

CLIPSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th January 2022 held at Clipston Village Hall at 7.30pm

Minutes taken by Felicity Ryan, Clerk/RFO.

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Present: Councillors. R Burnham (Chairman) A Price, A Fellowes, I May, P Warren, A Wilford, Unitary Councillor K Parker

Attendees : No members of the public were present.

16/853 Apologies : It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from C Kemsley -Pein, P Hooper, Unitary Councillor J Harris

16/854 Declarations of Interests : None declared

16/855 Comments from the Public : None

16/856 Updates from County and District Councillor : Cllr Harris by e mail : The West Northants budget consultation is live until 1st February which Councillors may wish to comment.

Cllr Parker reported regarding the West Northants budget consultation and the police, fire and crime commissioner draft budget.

16/857 Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2021 and 20th December 2021 : It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes save for the following amendment, namely the deletion of the words in the minutes extract numbered paragraph 1.1 below and shown in bold text”.

‘1.1 Clipston Neighbourhood Development Plan ('The Plan') was formally made on the 3rd December 2021. ***In the plan this area proposed for development is designated as an area of open space.*** ‘

ACTION : Clerk to contact planning officer to clarify the response

16/858 Action Points from the last Minutes: -

Speed reduction measures – The Council received a report from Cllr Warren regarding the quotes and reports received from neighbouring parishes. A number of parishes had recommended Elan City as a supplier and it was **RESOLVED** to proceed with that company as they supply the desired speed sign. **ACTION : Clerk and Cllr Warren to liaise to obtain a full quote and product specification.**

Quotes from providers for new mower – Cllr May reported as follows regarding lease options for the Mower : Euromec = £288 inc VAT

West Haddon mower shop : No lease option

Another supplier declined to quote

A discussion ensued and the cost of purchasing a mower was discussed as opposed to lease. **ACTION : Cllr May to obtain quotes for purchase of a mower.**

16/859 Finance

Draft budget and precept request for 2022/23 – Based on consideration of the budget, it was **RESOLVED** to agree to request a precept of **£19,500.00** for the financial year **2022/23**. The precept request form was to be duly signed by the Chairman and Clerk and returned to West Northants Council.

Bank charges were discussed. **ACTION : Clerk to contact quotes for other banks.**

Laptop/cloud storage – **ACTION : Clerk to obtain quotes following the condition report of the current laptop.**

Internal control check : Cllr Wilford had completed the internal control check for the period ending 31.10.21 and signed the bank statements at the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments :

Clipston Village Hall hire May – December 2021 = £180.00

16/860 Planning Applications :-

None

Decision notices :

None

16/861 Village Maintenance:

Streetlight at the top of 13 Bassett Way overgrown hedges – **ACTION : Clerk to chase**

Kelmarsh Road bend hedges – Index map search awaited

Hedge on Harborough Road – **ACTION : Clerk to write to landowner**

Streetlight number 49 on Kelmarsh Road – A quote had been received for repair in the sum of £280 + VAT. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the quote. **ACTION : Clerk to accept quote**

Streetlight at the Old Forge – E-ON had reported that the streetlight may not be able to be repaired at the next visit but that overhanging ivy would need to be cut back for access. – To be monitored.

Streetlight outside 14 Harborough Road – Not working : **ACTION : Clerk to report**

Gates on Naseby Road : Cllr Price liaising with Planning Officer.

Streetlight at Village Hall car park not working : **ACTION : Clerk to report**

1 Harborough Road – drain subsiding and pothole - **ACTION : Clerk to report**

Harborough Road – Blocked drains : **ACTION : Clerk to report**

16/862 Consultations:-

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner budget consultation – Noted
West Northants Draft Budget consultation – Noted

16/863 Correspondence –

Asset mapping from NCALC – **ACTION : Cllr May to read and report at next meeting**

Bassett Way garages and land – Noted , Clerk to thank owner for update.

Queens Green Canopy/Platinum Jubilee - Trees could be planted on the Kelmarsh Road.
ACTION : Clerk to investigate.

16/864– Any Other Business (for discussion only no items can become decisions)