

CLIPSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 1st April 2015

Present:- Councillors. R. Burnham (chairman), Mrs. A. Fellowes M. Fowler T. Price Paul Hooper
M. Parrott Mrs.C. Kemsley-Pein

Attendees None

Apologies:- District and County Cllr. Mrs. C. Irving-Swift
Cllrs Mrs. H. Weston

Presentation by Jim Tyson and Roger Wallett on a Newsletter and Website

A newsletter is being produced called the Clipston Courier in conjunction with a village website. Funding for the first newsletter is by sponsorship and Cllrs. were asked if the Parish Council could help with any future funding.

The clerk to send details of a Funding Fair at DDC plus any other relevant information. Any further decisions to be deferred until after the election.

**Comments from
The Public:-**

None

District:-

a) **Fly tipping:-** A campaign is running to try to stop people throwing rubbish from their cars. If reported with number plate, a fine of £75 could be applied. Please report all fly tipping incidents to DDC via the website.

The clerk to contact Cllr. Irving-Swift to ask if DDC could improve the recycle bins so that they do not blow over so easily and tip litter on the footpaths and road.

b) **Grants:-** DDC give some grants for voluntary organisations eg village halls, community events etc

c) **Budget:-** The budget 2015/16 was voted unanimously. DDC has to be prudent.

d) Daventry is expanding and has a university technical college and children from Clipston can apply. Also, a special need school is going ahead which would serve the district.

e) **Planning:-** Joint Core planning is in place. Now, DDC has a few consultations to do eg village hierarchy, Gand T policy.

County:-

It is going to be a challenging year. As a back bencher, I shall try to serve you as best as I can.

I have an empowerment fund of £7000 - already £2000 is committed with the schools - benefitting Clipston School. This year, I would like to concentrate towards Wellbeing and community spirit. If you have some projects and would like some help, let me know.

Finally, as usual, call me if you think I could help the parish or you have an idea which could help us to be better at District and County level.

Previous Minutes:- It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th March 2015 be approved and signed.

Matters Arising:- **Conservation Status:-** reply from Richard Wood (DDC):- There are no resources available at present but the Parishes will be informed when the work can restart.
Transparency Code and Web Funding – No further news

Finance:-

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

E.ON (XMAS LIGHTS)	1221	10.65
L PARTRIDGE (CLERK'S SALARY	1222	489.21
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CLERKS & COUNCILS DIRECT SUB	1224	12
ON DEMAND (ELECTION FLYERS)	1225	24

2) Transfer £580 from High Interest account to Current account.

3) Received - £12.50 refund from Neighbourhood Planning subscription.

Planning

Applications:-

New Applications:-

DA/2015/0200

Variation of Conditions 1 & 7 of planning permission DA/2014/0902 (Construction of 5 detached dwellings with garages) to substitute previously approved drawings with revised drawings allowing changes to the siting and footprint of each dwelling.

The Woodyard, Naseby Road, Clipston

The Parish Council offered No objection

15/00011/CCDFUL

Retention of existing double mobile classroom

Clipston Endowed Primary School, High Street, Clipston

The Parish Council offered No objection

DA/2015/0151

Amended access and entrance to building, single storey extension, raised decking and patio to the The Lodge

DA/2015/0152

Listed Building Consent to amend access and entrance to building, single storey extension, raised decking and patio to The Lodge.

Clipston Lodge 16, The Green, Clipston

The Parish Council offered No objection with the following observation:-

a) The extension must be in keeping with the existing listed building

Decisions from DDC:-

DA/2015/0038

Construction of detached double garage

Lyngham 31 Kelmarsh Road Clipston

Planning permission has been granted with the following conditions:-

- 1) Development begun within 3 years
- 2) Development to be strictly in accordance with the submitted plans
- 3) External materials shall match those in the existing building

Tree Preservation Order

TPO DA/473 2015

All Saints Churchyard

A TPO has been placed on the following trees:- 1 Blue Cedar, 1 Sequoia, 3 Yews.

Note – this was following concerns (reported to DDC) over works carried out on a Yew tree in the churchyard. The Landscape Officer from DDC visited the site and determined that the works to the tree had not been completed and it had been left unbalanced with arbitrary pruning cuts made to the lower limbs. In the light of this and because works could be undertaken to other trees in the churchyard without permission it was recommended that a TPO be placed on five trees in order to safeguard their future.

Other Planning Matters:-

Old Red Lion Development (DA/2014/0109)

a) Bus Stop – From NCC – A bus stop can be fixed to the brick shelter. Also a timetable case can be provided.

