

## CLIPSTON PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015 CLIPSTON VILLAGE HALL, 7.30pm

Minutes taken by Felicity Ryan, Clerk/RFO.

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**Present** : Councillors. R Burnham (Chairman), T Price (Vice-Chairman), A Fellowes, M Ward, P Booker, J Wills, H Weston , C Kemsley-Pein , District Councillor Richard Auger , County and District Councillor Cecile Irving-Swift

**Attendees** : PC John Hutchings, Craig from Gigaclear, 5 members of the public were also present.

**1. Apologies** : - None

**2. Declarations of Interests**: - None declared.

**3. Comments from the public** : -

**Craig McFayden from Gigaclear** – They have been approaching Clipston residents with regards to installing super fast broadband. They require 35% of residents to sign up in order to install their network in Clipston. They stated they can provide a faster broadband service and can operate currently at 1000MB. Councillors asked questions and the responses were as follows :-

- The nearest place to which they have successfully installed is Kingscliffe
- Numerous delays have been experienced in West Haddon
- They will investigate the Advertising Standards Agency report which suggests they made misleading claims and report back
- They will report back regarding their guaranteed minimum speed
- They are regulated by OFCOM
- Checks should be made if you own a Listed Building to ensure cables can be installed
- Connection charge may vary if you have a property situated further from the road

**PC John Hutchings** : - Confirmed he is our local PC, based in Brixworth along with other PC's and PCSO's, they form the rural Safer Community Team. Matt Taylor is still the first point of contact as the PCSO, however, John deals with crime and enforcement aspect of policing. Currently visiting all farms and marking up machinery in line with the CEASAR scheme. Also offering tack mark up for horse-riders. The best way to contact is still via 101 to report any incidents.

**Roger from Clipston Courier** :- Provided an application form for the Christmas Tree Festival. Asked when the Courier could expect to hear about the Parish Council's proposed contribution towards the publication costs of the Courier. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Roger to confirm the decision as soon as possible.**

A member of the public reported that the light in the phone box was not working. **ACTION : Clerk to report.**

A member of the public attended to recommend that her planning application to remove 2 conditions be recommended for approval, which was appearing later in the Agenda. An ecological survey had been carried out in line with condition 17, which confirmed no birds nests, bat roosts nor badgers were present and therefore satisfied. Condition 11 was suggested for removal as it was a duplication of condition 9.

A member of the public then spoke in objection to the removal of conditions 17 and 11. An amended condition 9 was recommended to Council in order to safeguard boundary features. That member of the public disputed the results of the ecology survey and suggested there was evidence of protected wildlife.

**4. Updates from District and County Councillors :-** Introduction of Richard Auger, newly elected District Councillor alongside Cecile Irving-Swift. Updated as follows:-

- The 5 year land supply is in place formulated by the Joint Core Strategy team. This means that the District is able to refuse planning applications as there is now a long term plan in place.
- As part of the 5 year land supply, Gipsy and Traveller sites have to be considered. Currently liaising with Kettering regarding existing sites on the borders of the two districts.
- As from January 2016, it will be an offence to be walking a dog with no bag for disposing of waste. The fine will be £100.
- The Community Infrastructure Levy is now in place. If you have a substantial new development in the parish, then you are to retain a 10% contribution. If a Neighbourhood plan is in place this will increase to 15-20%. **ACTION : Agenda item for the next meeting to discuss a Neighbourhood plan. Funding may be available via Tom James at DDC.**
- Business rates are now able to be kept by the District, which is good news as DIRFT generates much income.
- Shambala Festival held at Kelmarsh raised £14,000 split between the four nearby villages. Clipston will receive £1900 as part of the money is kept for the following year. Concerns raised by public regarding cannisters found after the event.
- County Council finances are of concern.

**5. Previous Minutes :-** It was proposed and seconded that the minutes held on Wednesday September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 be approved and signed.

**6. Matters Arising :- Woodyard development (Gold Street) –**

Matt Taylor (PCSO) had contacted the developer and will continue to monitor the parking at the development.

