £2040.00 for Land Registry matters. The application is currently being assessed by LReg. Cllr Campsall and the Clerk are liaising with MHDC re s106 funding drawdown.

Planning Matters: Applications for consideration:

M/22/00617/HP – 6 Manor Rd, Clifton WR6 6EA – first floor, pitched roof side extension above existing single storey section. No objection.

M/22/00610/HP – Holland Mill, Clifton WR6 6HJ – Part retrospective extension and amendments to an existing garage/workshop. No objection.

M/22/0834/OL - Holland Mill, Clifton WR6 6HJ – proposed electricity diversion works by Western Power Distribution. No objection.

M/22/00767/HP-16 Saxon Close, Clifton WR6 6DL – installation of rendering to elevations. No objection.

21/01227/FUL – Blue Shot, Pound Lane, Clifton WR6 6DE – proposed residential development of 5 dwellings, amended/additional information received, Revised red outline, application form, access and site plans submitted. Cllr Bowden to draft a response and circ for approval.

Notifications: M/22/0529/HP - 11 Woodmanton Close, Clifton WR6 6DG - refusal for a single storey rear extension and two storey side extension.

21/01740/LB & FUL – The Lion Inn, Clifton WR6 6DH – approval of installation of outdoor timber pergola (retrospective).

Strategic Planning Matters: Cllr Gilbert will monitor the SWDPR and notify the Council of any matters

Highways & Facilities Matters: Lengthsman matters are all progressing well. Footpaths map – Cllr Bowden is progressing with WCC but progress is difficult. Cllr Bowden will raise with County Cllr Chambers. Road Sweeping – the Clerk has asked MHDC to schedule in a sweep asap.

32.22.04 Notice boards – Cllr Bowden suggested the Council consider additional boards for the new estates to keep people informed of local activities. Footways – Clerk to check progress on the path opposite The Manor House, down from Stepps Farm. Road closures – none received.

Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas: None.

Next meeting: Thurs 7th July 2022. There is no meeting held during August.

M. Alexander Clerk

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July

- 2 Clifton Primary School Summer Fete, 12noon-3pm
- 2 Moroccan Themed Supper Club, Apple Tree Kitchen, Pitlands 7pm
- 2-3 Shelsley Walsh Hillclimb event
- 6 Friendship Club visit to Westonbury Water Gardens
- 7 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 10 Sustainable Church Wedding Flower Festival, Harpley Church 2.30-5pm
- 12 Shelsleys Parish Council meeting, VH 7pm
- 12 Clifton WI meeting: Foraging with Simon Birbeck 6.30pm
- 13 Nora Parsons Centre AGM, Wichenford 7pm

August

- 12 Harpley & Clifton History Evening, Harpley Church 6.30pm-8pm
- 28 Old St Bartholomew's Church Annual Thanksgiving, Lower Sapey 3pm

ARTHUR MEEKS

Arthur died peacefully at home on June the 4th in his home at Upper Sapey. There will be a service of thanksgiving for his life on July 13th at St Kenelm's Church followed by refreshments at Clifton village hall. No flowers but donations in Arthur's memory to Alzheimer's or Prostrate Cancer Research. *Betty Meeks*

CHARLES KNOWLES

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Dot Millward pictured at the Clifton Friendship Club lunch to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



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