The clerk to confirm that this would be acceptable.

b) Demarcation lines and stop sign at the end of the access road. – No further news

Building works on Sibbertoft Road:- reply received from Bruce Allen (DDC) requesting more information. The clerk to write and supply.

Village Maintenance:-

Kelmarsh Road (just out of the village) – the drain under the road is blocked causing flooding. Highways are monitoring but to be reported as soon as there is a further problem.

Harb. 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 some other ancient water course?

Naseby Road / Kelmarsh Road crossroads – flooding. Highways not aware of any problem but will monitor.

Bassett Way – weeds growing on the footpath – 704674 – Work instructed

Village footpaths – weeds are growing through 706894 - Work Instructed

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 through highway safety inspections.

Light no 20, Kelmarsh Road not working. Reported

Blocked Drains – High Street, Gold Street, Harborough Road, Chapel Lane – 729955

Longhold Road – very dangerous potholes. 729951

Fly Tipping – household rubbish on the layby at the crossroads of Naseby Road and Longhold Road. – 101001984161

Junction of Longhold Road and Sibbertoft Road – a Stop sign and better road markings to be requested as soon as possible. This is an extremely dangerous junction and vehicles are often witnessed crossing the junction without stopping. - 729958

Reply from NCC: – After a Highways inspection the assessment is that no further signage is necessary and Highways cannot be responsible for poor driver behaviour. Cllr. Irving-Swift agrees it is a very dangerous junction and would like to arrange a meeting with a cllr. and Ian Boyes from NCC to try and make some improvements. A meeting to be arranged with Cllr. Burnham.

Kelmarsh Road - The verges have been damaged due to the volume of traffic because of Naseby Road works. NCC (Paul Trowell, Highways) is aware and they will be reinstated.

Naseby Road roadworks:- the clerk to report fly tipping and general mess.

Potholes:- Sibbertoft Road (between Chapel Land and Marston Gated Road Harborough Road (on entrance to village)

Re fly-tipping – the clerk to contact Cllr. Irving-Swift to ask if more secure recycling bins could be considered as a considerable amount of rubbish is generated in the village when they blow over.

Purchase of New Mower:-

It was proposed and seconded that a new mower be leased for a 48 month period. It was proposed and seconded that the clerk arrange the lease and the direct debit payments.

After a final negotiation and some confusion concerning the VAT stated on the Euromec invoice the purchase price is:-

Stiga Park Pro mower	8033.62 incl. VAT	
Stiga mowing deck	1179.38 incl. VAT	
Part exchange	<u>-1113.00</u> incl. VAT	
	7677.50 incl. VAT	
Cost of mower to be leased (including VAT)		£8100
Total cost of mower to be insured (including VAT)		£9213

Welland Valley

Villages Together:- The letter from Sibbertoft PC was discussed but no further action to be taken.

Web Site:- Deferred until more information is received regarding the Transparency Code.

Adoption of New Financial

Regulations:- It was proposed (TP) and seconded (MF) that the latest NALC Financial Regulations be adopted.

Consultations:- None

Correspondence:- Forwarded by email:-

- a) Details of Northants. Emergency Response Corps Training Opportunities
- b) Launch of the Northamptonshire County Council Flood Toolkit
- c) Daventry Parish Council Summit April 20th 7-9pm re Parish Special Constables
- d) Neighbourhood Planning information from District Cllr. Alan Chantler
- e) February Crime report – 5 crimes reported:-
 - o/n 03-04 Feb: Church Lane – forced entry to stables, items taken.
 - o/n 03-04 Feb: Harborough Road – security sensor ripped from wall.
 - 04 Feb: Chapel Lane – unsuccessful attempt to force entry to containers.
 - 07 Feb: Harborough Road – entry made to shed and items taken.
 - o/n 11-12 Feb: Naseby Road – forced entry to vehicle, tools taken.
- f) CPRE Planning Road Show - June 2015 – Cllr. Price to attend

At Meeting:-

- a) Information from E.on informing the PC that electricity charges are increasing from 8.24 per Kwh to 12.40 per Kwh. NALC are investigating the increase and will update the PC.
- b) From Mr. M. Line – A gate has been erected halfway up Dicks Hill into Alford Thorns onto the road. This is on Highway verge – the Alford Thorns boundary is clearly marked by the two original posts behind. The clerk to report to Highways.

**Any Other
Business:-**

- a) Apologies for next meeting:- None
- b) A discussion took place regarding the village signs which are in need of refurbishment.
- c) The Bulls Head are raising money for a defibrillator.
- d) The final meeting of the present Council will be Wednesday 6th May. The Annual Meeting of the new Council will be held on Wednesday 20th May.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm