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**Front Cover Picture**

*Clifton Primary School pupils Jess, Jack and Eden planting woodland saplings donated by Ricky Martire (pictured with Senior Teaching Assistant Sue Williams).*

## **NEW ERA FOR SOCIALISING IN THE SHELSELEYS**

The Shelsleys saw changes to its social scene in December when the Village Hall-based Social Club closed its doors for financial reasons – however, a new Social Club has since been re-opened by the Village Hall Management Committee (VHMC).

Shelsley Social Club had tenanted part of the Trustee-held Village Hall building for many years, under an occupational licence. The mutually-signed, 2018 and 2019 licences included a rental commitment set directly from an estate agent-assessed market value (rather than the previous artificially low amount); as advised to all tenanted Village Halls in Worcestershire by community development organisation Community First. Despite efforts to continue, the Social Club became increasingly unable to finance the agreement and fell into significant arrears during 2019. After informing the VHMC that it was ‘in some financial difficulty’, the Committee reluctantly closed the Club’s doors in mid-December.

Speaking of the closure, former Social Club bar manager Fay Parsons said: “It’s such a shame, we had really good times there. It was like a family get-together. We felt the rent increase could have been avoided.” Chairman of the VHMC, John Stinton, told Teme Triangle: “We were very sad that the original Social Club was unable to continue. Under the agreement we should have asked them to leave in September, but allowed the extra months in the hope they could rescue the situation. In terms of the rental, we followed Community First’s advice. We thank the Social Club team for all their efforts over the years.”

Just before Christmas the VHMC then reopened the facilities as a new Shelsley Social Club; running initially as a non-commercial entity under the VHMC, but with plans to see it re-established as a separate commercial venture during 2020.

Managed on an initially voluntary basis by local event caterer Jessica Skipp, the already-redecorated Club offers a licensed bar, lounge with TV, plus an annex for pool and darts. New bar taps and lines – plus Wifi – have been installed. A raft of plans and events are also in the pipeline. These include a Curry & Quiz Night every other Friday, Bingo on Sundays and – as a ‘launch party’ – an ‘Only Fools & Horses Fancy Dress & Quiz Night’ on Thursday 27th February, featuring 80s-style chicken & chips in a basket and Trotter Independent Trading’s iconic yellow van.



“There are great facilities here and a nice atmosphere, plus it’s on the doorstep for residents,” said Jessica. “Locals and walkers who’ve already come in are pleasantly surprised. We’d love to see the regulars return, and others to discover it for the first time.”

The Shelsleys shooting club, pool and darts teams, which had been based at the Social Club but moved to new locations on the initial closure, are also warmly invited to return.

“We’re delighted that the Shelsleys still has a great social facility at its heart,” added VHM vice chairman Dave Bates. “Jessica and her team have our full support and we hope she will be able to take the new Club forward as a viable venture soon.”

Resident David Moore commented: “It’s sad that the original Social Club had to close, but great news about the rebirth. Now we need to mobilise support, so it can thrive into the future.”

The new Social Club is open on Friday and Saturday evenings 7 - 11.30pm and Sunday afternoons 3 - 6.30pm. The bar can also be opened for hirers of the adjacent Village Hall. Adult membership remains £5 per year, with under-14s free – and friendly dogs are welcome in the lounge area. A Facebook page is planned.

## **CLIFTON SECTION 106 FUNDING LATEST**

The Clifton S106 team has been busy developing the main project expected to be funded by the Section 106 money allocated to the village as a result of the new housing development.

The 'Clifton Four Acre Field' project aims to develop sport, play and support facilities for the health and well-being of all ages on the site currently occupied by the football field, tennis courts, bowling green and children's play area in Pound Lane.

Chris Hurley, the chair of the project team, told January's Parish Council meeting that they had been working with various contractors with play and sports facilities expertise who have been offering advice and guidance. Chris told *Teme Triangle* that discussions to date had been extremely useful in helping the team to understand what needs to be done to the site before creating the new areas – whether for play or sports. In order to produce a master-plan for the site, he said it would be sensible to have a topographic survey of the site covering the boundaries, features within the site and the ground levels. There are areas which suffer greatly from the wet weather and determining the overall layout of the site will help to better consider landscaping options. The Parish Council has agreed to fund the survey.

