

CLIPSTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 3rd February 2016. 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, H Weston, P Booker, C Kemsley-Pein

Attendees : 10 members of the public were present.

1. Apologies : - J Wills, Cecile Irving-Swift

2. Declarations of Interests: - None declared.

Comments from the public : - A member of the public asked if the signage problems at Kelmarsh Road could be pursued again, in order to protect an elderly person.

ACTION : Cllr Burnham to speak to Cecile Irving-Swift.

A member of the public asked if the noticeboard by the Bus shelter was to be repaired. **ACTION :** Cllr Burnham will look into the repair.

15/00090/WASFUL - Installation of an anaerobic digester at Wormslade Farm Clipston Road, Kelmarsh - A number of members of the public spoke regarding the current planning application at Northamptonshire County Council.

Representatives from AOWT made the following points : -

- A consultation meeting was held by the developer on 12 November in Great Oxendon village hall. An exit poll showed that 64 were against the proposals, 3 were for, with 8 undecided.
- A full Environmental Impact Survey has not been carried out as the applicant estimated the size of the plant at 46,000 tonnes which excludes the black water lakes. Consideration has therefore not been given to the impact on the soil and the eco-system.
- They consider a class B2 industrial classification should be sought to represent the change of use from Grade 3 Agricultural Land to Industrial use.
- The waste has to be imported to and from the Plant, (animal and crops) which AOWT have estimated at 86 vehicles per day at Harvest.
- The traffic to and from the plant would put pressure on village roads and would create mud and debris especially hazardous in winter.
- Impact should be considered to the nearby residential dwellings of Kelmarsh Fields Farm and Station House which have been omitted from the Application.
- The impact on the setting of open countryside and on Kelmarsh Hall.
- Northamptonshire County Council Minerals and Waste Local Plan shows there is sufficient capacity in the county until 2031, so there is no need for an additional Plant.
- The Applicant has only been trading for 12 months and therefore has little experience in producing bio-gas which is flammable, and therefore health and safety concerns should be considered.

- A traffic survey is currently being undertaken by Market Harborough District in relation to the A508 traffic. Harborough District have not been consulted on this application, but their view should be sought.
- A Freedom of Information request to the Environment Agency revealed that the Fernbrook Plant in Rothwell has received 297 complaints, generally relating to odour. 16 breaches of permit conditions have been issued. There has been 1 fire. A Plant in Somerset exploded.

A member of the public noted that a distinction should be made between how many lorries and trailers would be used to transport waste, as this could vary depending on each vehicle's capacity.

Another member of the public expressed concerns regarding the capacity of the Fire Service to deal with a fire should one occur, and in relation to the inability of current Harvest vehicles to move through the village.

ACTION : Clerk to inform AOWT of the Council's decision regarding the application.

4. Updates from District and County Councillors :- Do not hesitate to contact if any assistance is required.

5. Previous Minutes :- It was proposed and seconded the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th January 2016 be approved and signed.

6. Matters Arising :-

- Response from Chris Heaton-Harris via BT regarding super fast broadband – This was noted that BT and NCC plans still exclude Clipston.

- Transparency Fund application discussion – **RESOLVED :** To apply for £110 in relation to the Clerk's time updating the website. To also apply for £350 in relation to purchase of a Council laptop and £100 to purchase a Council scanner.

- Mower Service – **ACTION :** Councillor Burnham to check if the annual service has been carried out.

7. Finance :-

Finance – to include -

a) invoices to pay. It was proposed and seconded that the following payments be made :-

Clerk Salary (Nov/Dec/Jan)	£478.92
EON Power O/N/D	£672.89
Clipston Playing Fields Trust Insurance contribution	£1311.81
Clerk Expenses (Nov/Dec/Jan)	£92.63

ACTION : Clerk to transfer £2556.25 from High Interest account to current account.

ACTION : Clerk to obtain picture of street light proposed as an ornamental replacement outside the school for consideration.

