



CLIPSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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CLIPSTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

Held on Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 1930 hrs in Clipston Village Hall.

All Councillors Present and Unitary Councillor Irving-Swift and PSCO Kevin Lumbis

1	APOLOGIES None
2	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
	Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish on 1 st March 2023 were noted as approved.
3	MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
	None
4	CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
	<p>It has been a great honour to preside as Chairman of Clipston Parish Council for another year, a role I have really enjoyed..</p> <p>Of all the work the council has progressed over the year, we still have a few open items (i.e. Kelmarsh Road Tree/Hedge) to continue pushing for a resolution.</p> <p>For a second time we objected strongly to the proposed Building on the Corner of Gold Street, which has now thankfully been rejected again under the appeal process.</p> <p>More Recently we have had the AD Unit raise its ugly head again and have discussed at length our objection and how this should be worded. Lets hope the council planners do listen to us this time. Thank you to Cllr Price for doing the background work and putting together our objection in a clear and concise manner.</p> <p>Our speed cameras have been catching some interesting data and Thank you to all involved for getting these working and Thank you to Cllr May for pulling the data together which has been interesting reading, especially the Exit speeds from the village on both Station and Naseby Road.</p> <p>During the year we lost Felicity as Clerk but luckily found Claire who has proved to be a great asset to the team and Thank you Claire for settling in so quickly.</p> <p>The parish council decided to raise its Council Tax precept from £22,500 to £24,000 for financial year starting on April 1 2024. The increase is needed to cover the council's expected regular expenditure, taking into account increasing inflation.</p> <p>It is a privilege to lead such a strong and committed team of Councillors and Officers and I would like to thank them all for giving up their free time to keep Clipston the great little village it is. I would also Like to thank our Unity Councillors, Jonathan Harris, Cecil Irving-Swift and Kevin Parker for all their help and advise during the year.</p> <p>Amanda Wilford Chairman, Clipston Parish Council</p>
5	UNITARY COUNCILLORS REPORT - None
6	PRESENTATION OF FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS
	Parish Council Accounts year end 31st March 2023 - Presented Consolidated Charities year end 31st January 2023 - Presented
7	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
	None
8	Meeting Closed 19:35 hrs



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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 1930 hrs in Clipston Village Hall following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Mrs C Valentine - Clerk to the Parish Council 07581 490581

Attendees: Chairman A Wilford, Councillors May, Warren, Price, Fellows, Burnham.

2 members of public present-Unitary Councillor Irving-Swift and PSCO Lumbis

305/24	APOLOGIES None
306/24	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None
307/24	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PSCO Kevin Lumbis attended the meeting. The PSCO is based out of Brixworth in a team of 4 covering 36 villages. They are aware of the parking issues around the school and have a good relationship with Highways who have recently repainted the zigzag yellow lines. Very keen to keep the village safe and can speak to anyone spotted parking dangerously. They will be shortly carrying out a speed gun watch. The PC requested figures are reported back to the Parish Council.
308/24	UPDATE FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS Apologies were received from Unitary Councillor Parker and Harris. Unitary Councillor Irving-Swift reported that West Northants Council confirmed the budget last week with a 4.99% increase on council tax. As the HS2 project is being scrapped the Government are redirecting £162M to the Council over the next 7 years. It is thought this funding maybe put towards roads and transport. The 'West Northants' app is now available across West Northants and has a host of helpful information which is available to access on your phone or tablet. In April time there will be a public consultation about adult social care, and they encourage residents to comment to help improve services. In May it is the Police Commissioners elections, and they are looking for people to help (3 persons per village hall) Photo ID is required now to vote. Unitary Councillor Irving-Swift will write to Democratic Services to find out how people get photo ID and register if they do not have a computer or email. Unitary Councillor Irving-Swift is also planning to walk around the area with Highways Inspection and welcomes any feedback on issues. https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/news/get-more-out-our-services-west-northants-app
309/24	APPROVAL OF MINUTES It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 7 th February, 2024 as a correct record.
310/24	PLANNING a) To receive any applications for consideration not otherwise on the agenda. b) New applications: (Click on application number for link to WNC Planning Application) 2024/1273/TCA 6 Chapel Lane Removal of 1x Conifer tree Deadline Pending Clipston LE16 9RL 20/03/24 It was RESOLVED as no objection 2024/0319/FULL The Acacias First floor side extension over Deadline Pending Oxendon Road existing ground floor with three rear 21/03/24 Clipston LE16 9RP dormer windows, two storey side extension with rear dormer window and timber balcony and veranda to side



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311/24	MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING FROM THE MEETING OF THE 7TH FEBRUARY 2024										
	<p>a) 59/60 Bus Service – Update on new contract latest progress It was noted Stagecoach has taken over the contract for continuous services and start on Monday. It was noted WNC is also in the process of developing the Local Transport Plan and bus strategy.</p> <p>b) Land registry update and any actions for consideration regarding the Village Greens and The Pound. Councillor Price advised that he has met with the Solicitors Wartnaby Hefford, and they will forward documents to the Clerk. There will be a draft plan for Councillor Burham to review then they will be able to look at obtaining the title plan. The Pound requires a possessory title due to lack of deeds Councillor Burnham to confirm the date of the repair to its wall.</p> <p>c) Land at the corner of Kelmarsh Road - Councillor Price is looking into ownership, obtaining title deeds and will contact planning.</p> <p>d) Parking on the High Street – To consider information from the Police and West Northants Parking Services – PSCO attended the meeting as minuted in the public participation. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to take up the offer of meeting Parking Services and check available dates.</p> <p>e) Speed signs and locations. - no further comment.</p> <p>f) Feedback from the tree strategy workshop. Further courses available for members of the public https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/west-northamptonshire-tree-strategy-public-engagement-workshops-tickets-825096113687 - Councillor Price confirmed as attended.</p> <p>g) To consider the offer from the WNC and Kier Tree planting project - We would like to work with the local Parishes to identify areas where small 'pocket woodlands' of up to 10 trees can be planted. The trees</p>										



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	<p>would be donated by Kier for the parishes to plant and maintain. It was RESOLVED to find out the type of trees as planting space maybe a problem.</p> <p>h) Condition of the verge at the bottom of Chapel Lane by the T-junction. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to investigate the matter for resolution.</p> <p>i) Service contract renewal for Euromec (To note the Tax and V5 has been updated for the mower) It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council have decided not to renew the contract.</p>																								
312/24	<p>STREET LIGHTING</p> <p>To note E.On have been progressed for urgent responses on the outstanding street light issues and are attending this week to inspect matters for outstanding matters below:</p> <p>a) It was noted the shield for streetlight number 7 and the No. 21 light to be replaced along Kelmarsh Road are on order with E. On.</p> <p>b) It was noted we are awaiting from a quote from E. On to provide an idea of cost to replace remaining streetlights for LED.</p>																								
313/24	<p>CORRESPONDENCE - Noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note latest consultations: See West Northants Consultation Hub: https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/ WNC Litter picking in March ://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/cleaner-communities To note - free portrait of the King on order (suggest offer to The Village Hall?) To note the WNC Post-16 Transport Policy Statement Consultation 2024 & survey. https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/post-16-transport-policy-statement-2024/ To note the next Parish Council meeting invite with the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner is scheduled for Monday 4th March at 6pm. 																								
314/24	<p>VILLAGE MAINTENANCE</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to update Councillor Irving-Swift with the highway's issues listed below and verge issues.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>REF</th> <th>Issue</th> <th>Status/Action</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Nov 23</td> <td>5188628</td> <td>Overgrown hedges Kelmarsh Road</td> <td>Investigating evergreen noted as investigating item 311/24 (c)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 2024</td> <td>REP167242</td> <td>Bin request – litter</td> <td>Layby near crossroads Longhold Road Naseby Road. Reported to WNC. Advised this would require a quote and an additional bin in the service contract. Clerk to seek cost.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jan 2024</td> <td>5468952</td> <td>Several potholes Longhold Road between Clipston and Sibbertoft</td> <td>26 week repair ticket from 25.01.24 Noted as awaiting repair.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb 2024</td> <td>5609706</td> <td>Large pothole junc. of Kelmarsh and Longhold Road</td> <td>28 day ticket for repair – work scheduled as of 29.02.24 Noted as awaiting repair.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Feb 2024</td> <td>5591002</td> <td>Potholes/highway condition Near a bend on the road coming towards Clipston from Mkt Harborough</td> <td>26 week repair ticket from 21.02.24 Noted as awaiting repair.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>To report road or street problems contact FixMyStreet (northamptonshire.gov.uk)</p>	Date	REF	Issue	Status/Action	Nov 23	5188628	Overgrown hedges Kelmarsh Road	Investigating evergreen noted as investigating item 311/24 (c)	Jan 2024	REP167242	Bin request – litter	Layby near crossroads Longhold Road Naseby Road. Reported to WNC. Advised this would require a quote and an additional bin in the service contract. Clerk to seek cost.	Jan 2024	5468952	Several potholes Longhold Road between Clipston and Sibbertoft	26 week repair ticket from 25.01.24 Noted as awaiting repair.	Feb 2024	5609706	Large pothole junc. of Kelmarsh and Longhold Road	28 day ticket for repair – work scheduled as of 29.02.24 Noted as awaiting repair.	Feb 2024	5591002	Potholes/highway condition Near a bend on the road coming towards Clipston from Mkt Harborough	26 week repair ticket from 21.02.24 Noted as awaiting repair.
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315/24	<p>FINANCE AND POLICIES – It was RESOLVED to approve the following:</p> <p>a)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Unity Trust Bank Balance on 29.02.23 £13,718.07. Most recent HSBC paper statements for accounts: 1st February 2024 £26,003.18 It was RESOLVED to approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement <p>b)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Unity Bank and HSBC updates – awaiting HSBC statement so Clerk can transfer from HSBC to Unity. Additional signatories for Unity Trust Bank- Clerk gave Councillor Alderson-Smith information to complete at the meeting. <p>c)</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments for March 2024</p>																								



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d)	PC Expenditure March 2024	£	
	Clerk salary	386.50	LGA 1972 (s112)
	HMRC PAYE (10) March 24	140.80	LGA 1972 (s112)
	Hugo Fox Website Monthly Fee (C Valentine expenses)	11.99	LGA 1972, section 142
	Yu Energy January 2024 Street Lighting	23.97	Highways Act 1980 s301
	Yu Energy January 2024 Street Lighting	528.32	Highways Act 1980 s301
	E. On Energy Solutions Ltd inv 122622 PL24 Chestnut Grove lantern	348.00	Highways Act 1980 s301
	Total	£1439.58	
e)	IT Website and email It was noted for Councillor May to send the Parish Online quote to the Clerk to place the order.		
316/24	ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only no items can become decisions) Next Meeting Wednesday 3 rd April 2024 Resident dog waste bin – requiring removal. Electric fence requiring signage. Village Litter pick ACV for the Pub 3 x Parish chests Gold Street - Clearance		