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## Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 at 1930 hrs in Clipston Village Hall.

Mrs C Valentine - Clerk to the Parish Council 07581 490581

Attendees: Chairman A Wilford, Councillors Warren, Price, Fellows, Burnham and Kemsley-Pein.

No members of the public

317/24	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Councillor May. Councillor Alderson-Smith not present.										
318/24	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> Councillor Price reimbursement land registry fees item 327/24 (c)										
319/24	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> No members of public										
320/24	<b>UPDATE FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS</b> Apologies received from Unitary Councillors Irving-Swift-, Parker and Harris.										
321/24	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 as a correct record.										
322/24	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>a) To receive any applications for consideration not otherwise on the agenda. - None b) New applications: (Click on application number for link to WNC Planning Application)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"><a href="#">2024/1691/TCA</a></td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">The Limes 1 Pegs Lane Clipston LE16 9SB</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">A crown reduction of Flowering Cherry (Prunus) to 4m. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> as no objection.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"><a href="#">2024/1555/TPO</a></td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Planina Naseby Road Clipston LE16 9RZ</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Mature copper beech tree - prune back and thin the heavy lateral branches over the road and drive, thin out other branches to reduce weight and sail of crown and to remove all dead wood from the crown. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> as no objection.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"><a href="#">2024/1410/FULL</a></td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">26 Harborough Road Clipston LE16 9RT</td> <td style="vertical-align: top;">Proposed Side Extension, Replacement Garage Side Extension, Replacement Utility Rear Extension, Proposed Dormer Windows, Additional Hardstanding for Turning, Parking &amp; Raised Patios.</td> </tr> </table> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> as no objection, but a comment would be made to request vehicles park on site as the property is on a dangerous corner. Vehicles could create a hazard on a blind bend.</p> <p>To search, comment and view decisions: <a href="https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-planning-application">https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-planning-application</a></p>		<a href="#">2024/1691/TCA</a>	The Limes 1 Pegs Lane Clipston LE16 9SB	A crown reduction of Flowering Cherry (Prunus) to 4m. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> as no objection.	<a href="#">2024/1555/TPO</a>	Planina Naseby Road Clipston LE16 9RZ	Mature copper beech tree - prune back and thin the heavy lateral branches over the road and drive, thin out other branches to reduce weight and sail of crown and to remove all dead wood from the crown. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> as no objection.	<a href="#">2024/1410/FULL</a>	26 Harborough Road Clipston LE16 9RT	Proposed Side Extension, Replacement Garage Side Extension, Replacement Utility Rear Extension, Proposed Dormer Windows, Additional Hardstanding for Turning, Parking & Raised Patios.
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	<p><b>c) West Northamptonshire Local Plan - Parish Engagement – CLIPSTON</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to submit the working groups draft response to the local plan documents for WNC. Both Councillor Price and Mr Wilford were thanked for their help with the matter.</p>												
<b>323/24</b>	<b>MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING FROM THE MEETING OF THE 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024</b>												
	<p>a) Land registry update from Wartnaby Hefford and any actions for consideration regarding the Village Greens and The Pound and fees. Councillor Price reported that the Solicitor has two applications forms for Land Registry and we have good plans of The Green and The Pound. A Statement of Truth needs to be signed off by Councillor Burnham. The fee is £70.00, and an invoice will follow. It can take 18mths to 2 years for Land Registry to process the request due to backlog. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the process.</p> <p>b) Land at the corner of Kelmarsh Road has been identified as under WNC Highways ownership and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Price will contact the WNC Landscape Planning Officer.</p> <p>c) Parking on the High Street –West Northants Parking Services suggestions of dates to meet on site. Councillor Burnham has kindly offered to meet with Parking Services and the Clerk is to confirm the meeting arrangements.</p> <p>d) Requests for parking restrictions – It was noted correspondence received from West Northants Council.</p> <p>e) To consider the offer from the WNC and Kier Tree planting project – It was noted we await news of the next stage.</p> <p>f) Condition of the verge at the bottom of Chapel Lane by the T-junction. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> the Chairman would investigate the matter to have the verge tidied. The Clerk contacted Highways for advice.</p> <p>g) Request from a member of public to consider sustainable recycling like Sibbertoft. <a href="https://sibbertoftparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Sibbertoft-recycling-details-2023.pdf">https://sibbertoftparishcouncil.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Sibbertoft-recycling-details-2023.pdf</a> Clerk to circulate further information on the organisation behind the sustainable recycling to the Council. It was noted as a good idea, but the project would require a location and volunteers. Unfortunately, the member of public is unable to help.</p>												