**Steam Rally –** A copy of Cllr Price's e mail was circulated to all Councillors in response to concerns voiced by a member of the public. It addressed, among other points as to why the event could not be moved down to the playing field as the car park could not withstand steam engines being parked on it or driven over it. Additionally there are drains serving the sports pavilion which might be damaged by such vehicles. Similar principles apply to the Bulls Head car park. In addition, Parish Council members have met with the eventers on a number of occasions and the following was agreed:

- 3.1 No more than 4 steam engines are to be parked on the turning circle,
- 3.2 House-owners accesses must not be impeded,
- 3.3 No eventers are to stay over-night on the turning circle although one trailer will park on the road opposite the cenotaph for security,
- 3.4 Toilet facilities are at the Bull's Head,
- 3.5 The eventers will try to remove their equipment more swiftly following the weekend.

PC Hutchings commented that the road closure was not agreed by the Highway Authority due to the eventer not applying in time. He offered assistance for next year with regards to establishing a point of contact for the event; possibility of an alternative location and the highway closure.

**Clipston Courier :-** It was **RESOLVED** to provide the Clipston Courier with a grant of £300 with the following conditions :-

- A copy of the accounts would be needed each year.
- It will be reviewed each year.

- A notice stating that although a contribution had been made, the views of the Clipston Courier were not representative of the Parish Council as a public body.

## 7. Finance :-

a. It was proposed and seconded that the following payments be made -

Protheroes (August mower fuel)	£44.87
Information Commissioner (Data Protection Fee)	£35.00
E-ON (maintenance (quarter J/A/S))	£142.20
E-ON (supply quarter J/A/S)	£672.89
Protheroes (Sept mower fuel)	£41.76

**ACTION :** Clerk to transfer £936.72 from High Interest account to current account.

b. Letter signed authorising change of address for new Clerk . **ACTION : Clerk to present to bank.**

## 8. Planning Applications : -

None received.

**9. Any other planning matters : - DA/2015/0495** – It was **RESOLVED** to offer no objection to the application to remove conditions 11 and condition 17.

**10. Village Maintenance :- Kelmarsh Road (just out of the village)** – Highway monitoring.

**Harborough Road – (corner of Sibbertoft Road)** - poor drainage with the verge continually flooded. Highways are monitoring – could be caused by a spring which may have been uncovered or another ancient water course.

**Sibbertoft/Marston Trussell Crossroads flooding becoming hazardous in icy weather** – 723731 from NCC – Site visited no C/way defects or flooding on inspection. Will continue to monitor location throughout highway safety inspections.

**Kelmarsh Road** (between the seat and the junction as leaving the village) the hedgerow is overgrown – **ACTION : Clerk has reported and has been advised this will be completed within 3 months.**

**Weskers Close**, Poor road condition – **ACTION : Clerk has reported and will be upgraded by NCC subject to available funds.**

**Marecroft** , Willow Tree – **ACTION : Clerk to chase Mark Boon at NRHA for details of occupiers.**

**Kelmarsh Road and Naseby Road** - verges need re-instating : **ACTION : Clerk too contact Western Power to re-instate.**

Mower needs to be serviced in February or March : **ACTION : Clerk to put on the Agenda for action.**

**1 Kelmarsh Road** – Overhanging foliage – **ACTION : Clerk to report**

**11. Consultations : -** Minor Variation under section 182 of the Licensing Act 2003 in relation to the creation of a disabled WC and the removal of part of the bar servery at the Bull's Head, Clipston. **RESOLVED : No objection would be made.**

## 12. Correspondence :-

- Social Housing tenants at Marecroft for 2 bed bungalow **ACTION : Clerk to chase NRHA for poster to advertise property.**
- Naming of the 'Woodyard' development on Naseby Road **ACTION : Clerk to Agenda for next meeting.**
- Village Handyman vacancy at Naseby request – **Clerk to respond to state no-one is employed**
- Christmas Lights applications – **Cllr Wills and the Clerk to liaise with regards to road closure and light application. Event to take place 6<sup>th</sup> December 2015.**
- Clipston Primary School notification of works – **Noted.**
- Gigaclear request for meeting – **Already attended.**
- Hugo Fox changes to website – **Noted.**
- Bus Stop at the Green – **Clerk to chase.**

## 13. AOB

Great Oxenden Wind Turbine Planning Application refusal, this was noted.

Meeting Closed 9.30pm

**Date of next meeting :- 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015, 7.30pm Clipston Village Hall**