

## Clowne Community Association

### Final Minutes of Meeting

Date: 24 May 2017

**Time: 7:00pm**

**Venue: Clowne Methodist Hall**

1. **Apologies** Brian Betts, Frank Knight, Carol Sibring, Mick Hursthouse

**Attendance was 31 people.**

2. **PCSO Update – Suzanne Fox**

Update for Creswell Whitwell Clowne area

A lot of van thefts have happened recently in the area- not sure whether this is local or from outside?- tending to be early hours in the morning. PC Matt Cooling is now based here covering Clowne/Barlborough -Don Appleby has moved on. There have been a number of drug warrants served and they are hoping to instigate more here soon. Getting warrants through the courts takes time.

If people hear anything then please report it- Crimestoppers web site and also local level- Phone 101 will put it through to staff e mail Please inform the Police of any incidents If people wish they can contact Suzanne DIRECT on 07860825861- or on e mail below.

#### **Questions**

No update on the caravan park at Markham

There has been a lead theft at Whitwell from a roof – suggested use Smartwater to mark the lead.

Q. Motorised scooters – is it legal to drive with a child on board or a dog in tow- what are the rules?

A. Have advised the user about taking care

4mph limit on pavement – 8mph ones have to be on the road

Q. Has been incidents of synthetic drugs use in Whitwell- Mamba- Spice

A. It has begun to surface here- Police are working with schools and Besafe patrols with late nights and schools/holidays targets – so all agencies are working together. There has to be a vehicle bringing it in to distribute it. If in doubt about anything where a person seems to be affected then ring an ambulance.

Q. Has anyone been caught dealing on the Recreation Park?- because resident reports suspicious activity here?

A. A colleague is working on it and warrants have been issued. But people tend to move on to new properties. Keep a track of any registration numbers- but don't put yourself at risk.

There have been minor incidents on Linear Park and DCC rail line.

The community are the eyes and ears of the Police- please pass on anything you see.

As usual the message is any sightings or worries **RING 101 with any concerns.**

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3. **Manchester Bombing**

A 1 minute silence followed by the Association in remembrance of the Manchester bomb victims.

4. **Association Committee vacancy**

**Eric Burgess has resigned from the Committee and so we have a vacancy.**

**Nominations were sought at the meeting and after a vote Barbara Bosworth was agreed as a new member of the Committee.**

**5.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting 22 March 2017 were approved as correct.**

**Matters Arising:-**

**5.2** Noted the Cuadrilla donation of bulbs to Clowne in Bloom as spoken about.

**5.3** Loss of Post Office bank account?

Noted that this item is about DWP trying to get people to open a bank account – but people can still continue to collect any benefit payments at the Post Office.. This is an ongoing threat that needs to be rejected. It definitely would not lead to the possibility of the loss of the Post Office.

**5.4** This Friday at 6pm flowers are to be laid for the Manchester victims all are welcome to support this at the Cenotaph.

**5.5** At the next Parish meeting the issue is to be raised that Poppies from Remembrance are being left on the floor and are untidy and this shows no respect. They are to ask if the Poppy wreaths can be placed vertically on brackets on the fence. Also the sandstone Poppy looks a mess with green algae etc and standing water.

**6. Boundary Commission Changes consultation- Mrs Blackwell introduced the item**

They are proposing to alter the boundaries for election voting.

They are aiming for the same number of voters in each electoral ward. Consultation started last November when they spoke to all District Councillors. They did this 22 November to 30 January. Then they came back on 11 April with consultation document.

They are asking for feedback. But the District Council have not informed the community/electorate of what is planned. The information put out is difficult to follow. There is no hard copy available at The Arc !

Clowne is to be split between East and West. And new Barlborough area of Clowne is to be taken into Barlborough ward.

This is all to create electoral equality which is seen as the overriding factor.

There will be 37 Councillors for Bolsover as at present.

17 Wards- 3 fewer than at present.

13 boundary changes are planned

Clowne East will have 3

Clowne West will have 1 – all this to achieve the same number of people in each voting ward.

Comments are to go to the Boundary Commission direct – not to District Council. We have until 19 June to send comments back – when these have been out since April but we were not told about it. There is a hard copy in the Library apparently.

This doesn't affect the Parish electoral boundaries at present. But in 2019 they may have to go to different status as they can't change the Parish boundaries. The District could accept it and then allow Parish boundary changes later.?