Chris said "The group has already come up with some ideas which we feel we can already share with the community, such as the provision of an all-weather perimeter path around the site which we hope will be popular with all generations." He added "We have also been given a number of native woodland saplings, by villager Ricky Matire, who works for IT company CGI as part of their carbon offset strategy. These trees will be used to support the various S106 projects throughout the village."

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## **Abbreviated Minutes of Clifton Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 5th December 2019 at the Village Hall at 7.40pm**

**Present:** Councillors J. Bowden (Chairman), A. Henry, S. Haywood, C. Haywood, R. Henry and J. Collins,

Also present: M. Alexander (Clerk), District Cllr C. Palethorpe and 11 members of the Public. Apologies: J. Dawson (Vice Chairman), County Cllr K. Pollock, and Chris Hurley (S106 Committee)

**Welcome:** The following matters were also noted –Further to discussions with the Scouts & Guides it is confirmed that the Baden Powell Hut is not owned by the PC and therefore does not need to be insured as an asset. The Clerk has cancelled the insurance with immediate effect. The Chairman asked everyone attending pc meetings to please respect others' opinions. Every viewpoint counts equally and will be listened to as part of way of holding an open style meeting.

**Matters raised by members of the public:** – i) It was confirmed that the new litter bin will be installed at the playing field on Thursday by Cllrs C & S Haywood. Clerk to notify MHDC. ii) The bin along the side of the pavilion car park had not been emptied – Clerk to notify MHDC. A bag of waste by the BP Hut had not been collected, but it may have been the wrong week. iii) Parking on the village green remains a problem and the Clerk was asked to write to those concerned. It was agreed that the old cast iron 'no parking' sign which has recently been discovered in storage is to be erected by Cllr S Haywood as near to the original location as is practical. iv) Thanks were given to those who had completed the recent Housing Needs Survey. Results are currently being analysed.

**District & County Councillors Reports:** Reports will be uploaded to the PC website. Councillors were also informed of opportunities to visit Envirosort Recycling Centre – dates to be confirmed via MHDC.

**Financial & Governance Matters:** Payments as per the schedule, were proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr A. Henry. All agreed.

Budget & precept 2019/20 – Clerk to prepare draft figures and circulate in time for consideration at the next meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded by Cllr S. Haywood to purchase a new storage container for use by the Bowls Club, Footballers and Scouts. A combination lock also to be purchased. All agreed. Cllr Bowden to progress this and the old container to be removed in due course when practical to do so. Carols on the Village Green – the Clerk confirmed that the PC insurance covers this activity. A risk assessment is to be sent to the Clerk by Cllr R. Henry. The PC was asked to consider funding the cost of the band for the event plus refreshments and it was proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded by Cllr S. Haywood that the PC fund up to £150.00 in total to be funded via s.137 monies. All agreed - Cllrs A & R Henry abstained. Thanks were given by the Council to J & H Wain for all their previous work on the event. Small Grants Scheme & Rural Rate Relief (RRR)– the Council asked the Clerk to check with MHDC for an approximate amount to consider adding to



the budget for RRR and agreed to fund RRR going forward. Small grants figure to be considered for the budget when drafted.

Pavilion cleaning – this is currently done by users on an ad hoc basis. All users are asked to clean up afterwards, but this does not always happen. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to all users and remind them to leave the pavilion clean and tidy afterwards. The Council agreed to provide cleaning materials as required.

**Parish Matters:** Village Green – (see also Public session) It was agreed to resurrect the old cast iron ‘no parking’ sign on the Green near to the original location and in clear sight. Cllr S. Haywood to progress. Cllr Collins agreed to speak to the Lovells development about donating the planters being used on site, for use on the green. A maintenance plan for planters has been agreed locally. White Gates at village entrances – the Clerk was asked to liaise with Highways and County Cllr Pollock about this and find out further details / options. Stepps Farm development – there is concern about the lack of road cleansing and the Clerk was asked to contact MHDC and copy to DCllr Palethorpe.