<b>324/24</b>	<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>												
	<p>a) It was noted the shield for streetlight number 7 and the No. 21 light have been replaced along Kelmarsh Road.</p> <p>b) The quotation from E.On to replace remaining streetlights for LED was approximately £22,500 to replace the remaining streetlights. At present this was felt unaffordable, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to replace the streetlights as and when they fail.</p>												
<b>325/24</b>	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> - The following was noted as circulated to the Council.												
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town and Parish Briefing 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024</li> <li>• Link to WNC Cost of Living Support: <a href="https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/cost-living-support">https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/cost-living-support</a></li> <li>• Latest West Northants Council Public Consultations: <a href="https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/">https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/</a></li> <li>• Changes WNC are proposing to our Post-16 Transport Policy Statement. Closes 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024</li> <li>• <a href="https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/post-16-transport-policy-statement-2024/">https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/cet/post-16-transport-policy-statement-2024/</a></li> <li>• Tesco Grant Applications July – August 2024 up to £1500 for PC's <a href="https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/">https://tescostrongerstarts.org.uk/</a></li> </ul>												
<b>326/24</b>	<b>VILLAGE MAINTENANCE</b>												
	WNC Highways have visited Clipston and logged fresh reports – see actions:												
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	Jan 2024	5468952	Several potholes Longhold Road between Clipston and Sibbertoft	26-week repair ticket from 25.01.24 – Noted as not repaired and very bad – follow up.
	Feb 2024	5609706	Large pothole junc. of Kelmarsch and Longhold Road	28 day ticket for repair – work scheduled as of 29.02.24 – awaiting repair - progress
	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 Awaiting repair progress
	March 2024	New	Dog Waste bin Harborough Road	Consider quote for bin at the entrance to the footpath. A bin quote was considered but expensive and not seen as a priority in this location.
To report road or street problems contact <a href="http://FixMyStreet.northamptonshire.gov.uk">FixMyStreet (northamptonshire.gov.uk)</a>				
<b>327/24</b>	<b>FINANCE AND POLICIES</b> – It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the following:			
a)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unity Trust Bank Balance on 27.03.24 £12,818.79</li> <li>Most recent HSBC paper statements for accounts: 01.03.24 £25,445.89</li> <li>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement for March 2024. It was noted that when HSBC statement arrives the Clerk can complete year end account reconciliation and circulate to the PC final update on year end.</li> </ol>			
b)	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the following payments for April 2024			
c)	<b>PC Expenditure April 2024</b>			£
	Clerk salary March 2024		386.70	LGA 1972 (s112)
	HMRC PAYE March 24		182.60	LGA 1972 (s112)
	Hugo Fox Website Monthly Fee (C Valentine expenses)		11.99	LGA 1972, section 142
	Yu Energy March 2024 Street Lighting		460.14	Highways Act 1980 s301
	Yu Energy March 2024 Street Lighting		21.19	Highways Act 1980 s301
	Npower Christmas illuminations inv IN09853028		73.88	Highways Act 1980 s301
	Mr A Price reimbursement Land registry fees		9.00	LGA 1972 (s111)
		Total	1145.50	
d)	<b>IT Website and email</b> Parish Online – new website and email. The PC confirmed to Clerk web and email format. i.e. <a href="mailto:clerk@clipstonparishcouncil.gov.uk">clerk@clipstonparishcouncil.gov.uk</a> and <a href="http://www.clipstonparishcouncil.gov.uk">www.clipstonparishcouncil.gov.uk</a> Clerk to speak to Councillor May about photos for the website and design questions. Note to update Cloudy IT regarding contract.			
<b>328/24</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b> (for discussion only no items can become decisions) It was noted for the purpose of the minutes that the Asset of Community Value application for The Bulls Head in Clipston was approved December 2023.  Electric Fence along CH6 Right of way – reported to Highways. PC believes appears to be compliant. Hedge Kelmarsch Road – AW Wall privately owned by the village hall in need of repair. Good Councillor guide and information for councillors/training  Next Meeting Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May 2024  Meeting Closed at 20:46 hrs			