8. Planning Applications : - 15/00090/WASFUL - Installation of an anaerobic digester at Wormslade Farm Clipston Road, Kelmarsh

RESOLVED : To object to the application using the following justifications :

- The views of parishioners, whom we represent are opposed to this development
- 5.33 hectares of industrial development in open countryside with the permanent loss of agricultural land and the impact on the Kelmarsh landscape
- The increase in flow and type of heavy vehicles utilising village and rural roads, in particular, the impact on Station Road, Church Road and outside Clipston Primary School.
- The Environment Agency violations in relation to the Fernbrook Plant at Rothwell.
- Safety concerns regarding the inexperience of the applicant in producing flammable gas.
- The odours produced by the Plant owing to the waste process.
- The proximity of residential dwellings, namely Kelmarsh Fields Farm and Station House to the Plant.
- The Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan which states no current need for this plant.
- The nitrate sensitive soil which could lead to flooding into the River Ise which could lead to an ecological disaster.
- An industrial classification should be sought for this type of application.
- There is no waste produced on site which means there is no extension of existing activities.
- A full Environmental Impact Assessment should be undertaken.
- The impact on the A508 traffic and the current traffic survey being undertaken by Market Harborough District Council
- Consultation should be sought from Market Harborough District Council.

DA/2015/1172 - Two storey side and single storey rear extension at 10 Church Close, Clipston – The development should be in keeping with the existing buildings.

PD/2016/002 - Change of use of agricultural building to dwelling Off Pegs Lane, Clipston

No comments to make.

9. Any other Planning matters :-

Discussion regarding development of a Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Price had researched the proposal and a Neighbourhood Plan would strengthen the Village Design Statement and provide an opportunity to designate the village boundaries. The first step would be to meet with DDC who would help to prepare a plan. Public consultations would be held at two stages. Grants are available for the project in the region of £7000. **ACTION :** Cllr Price and Cllr Ward to attend a meeting with DDC to help prepare a plan.

10. Village Maintenance :- Kelmarsh Road – Highway monitoring

Harborough Road – (corner of Sibbertoft Road) - Highway monitoring

Sibbertoft/Marston Trussell Crossroads – Highway monitoring

Overgrown hedgerow leading out of the village towards Market Harborough – To be completed

Weskers Close – work completed

Rubbish bin outside school missing – Possibility of replacement

Blocked drains in village and blocked with leaves – To be completed by NCC

Pot Hole outside 28 Harborough Road – To be completed by NCC

Street light out in Church Lane reported to EON – Completed

Leaves need sweeping at The Jitty – Clerk to chase

Street light outside school has broken and has been reported – Quote being considered

Cleaning of Village Signs – 2 have been cleaned, the rest are to be cleaned.

Pot Holes at Station Road – Clerk to report

Fir Tree at 1 Bassett Way – Clerk to chase DDC

11. Consultations:- Settlements and Countryside Local Plan and the Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Local Plan – Cllr Booker and Cllr Price attended. The plan sets out the future of rural settlements in relation to the DDC Local Plan. The feedback was in relation to protecting the character of villages. The need for transit sites for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople should be situated towards the south of the district due to the existence of 3 sites nearby.

12. Correspondence -

Wind Farm fund e mail – Noted and to be kept informed.

Parish and Town Council's Liaison Minutes – Noted

Clean for the Queen weekend 4th-6th March 2016 -Noted

Open Space Survey by DDC - **ACTION** : Cllr Price to complete and send to Clerk to reply.

Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire on behalf of Northants Highways – **ACTION** : Clerk to complete

New Councillors Guide – **ACTION** : Clerk to obtain 1 copy.

Confirmation of local connection for Marecroft property - **ACTION** : Clerk to confirm

Ageing Well consultation – Noted

NCALC Training Opportunities - Noted

13. AOB

- The Woodlands Trust would welcome volunteers to help plant trees in the fields on Kelmarsh Road between 10am-12 on Saturday 27th /Sunday 28th February. **ACTION : Clerk to publicise.**
- **ACTION** : Clerk to chase bus stop sign.

Meeting Closed 9.15 pm

Date of next meeting : - 2nd March 2016, 7.30pm Clipston Village Hall