**Section 106 Committee update:** C. Hurley updated the meeting regarding the first meeting of the Project Group for the Clifton Four Acre Field (CFAF) Project. Representation from young families is being sought on the group. A meeting is due to be held with Playdale Equipment and options are being explored with local organisations / school. Smaller project opportunities also being discussed with local organisations. The draft Terms of reference for the Project Group had been circulated to the Council and C. Hurley clarified the difference between the s106 Project Group for small projects and the CFAF Project Group for the large project proposal. CFAF is not exclusive and the meeting was reminded that there may be other alternative projects which could be proposed for consideration. Further to discussion it was proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded by Cllr R. Henry that the draft Terms of Reference, as circulated, be approved. All agreed. Planning Matters: SWDP review (preferred options) consultation to 16th December – the meeting discussed the proposed Hope Lane allocation for 36 homes. The impact of the current Meadows (Lovells) development of 48 homes was also noted together with the fact that the made Neighbourhood Plan was up to 2030 and should be adhered to by MHDC. The meeting also recognised the positive impact on school numbers since new homes had been built. Further to discussion, the Clerk was asked to draft a response to the SWDPR with Cllr R. Henry, to be circulated for approval and submission. Planning application for consideration – the meeting noted 18/01515/FUL Development at Hope Meadow Drive, Clifton upon Teme – amended drawings and revised Design & Access Statement / Transport Statement received 29th Nov 2019.

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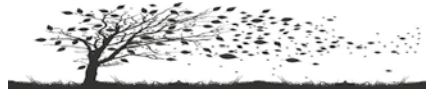


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## **Abbreviated draft Minutes of Clifton Parish Council meeting, Thursday 9th January 2020**

**Present:** Councillors J. Bowden (Chairman), J. Dawson (Vice Chairman), A. Henry, S. Haywood, C. Haywood, and J. Collins. Also present: District Cllr C. Palethorpe, M. Alexander (Clerk) and 11 members of the Public.

**Apologies:** Councillor R. Henry, County Cllr K. Pollock, Ward Cllr C. Palethorpe.

**Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone and reminded everyone that PC meetings are currently an open forum for discussion. The meeting was suspended at this point to allow members of the Public to address the Council: Matters raised at the meeting – The PC were thanked for the new waste bin at the playing field. The Clerk was asked to source a quote from MHDC for x2 domestic sized waste bins for the BP Hut. It was agreed that quotes could be circulated and agreed before the next meeting if possible. There was concern raised about dog walkers not being seen on dark nights due to their clothing not being hi-viz. TVT agreed to highlight this issue. Cllr Bowden also agreed to liaise with TVT about allocating a ‘one-off’ delivery of TVT at The Meadows development to help engage new residents.

**District & County Councillors Reports:** None. It was also agreed to defer the Community Transport matter to the next meeting. It was noted that C. Hurley is meeting with Council Officers shortly re s.106 funding for community transport.

**Financial & Governance Matters:** Payments were approved as per the schedule, were proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded Cllr A. Henry. All agreed.

**Budget & precept 2019/20** – Clerk to arrange an Extra Ordinary meeting before 31st January to agree the figures. It was agreed that the PC should accept the quote for grass cutting from R. Wilks for the 2020 season. The PC will go out to tender in 2021 for a 3-year contract. Rural Rate Relief – the Clerk is awaiting a response from MHDC. Defer to next agenda.

**Parish Matters:** White Gates at village entrances – the Clerk is awaiting a response from Highways. Defer to next agenda.

**Section 106 Committee update:** C. Hurley updated the meeting on the following matters for the s.106 project group – The Group is moving towards having basic start data so we can start the “where are we now” part of the Master Plan. Playdale and Grimshaw reports are extremely helpful in getting the base information together for the new play area. Grimshaws have offered to do a Topographic survey for £450+vat, which will be taken off the final spend if we choose to go with their design. (No obligation though). The PC were asked to approve this spend – it was proposed by Cllr Bowden, seconded by Cllr C. Haywood to approve the spend. All agreed. Clerk to notify Grimshaws. Chris is looking into underground services and looking at other sites locally for good examples. There are apparently no lease agreements with existing user groups, although any other information about this is welcome. Also looking at facilities that currently exist in the pavilion and opportunities for flexibility with or without incurring major costs as s106 cannot be used for everything e.g. preliminary

works / reports. The trim trail is seen positively by both Playdale and Grimshaw and may be worth doing as phase 1. Grimshaw and Playdale both tell us how lucky we are to have this site! Priorities on order of spending will be important and need careful planning. CFAF Mtg next week – welcome to new team member Claire Eustace. Have also contacted the school for a primary parent group member. Plans to contact teenagers as well through local families and organisations. Still meeting other groups which hopefully will lead to other small projects. Community Transport meeting with Madeleine Sumner also arranged re s.106 funding. Those previously involved with the Clifton Playing Field Assoc. were thanked for getting the village as far as it is today with the facilities.

