



CLIFTON CAMPVILLE WITH THORPE CONSTANTINE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

TUESDAY 5TH MAY 2026 AT CLIFTON CAMPVILLE VILLAGE HALL

Appointment of Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Appointment of Chairman

Cllr P Bennion nominated by Cllr Tongue, Proposed by Cllr R Leedham and Seconded by Cllr R Nichols

Cllr P Bennion Duly Elected Chairman

Appointment of Vice Chairman

Cllr Tongue Nominated by P Bennion, Proposed by Cllr P Bostock and Seconded by Cllr E Leedham.

Cllr A Tongue Duly Elected Vice Chairman.

1. Present:

Cllr P Bennion Chair, Cllr A Tongue, Vice Chair & Minutes, Cllr E Leedham,
Cllr P Bostock, Cllr A Amsden, Cllr R Nichols, Cllr R Leedham

2. Apologies:

None - all Councilors' present.

No Clerk available.

3. Approval of minutes for AGM held on 22nd May 2025

Copy of minutes signed and dated as true record by Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr E Leedham and Seconded by Cllr R Leedham

3a. Matters Arising

None.

4. Chair's Report 2026

Cllr Bennion read out a prepared speech as follows:

"The last year has been challenging for the Parish Council, with the previous Chair Richard Green stepping down and the Clerk tending her resignation. I would like to pay tribute to Richard for his work on the Council over a number of years. He was committed to the task and willing to roll up his sleeves and get things done. We welcomed Leanne Jones as the new Clerk to replace Sue Hughes in December, but Leanne has now decided to leave the post due to increased work commitments. At the point of writing, we are without a Clerk for the Annual Meeting.

The remaining Parish Councillors have all responded well and are working as a team to cover the situation. I would particularly like to thank Ann Tongue, who as Vice Chair has led the response to resolving the Clerk

situation and Edward Leedham, who has looked after our finances throughout these difficult few months. I'd like to thank all of them for pulling together and giving full support.

We are also having to deal with external challenges such as the Severn Trent pipeline, which is under construction. The Council are unanimous in their view that the pipeline, which has the function of pumping treated sewage from Packington to the river Tame at Elford, represents a huge waste of money in a time of crisis for public finances. The disruption is only just beginning.

Additionally the threat of thousands of houses enveloping Thorpe Constantine, both in Lichfield District and North Warwickshire, is now close to a point at which the two Council will publish their preferred options. A further tranche of 10,000 houses in Leicestershire has now been dropped.

The continuing problem of potholes has not improved over the last year. We have also had to put up with the closure of the bridge on Lullington Road for several months with the resultant detour. Happily the bridge was reopened a few weeks ago.

We are still awaiting the results of the government's local government reforms, which will see Lichfield District Council merged with neighbours to form a unitary, to be in place by 2028.

Our communities are thriving nonetheless. The Millennium Green Trust provides a marvellous open space for parishioners and the annual Country Fair, which attracts hundreds to Clifton Campville.

The Village Hall runs a regular coffee morning on Mondays and the Church Hall in Haunton an excellent soup offering on Friday lunchtimes. Haunton's Best Kept Village team can be seen at work every Thursday. The Green Man has now opened its coffee shop and the pub is increasingly popular, despite the occasional parking overflow.

We hope to have a new Clerk in place very soon and your councillors are united in continuing to support the community"

Cllr Bennion added a verbal update on the evening as follows:

"Since my report, I have received notification of a proposal to discuss at the next full LDC council meeting, an option to delay the local plan decisions in order to conduct a further study to ensure that sites identified have the necessary infrastructure to proceed".

5. Other Council/Community/Group reports

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*Due to the absence of a Clerk, there may have been other reports submitted that will be reported on at the next Parish Meeting.

Meeting Closed at 7.20pm

Next Annual Parish meeting 11th May 2027 @ 7pm



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1. Present:

Cllr P Bennion - Chairman, Cllr A Tongue - Vice Chair & Minutes, Cllr E Leedham, Cllr P Bostock, Cllr A Amsden, Cllr R Nichols, Cllr R Leedham

3. Apologies

None

4. Declaration of interest

Cllr P Bennion item 11.c – Pear Tree Cottage Planning Application

Request by Cllr Tongue to move item 9 to be discussed before item 7. Agreed by Chairman.

5. Public session

The public are welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting but cannot speak or be involved whilst Parish Council members (only) discuss PC business. 10 mins.

One member of the public present. Informed Council that the Country Fair Committee had received confirmation that a fly past of military aircraft will be taking place the date of the Country Fair.

6. Approval of minutes for Meeting held on 3rd March 2026

Approved and signed by Chairman, Cllr Bennion.

Motion Proposed by Cllr R Leedam/Seconded by Cllr Amsden

Note: There may be a delay of uploading a copy of minutes and agendas to the Parish Council Website, due to the vacancy of Clerk. This will be rectified as soon as is possible.

6.a. Matters Arising.

Unfortunately, no comments were submitted to Lichfield regarding the Micro-Brewery at the Green Man.

7. Audit and AGAR form

7.a. Feedback from Auditor

Cllr Tongue gave feedback from recent meeting and further phone calls with Kim Squires, Internal Auditor, due to the Clerks departure.

7.b. Agreement to outsource the AGAR to 3rd Party Consultant, Lewis Anderson Enterprises, for £350 plus associated costs.

Proposed by Cllr Nichols/Seconded by Cllr E Leedham

7.c. Notice of appointment date for the exercise of public rights.

This will now be the responsibility of the AGAR consultant.

8. Resignation of the Parish Clerk and Appointment of New Clerk

8.a. Resignation of Parish Clerk.

A promotion at work and other work commitments has led to the present Clerk, Leanne Jones, to tender her resignation and she has now left.

The councillors would like to thank Leanne for her hard work the short time she was with us, and wish her all the best in her new promotion.

8.b. Appointment of new clerk

As the appointment was very recent, it was agreed to approach and offer the appointment to the other shortlisted candidate without further interview.

Motion Proposed by Cllr R Leedham/Seconded by Cllr R Nichols

Action: Cllr Tongue to contact candidate and if candidate is in agreement, will commence the recruitment process. Cllr Tongue will update contract and review job description

Note: Due to this resignation, Cllr E Leedham will be primary contact for dealing with the bank. Cllr Tongue will check Parish Clerk email and phone and action accordingly.

8.c. Agreement to update accounting system and cost implications.

Action: To carry forward to next meeting and take advice from new Clerk.

9. County & District Cllrs

Covered in Annual Parish Meeting – Item 2 Chairman’s Report

10. Finance

Balance of account on bank statement for current account @ 05.05.2026 was £25,592.04 Savings account- £5,424.38

10.a. Receipts

- LDC – Precept - £19,380

10.b. Approval of payments for:

- Zurich Insurance £421.50
- SPCA Membership £365.36.

10c Agreement to purchase new accounting system and costs. Quotations required. See previous item 7.b. Discussion re Nat West’s payment of compensation to the Parish Council for the complaint that Cllr Bostock lodged with the bank.

Cllr Bostock requested that she personally received the amount paid for her out-of-pocket expenses, but requests that the compensation the PC received is paid to charities of her choice. The PC will need to advice and guidance from the new Clerk to how this can be actioned.

11. Planning

11.a. 26/00301/FUL- 9 Chestnut Lane Clifton Campville Tamworth (resubmission of 20/01227/FUH)
Application now approved by LDC.

11.b. 26/00220/FUH 1 Church Hollow, Main Road, Clifton Campville,

Action: Cllr Nichols to review application and make representation on behalf of Parish Council.

11.c. 26/00384/FUH-Pear Tree Cottage, Main Road, Haunton, Tamworth.

Action: Cllr Nichols to review application and make representation on behalf of Parish Council.

11.d. 26/00364/FUH- Plas David, Thorpe Lane, Tamworth, Staffordshire.

No comment to make.

12. Update/Feedback on LDC Local Plan/Neighbouring local Plans or potential developments within the area

Covered in Annual Parish Meeting – Item 2 Chairman’s Report

13. Lichfield District Council Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Strategic Fund April 2026

After consideration, this was not suitable for the size of our Parish.

14..Councillor's Reports

Cllr Leedham discussed the Wicket Gate between the Church and Millenium Green. Opinion is that it belongs to the Church.

Parish Council requested that David Lodge (who was in attendance as a member of the public) to enquire with Church about the cost of repair and depending on this amount the PC would discuss and consider making a donation towards the repair but would also request that the Millennium Green also contributes.

No other report given.

15. Close of Meeting 8.45pm.

Next meeting 7 July 2026 @ 7pm