

## CLIPSTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 CLIPSTON VILLAGE HALL, 7.30pm

Minutes taken by Felicity Ryan, Clerk/RFO.

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**Present:** Councillors. R Burnham (Chairman), A Fellowes, A Price, A Wilford, H Weston , C Kemsley-Pein

**Attendees :** Three representatives from Gigaclear were present along with three members of the Kelmarsh Wind Farm Committee.

**16/266 Apologies :** M Ward , P Hooper, District Councillor R Auger

**16/267 Declarations of Interests:** None declared

**16/268 Comments from the public :** A member of the Kelmarsh Wind Farm Committee responded to some questions previously supplied by Clipston Parish Council as follows :

**Q1.** Funds were provided to an entity Kelmarsh Trust (owner of the Kelmarsh Estate). What were the tests that a prospective donee has to satisfy for the entity to distribute the funds received, for distribution to donee(s)? – **A.** No tests were in place. Kelmarsh Trust negotiated with the original wind farm purchasers who were E-ON. Ownership of the Wind Farm was then transferred to Blue Energy and is now owned by Cubico. Kelmarsh Wind Farm Ltd ('The Committee') has been set up to manage the fund to be allocated between the four villages of Naseby, Clipston, Kelmarsh and Haselbech. This followed meetings between the Committee and Cubico held in June when it was agreed to incorporate as a CIO.

**Q2.** The entity proposes to incorporate as a CIO i.e. to have the benefit of charitable status under a corporate umbrella. Therefore:

2.1 What stage has that incorporation reached and when will it be completed? **A.** Kelmarsh Wind Farm Ltd has submitted their application but has been advised to re-submit to the Charity Commission after making some amendments.

2.2 What is the objects clause for that CIO? **A.** The purpose of the CIO will be to support exclusively charitable purposes in the parishes of Naseby, Clipston, Haselbech and Kelmarsh.

2.3 What are the criteria for distributing the funds?

**A.** The criteria is education, health and safety of lives, relief of poverty, advancement and protection of heritage, financial need, disability, animal welfare, recreation of amateur sport and recreation all in the four parishes and for charitable purposes.

**Q3.** Who are the potential donees? **A.** The communities or groups which serve the four parishes.

**Q4.** Who are the trustees of the CIO? **A.** Each village has two representatives who are trustees of the CIO.

**Q5.** Clipston is a potential donee.

5.1. When will Clipston receive its allocated funds? **A.** Clipston has no 'allocated funds'. They will need to apply and have the application assessed by the Wind Farm Trust. Once they have approved it is then passed to Cubico for final approval. Payment is made via charity link and an admin fee is taken for this. A website is to be set up to accept applications and a cost will be incurred for this.

5.2. How is such allocation calculated? **A.** The total amount is split equally between the four

villages and is £7000 per year. It can be rolled over into the next year.

**6** How can we help in any way as regards the process? **A.** The application is to be re-submitted to the Charity Commission and nothing further can be done at the present time.

Three representatives from Gigaclear : They had attended the meeting at the request of Clipston Parish Council following complaints about the installation. The installation had been delayed due to another contractor placing permits over the roads in the village. They will supply contact details and liaise with Cllr Wilford regarding the re-instatement of the verges and clearing up the village.

**16/269 :- Updates from County and District Councillor**

None received.

**16/270 - Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 :** It was **RESOLVED** to sign the minutes as a true copy of that meeting.

**16/271 – Action Points from the last meeting :**

Dog Waste bins – The bins are being emptied sporadically. **ACTION : HW to monitor and report to Clerk if necessary.**

Fence on Church Lane – Ongoing

Neighbourhood Plan – 57 paper responses had been received and 80 online. The information is to be collated ready for the open day to be held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 10am.

Kelmarsh Wind Farm Community Trust update – As above.