**Planning Matters:** Applications to consider: 19/01799/HP – Mr G Heath, Birchfield House, Church Rd, Clifton upon Teme WR6 6DJ – proposed single storey extension to side and rear. Erection of porch to front. Cllr James to progress this by the deadline of 24th January. Cllr Bowden raised concern regarding the housing site at Hope Lane having a lack of 1 & 2 bed homes and bungalows. The planning response seemed to support this view. It was agreed that the PC should write to MHDC to raise the matter formally – Clerk to progress.

Planning Enforcement – it was noted that the matter of mud on the road / pavement had been raised with MHDC for The Steps development.

**Highways Matters:** Cllr S. Haywood raised concern about the water on the road between Steps Farm and the Kennels. Clerk to raise with Highways Drainage Team. Recent responses to Highways reported matters were noted. All were reminded to report matters via the website please to increase the number of reports filed.

**Correspondence:** Cllr Bowden has the fire extinguisher testing certificate for the pavilion from Brookside Fire. Clerk to contact them with new contact details and ask for a copy for the file.

**Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas:** Cllr S. Haywood raised concern about speeding past the village hall towards the school. It was agreed that the Clerk contact Highways and County Cllr Pollock re options for signage / VAS. The Clerk will also find out more about Community Speed Watch. Cllr C. Haywood confirmed that the noticeboard is ready to be installed. Cllr Bowden will pass the new storage container invoice to the Clerk for payment and will also liaise re delivery. Options to be discussed for the old container. Cllr Bowden thanked everyone concerned with Carols on the Village Green which was well attended. Thanks also to the school for their help with equipment – Cllr Bowden will write formally and thank them. Cllr C. Haywood has attended to the rotten timbers at the play area. Cllr S. Haywood is progressing the installation of the old 'no parking' sign for the village green. The planters have already been taken from the Lovells site so we can't have them. The Clerk is writing to the Football Club about parking concerns. The Lengthsman raised concern about the bins being full of water at the play area – Cllr C. Haywood will look at a solution.

## **FLIX IN THE STICKS IN CLIFTON**

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It will run on the second and fourth Thursday in the month, excluding school holidays. It is open to anyone and everyone who would like to come along , meet like- minded people, have fun and sing anything from rock, pop, gospel, folk – if you want to sing it, we can sing it!

Come along on 13th February and see what you think. After that it will cost £2 a week to cover the cost of the hall hire and tea and coffee. We want this to be a community run choir, all helping with the choice of songs, making coffee, having fun together. If you can't make every week please don't let that put you off- we want the choir to be there for you, young and old.

If you would like any more details please email me on [rachelm.austin@gmail.com](mailto:rachelm.austin@gmail.com) or 07742 977027.

Please invite your families and friends from in and around the Teme Valley – the more the merrier! Looking forward to singing with you all on 13th February.



## **Minutes of the Parish Meeting of Lower Sapey held on 12th December 2019 at St Bartholomew's Church Harpley at 7pm.**

1 Chairman Ashley Jones. Parish Clerk Susanna Everitt.

2 Apologies Steve Younge and Liz Younge.

3 Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Chair. Proposed as correct by Howard Rigby, seconded by Jan Jones and unanimously approved.

4 Matters arising: None.

5 Finance: Funding issues for the lengthsman scheme were discussed. The precept is to stay the same for the coming year.

6 Water. Pressure in hydrants may not be adequate enough, to feed a fire engine, as informed by Mr Burton. The fire service has been notified of the location of the two hydrants in Harpley and will report back to the Parish Clerk.

7 Eco credentials. The church has been awarded Eco Silver. The PCC will be managing the churchyard in a more eco-friendly way as suggested by the Worcestershire wildlife trust. It will be wild flower friendly. Marion West would like us to pursue solar panels on the roof.

8 Lengthsman Scheme - Rob Wilks. There is a major problem with the road through Harpley as it is now almost impassable and has a lot of potholes. Furthermore, there are some real issues along Hope Lane.

9 Planning: Ellie Savage will review both the application for Hope Meadow and the South Worcestershire development plan. She will clarify the area that is within our parish.