Page 16 of the document talks about Parish arrangements. They have given recommendations as to the set up of the Parish level but no indication of the proposed boundaries.

Parish have

8 Councillors in East ward

2 in West ward

2 in North ward- presumably Barlborough.

Clowne have 4 District Councillors ( paid by our rates) who have not bothered to talk to us about it and have not consulted with us?

The Parish suggest we should complain individually as Parishioners.

## **Questions**

Q What can we do?

A. Send a letter to the Boundary Commission and lobby District Councillors to have an open meeting. The Clowne Association group have been going 20 years and the Parish Council voted 10 years ago not to send Parish Councillors to our meetings. It is about time this was reviewed and they sent someone to our meetings.

The Wards reflect the interest and vitality of local communities. A display at our group would have helped. Go to The Arc and ask about it.

An Association letter saying Clowne for Clowne People not Barlborough Councillors representing Clowne people seems to be a pretty basic requirement for representation! Suggest people go to the Library where the maps and words are available. The results of the consultation are to be published 5 September.

## **7. Regeneration Framework for Town Centres**

Bolsover District Council have just published this on their web site. It covers the 4 main towns of Bolsover, Shirebrook, South Normanton and Clowne. It has specific plans and recommendations for each town and its associated group of villages.

There are a number of things included for Clowne Town Centre that we will disagree with. For instance a proposal to move The Cross - which is a Scheduled Ancient Monument- to allow more space around it. Clearly this is not something English Heritage would agree to without some extraordinary justification and History Society also would object. This is still in its original medieval position- despite the several times that vehicles have run into it.!

They also propose an open space ( enhanced entrance to Linear Park) or a community transport hub on the North Road car park. This comes as the development of housing on the skate park is underway. They propose adventure play equipment on Linear Park – this is highly confusing when BDC have just rejected the same thing over the Clowne in Bloom proposals.

## **8. Next History Society meeting 16 June**

An item will be talked about on the placing of a plinth and the cast iron Midland Rail trespass sign from 1893 on the DCC rail line. Clowne in Bloom are paying for this work from the Tesco Bags of Help grant.

## **9. Clowne in Bloom- Greg Lindley**

The play train has been done on Parish council site and then BDC have placed security fencing around it until safety inspection has been done and any issues resolved.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March planting day on Linear Park** went well and people were thanked for their help- with UK natives plug plants both morning and afternoon. Mansfield Road tubs planted and Lambs garage area High Street. Also done Heywoods frontage shop tubs and Buckinghams on North Road.

No 4 North Road is looking good planted up by the new owner.

The Cross tubs have been replanted. The top of the Cemetery water planter has been renewed.

**10. Well Dressing this year is set for Saturday the 22<sup>nd</sup> July.** Making is in the week of Monday 17-Fri 21 July at Methodists Chapel. We will have small boards from each of the 3 schools as well as Salvation Army so twelve small boards.

**1917** -Margaret and David Hewitt are attending a memorial event to mark the 10 years since the battle of Passchendaele(3<sup>rd</sup> battle of Ypres) and will be placing wreaths / crosses for Clowne men of the Sherwood Foresters at the event and Tyne Cott Cemetery. A marker board for this will be placed alongside the Well Dressing-10 am blessing event on Saturday 22.

**11. Parish meeting next Wednesday at 7pm is an ask your local Councillor event.**

**12. Linear Park signs**

History Society people have cleaned them out and painted the frames and we are due to place limestone around the bases. Bolsover DC need to be showing some progress on getting designs done for the new signs to replace these.

**13. Blue Plaques- History Plaques proposal- Greg Lindley.**

This is a joint item for Clowne in Bloom and History Society to consider. Potential spend from Tesco Bags of Help grant. Miners Technical Institute was one location that we had previously discussed and agreed with the new owner A1 housing.

**14. Gala Saturday 15 July – 11-3.** Volunteers put their names forward to help out on the Association/ Clowne in Bloom stand.

**15. June 11 th Christain Aid Coffe Morning – all are welcome.**

**16. Meeting DATES FOR 2017**

**Committee dates two weeks prior to main meetings**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Meetings</b>
<b>4 January</b>	<b>18 January</b>
<b>1 March</b>	<b>22 March</b>
<b>3 May</b>	<b>24 May</b>
<b>5 July</b>	<b>19 July</b>
<b>6 September</b>	<b>20 September</b>
<b>1 November</b>	<b>22 November</b>

**Note Drinks and Raffle everyone was thanked for their donations.**