Superfast Broadband – Complaints about installation - **ACTION : Cllr Wilford to liaise with Gigaclear.**

**16/272 Finance –**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments :

a) invoices to pay: -

Hitachi (Mower Lease) (SO)	- £199.20
E-ON (Power O/N/D)	- £847.49
F Ryan (Clerk Salary (N/D/J)	- £476.32
HMRC (Tax)	- £59.00
F Ryan (expenses N/D/J)	- £96.97

Bank balance as at 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 = £25,402.89

**16/273 Planning Applications for :-**

17/00037/WASVOC – Wormslade Farm – Updated Odour Management Plan – Noted.  
**ACTION : Clerk to confirm date of determination meeting for Cllr Price to attend.**

DA/2018/0052 – Variation of condition 2 of planning permission DA/2015/0767 (construction of one dwelling) to retain existing barn on site and delete new double garage at Bramley Cottage, Kelmarsh Road, Clipston : It was **RESOLVED** to offer no objection or comment regarding the application.

DA/2018/0031 – Change of use of agricultural land to accommodate a mixed agricultural and game farm use at Land off Sibbertoft Road, Clipston : It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application for the following reasons : 1. The application makes reference to a very high number of birds being farmed. In our opinion this is an intensive farming proposal unsuitable for this location.2. There are unspoilt countryside views surrounding the planning site which will be impaired by the erection of a considerable number of sheds and pens needed to house the birds. 3. The single track publicly maintained road leading from Sibbertoft to Clipston and providing access to the site is : 3.1 single track; and 3.2. has no designated passing places. It is therefore unsuitable for the proposed large increase in commercial traffic movements. 4. The nearby local small-holdings may be affected by disease due to a very high number of birds being placed in one intensively farmed place.5. The proposed use of the farm for intensive bird farming may well increase excessive unpleasant smells, and pollution to the surrounding water courses (Siddons Ford) which local farmers rely upon. Additionally the proposed farm use may also attract increased numbers of insects and flies.

DA/2018/0011 – Remove tree subject to Tree Preservation Order DA 26 at 9 Chestnut Grove Clipston – It was **RESOLVED** to offer **NO OBJECTION** or comment regarding the application.

Decision Notices : DA/2017/0971 – Listed Building Consent for single storey rear extension at 17 Kelmarsh Road – Granted with conditions – Noted

DA/2017/0970 – Single storey rear extension to kitchen, extension to link two existing outbuildings and conversion of outbuilding to studio guest accommodation at 17 Kelmarsh Road Clipston – Granted with conditions – Noted

DA/2017/1055 – Single storey rear extension at Langdale House Naseby Road – Clipston – Granted with conditions – Noted

#### **16/274 Village Maintenance:**

Overgrown hedgerow leading out of the village towards Market Harborough – Highway Monitoring

Overgrown hedgerow near to 'The Hollies' – Highway Monitoring

Mower shed roof repair – Awaited

Overgrown weeds at Church Close – Monitoring

Hedge by the Paddocks – Response awaited from DDC Planning.

Streetlight 14 – Cover dropped down wires exposed – **ACTION : Clerk to chase**

Streetlight 15 – Covered with branches – **ACTION : Clerk to chase**

Drain at the bottom of Harborough Road – Completed

Pothole on Church Lane – Completed.

Longhold Road crossroads flooded – **ACTION : Clerk to arrange meeting with NCC Highways and Cllr Burnham to discuss issue.**

Drains blocked around village – **ACTION : Clerk to check schedule of drain clearance**

### **16/275 Consultations:-**

Daventry District Part 2 Settlements and Countryside Local Plan – Noted

### **16/276. Correspondence –**

Parish and Town Council liaison meeting minutes – Noted , the 21 day consultation period begins when Parish Council's are consulted regarding planning applications.

Race Harborough Event – Naseby 1645 18/2/18 – Noted

Clipston Village Festival request for support – It was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

**ACTION : Clerk to write letter of support**

Brain tumour research – Noted

Good Neighbour scheme – Noted

Meeting with Stephen Mold 5/2/18 – Noted

Northamptonshire Neighbourhood Alert Registration – Noted

Lotto Local Launch from DDC – Noted

Longhold Road crossroads accident – Coroners report awaited.

The Great British Spring Clean – Noted

### **16/277 Any Other Business** (for discussion only, no items can become decisions)

Mower service needed – Cllr Price to arrange

Meeting Closed 8.50pm