**Date of next meeting. Thursday March 5th 2020 at St Bartholomew's church.** Susanna Everitt, Parish Clerk.

### **MARTLEY YOUNG FARMERS**

Our annual Big Breakfast will be held on the 23rd February at Martley Memorial Hall, we will be doing two sittings, the first sitting will be at 9:00am and the second sitting at 11:00am. The breakfast will be a Full English, including cereals, fruit juice, tea and coffee, the cost will be £7 per person and children (up to 12 years old) will be £5. Tickets will be available from Martley Shop or you can order them by calling Zoe on 07772202840 or Amy on 07975636122. Please buy or order your tickets by Tuesday 18th February.

We have also organised an Easter Bingo on Saturday 4th April (please note this is a revised date to the one previously advertised) at Martley Village Hall, so if you love Bingo come on down to Martley Village Hall for what we expect to be a fun filled evening. The doors open at 7pm and eyes down at 7:30pm. There will be refreshments available and a raffle. Bring all the family along! For more information please contact Zoe on 07772202840 or Amy on 07975636122.

# Church Matters

by Jack Whittenbury

Are we becoming a tribe of people in isolation?

In a recent article, the journalist, Clare Foges, encouraged us to connect more with others. She cites our habit of preferring to text people rather than having a good old face-to-face, of needing to rush through the self-checkout at the supermarket, rather than interacting with the cashier. Similarly, people now drink more at home, rather than going to their local to enjoy a drink with company.

Furthermore, an email is a quick-fix communication tool, but it can also be an easy way out; when it's sent, we think the jobs done! That's a bit one-sided. Even when we are in public places, surrounded by others, as in restaurants, shops and on public transport, we frequently prefer to communicate on our Smartphones. There are many reasons for this self-imposed isolation, some of them a need to save money or time. What else though? Are we sheltering behind impersonal technology which gives contact but does nothing to alleviate loneliness?

The results, however, can be described as a dilution of the quality of life because, surely, people need people, and they need to interact with each other.

People are enriched by interaction. In the Teme Valley we have a variety of clubs and associations but many of them suffer from indifferent attendance. How often have we heard folk bemoaning the lack of facilities provided for this and that? The facilities are there, and lots of them, but we need to make the effort not only to go along, but to get involved! All of us have something to offer, but many of us are reluctant to explore ourselves, possibly through a lack of confidence. Every club leader today was a nervous newcomer once, standing at the club door with trepidation!

To connect. To reach out and take that first step or build the first bricks in that bridge towards others. To interact and not wait for things to come to us.

All of the above observations apply to the wonderful churches with which the Teme Valley is endowed. Most of them are architectural gems which were lovingly endowed by generations of valley people who recognized the value of that place of worship, a meeting place at the centre of their communities. God was always there to help and guide. He still is.

God still welcomes all to his house, whatever their persuasion and however long ago they last spoke to him. He wants you to connect and you will be rewarded if you let him into your heart.

## **WORCESTER WEST RURAL TEAM QUIET DAY**

The Annual Team Quiet Day is taking place on Wednesday 4th March at Holland House, Cropthorne. The day will be led by the Revd Canon David Sherwin. Coffee on arrival, Lunch and afternoon tea is provided.

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## **LOWER SAPEY NEWS**

Just before Christmas we said a very sad goodbye to Bettie Nicholls. Bettie was 88 and she died after a fall and short stay in hospital. The wonderful thing about our Bettie was her absolute faith. She had no worries about Him calling for her whenever her time came. As a young woman she rode her motorbike and worked in the motor industry. Her family took her to Paris for her 80th birthday - and she took her *Temé Triangle* with her! Bettie and Ken were good and kindly new neighbours when I arrived in Harpley in 1993 with my mother in a wheelchair. We have been friends and shared the joys of our pets over the years as well as our next door neighbour friendship. Indeed many people will hugely miss Bettie.

On 22nd December we had our Carol Service which was the usual joyous occasion followed as usual with much chat with the punch and mince pies. Liz and Steve took care of the punch this time. It was a lovely surprise that Mrs Evans was able to join us. She looked extremely well and I hope enjoyed all the people who were delighted to chat with her and exchange news.

We begin this new decade with a Leap Year of course, so I hope any ladies feeling so inclined will get their proposal ready for 29th February! We recently had the acknowledged expert on small church heating to look at the best type of heating for St Bartholomew. His company has set up the most suitable heating for the requirements for many churches to enable the various events etc which can now continue in all weathers! He is arranging a detailed option for Saint Bartholomew so that at last decisions can be made for the future - in accordance with our avowed eco beliefs and enabling us to continue (and improve) our already achieved Eco Silver award!

## **NOTICES**

There has been no notification of February church services yet so I can only give you the Methodist service which will be on the third Sunday 16th February at 10.30. Ladies Bible Study will be with Marion West on Tuesday 11th February at 2pm.

*Marion West*

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St Barthomolew's, Lower Sapey (Harpley Church) has been awarded the Silver Eco award.

One of the main reasons for the award is its aspiration towards sustainable church flowers: the church has not used floral foam for the last four years although weddings and funerals are still outside this aspiration. We have contributed to raising awareness in the wider community by the flower demonstration given by Shane Connolly last August for the West Worcester churches and wreath making workshops in November by Kate Hurst and Brigette Manton at Great Witley and Clifton. The Chair of the Worcester Guild who manage the flowers in Worcester Cathedral have followed our example and are now creating structures for the Lady Chapel so that arrangements can be made without the need for floral foam.



Our regular practice of annual litter picks between Clifton and Harpley by members of the community will be followed again this year with a celebratory drink at the Lion Inn in Clifton on March 6th at 6pm.

Our churchyard has been surveyed by the Natural Networks and we have planted bulbs and spread wildflower seed so that the churchyard will be managed with biodiversity in mind. Bats, birds and bees are encouraged. Our snowdrops are just beginning to show their multitude.

We have eco LED bulbs in all the lights. We do not use single use plastic (eg for refreshments or decorations). We order cleaning kit and loo rolls from Fair Trade. We have twinned with a loo in Tanzania. We try to keep a low carbon footprint within the church: we have economised on heating fuel this year, we encourage car sharing or walking to church. We are working for a sustainable financial and environmental community in our country parish where the church can become host for the travelling library, be the venue for regular community coffee mornings and further activities.





*Rev. Jen Denniston, Sue Rigby (holding Eco Church Silver Award certificate), Candy Connolly and Rev Becky Elliot in Harpley Church.*

We are starting a growing section of shrubs and flowers in our churchyard so that flowers for the church can be sourced directly from the churchyard as well as local gardens and hedgerows. This is to further maintain a low carbon footprint for church activities. We have invited a leading environmental florist to lead a Circle Service for our church in July 2020 to focus attention and explore further areas that we can develop as we look to apply for our Gold Award.

We will be applying for gold when we have completed our developments of heating, loo and kitchenette during which process we hope to install solar panels on our roof. At this point we will be looking at holding a Green fair at our church to celebrate the progress our church has made since being awarded the Eco Silver as a direct result of holding this award.

*Candy Connolly*

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## **Abbreviated Draft Minutes of The Shelsleys Parish Council Meeting held on January 14th 2020**

**Present:** Dr Laura Taylor (Chairman) Mr William Sutherland, Mr David Bates, Mr David Styles, Mr John Stinton and Mrs Karen Metcalfe. In Attendance: three members of the public and the clerk.

**Apologies:** Councillor Palethorpe & Councillor Pollock.

**Minutes:** The minutes of November 12th 2019 were signed as a true record.

**Applications for co-option Shelsley Kings and Shelsley Beauchamp:** Mrs Val Jones and Mrs Jean Hammond were co-opted for Shelsley Kings and Mrs Louise Hutton for Shelsley Beauchamp.

**Public Question Time:** A representative of the Midlands Automobile Club informed the Parish Council that Retro Rides 2020 will be a two day event. The Old Rectory has been acquired by the MAC for future use. County Councillor and District Councillor's reports: Available on the website.

**Broadband:** Councillor Taylor outlined the voucher scheme which entails groups of applicants not identified as part of the rollout of Superfast Broadband. Several areas have been identified and a cost feasibility study carried out.

**Highways and Lengthsman:** Fly tipping continues in the lay bye opposite Stirt Farm. It was decided to investigate the size and cost of a rubbish bin to be placed there.

**Road sweeping in the parish.** MHDC had swept part of the parish but not the extent that the Parish Council had been requested. The clerk to make a further request. The Lengthsman's worksheets were inspected and agreed. He will be asked to clear gulleys on Fetterlocks Lane. and clean signposts throughout the parish. The Village Hall direction signs which have been ordered will be placed to aid navigation.

**Planning:** No plans Received. A link to MHDC planning applications will be on the parish website.

**Precept and Budget:** Following acceptance of the Budget at the last meeting, the Precept request was proposed and seconded and will remain the same at £4,000 for 2020-2021

**Finance:** The following payments were agreed. Clerk's salary and expenses for Q3 £565.52. HMRC payment £139.80. Lengthman's invoice for November and December £403.20. Annual hire of the Village Hall £60.00 Monies received WCC £420.00 in respect of Lengthsman.

**Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda.** Councillor Metcalfe reported on the recent visit to EnviroSort at Norton where the county's waste is sorted. Only 10% of non-recycled waste goes to landfill, the rest is burned at the Hartlebury incinerator. The power generated runs the incinerator; the surplus power goes into the national grid.

The Safer Roads Partnership is to be contacted with regard to local speed limits especially through Shelsley Walsh.

**Next Meeting Date: March 10th** The meeting concluded at 8.20.

**Services in the parishes of Clifton, The Shelsleys and Lower Sapey (Harpley)  
February 2020**

<b>Sunday 2nd February Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)</b>	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	10.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
<b>Tuesday 4th</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	All Saints, Shelsley Beauchamp
<b>Wednesday 5th</b>	10.00am	Pushchair Praise	St Kenelm, Clifton
<b>Sunday 9th February 3 Before Lent</b>	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
<b>Tuesday 11th</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
<b>Sunday 16th February 2 Before Lent</b>	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Café Church	St Kenelm, Clifton
	10.30am	Methodist Morning Worship	St Bartholomew, Harpley
<b>Tuesday 18th</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Bartholomew, Harpley
<b>Wednesday 19th</b>	7.30pm	Time for Time Out	St Kenelm, Clifton
<b>Sunday 23rd February Next Before Lent</b>	10.30am	Circle Service	St Bartholomew, Harpley
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Kenelm, Clifton
<b>Monday 24th</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Kenelm, Clifton
<b>Shrove Tuesday 25th</b>	9.00am	Morning Prayer	St Andrew, Shelsley Walsh
	7-9pm	Pancake Day Social	Broadwas Village Hall
<b>Ash Wednesday 26th</b>	10.15am	Holy Communion	Heaton House, Martley
	7.30pm	Holy Communion	St Peter, Martley

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### February

- 1 Shelsley Village Hall coffee morning 10am-12.30pm
- 6 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 11 Clifton WI meeting: *An Actor's Life* - Nick Wilkes, VH 7.30pm
- 13 Teme Valley Wildlife Group meeting, Stoke Bliss & Kyre VH 7.30pm
- 13 Teme Valley Sings, Clifton VH 7.45pm
- 19 Clifton Friendship Club meeting: *Wine-tasting with a difference* David Barrie, VH 2.30pm
- 22 Coffee Morning, St Kenelm's Church, Clifton 10.30am - 12noon
- 22 Rural Reels film: *Downton Abbey* Clifton VH 7pm
- 23 Martley Young Farmers' Big Breakfast, Martley VH 9am
- 27 Abberley Hall School open morning
- 27 'Only Fools & Horses' Night, Shelsleys Social Club, VH 7pm

### March

- 5 Lower Sapey Parish Council meeting, St Bartholomew's Church, Harpley 7pm
- 5 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 6 Litter pickers annual drink, Lion Inn, Clifton 6pm
- 7 Shelsley Village Hall coffee morning 10am-12.30pm
- 10 Shelsleys' Parish Council meeting, VH 7pm
- 10 Clifton WI meeting: *Elgar* - Joe Tierney, VH 7.30pm
- 18 Clifton Friendship Club, VH 2.30pm

### April

- 1 Clifton Friendship Club, VH 2.30pm
- 1 Clifton Parish Council meeting, VH 7.40pm
- 4 Martley Young Farmers Easter Bingo, Martley VH 7.30pm
- 7 Shelsley Village Hall coffee morning 10am-12.30pm
- 14 Clifton WI meeting: *The Magistrate* - Judy Hulland, VH 7.30pm
- 15 Clifton Friendship Club, VH 2.30pm

## Trotter Night at the new Shelsleys Social Club

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Trotter Night

Chicken and chips

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