

CLIPSTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 7th December 2016. CLIPSTON VILLAGE HALL, 7.30pm

Minutes taken by Felicity Ryan, Clerk/RFO.

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Present: Councillors. R Burnham (Chairman), M Ward, A Fellowes, P Booker, H Weston

Attendees: Four members of the public were present.

16/98. Apologies : A Price, C Kemsley-Pein

16/99. Declarations of Interests : None declared

16/100. Comments from the Public - Two members of the public spoke regarding their interest in the vacancy for a Parish Councillor. **ACTION : To co-opt a new member at the January meeting.**

Two members of the public spoke regarding the superfast Broadband rollout being undertaken by NCC. The bid for the Contract will be decided in January 2017 and Clipston should be included. There is an option to enter in to a Community Fibre Partnership with Openreach the cost of which would around £6000. Options were discussed if Openreach or Gigaclear win the Contract. Clipston would have a 6-8 week period to decide whether to enter a Community Fibre Partnership. **ACTION : Clerk to e mail Cecile to establish date for decision. The members of the public are to e mail the Clerk with the research pack.**

16/101. Updates from County and District Councillor: None received

16/102. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2nd November 2016 – It was **RESOLVED** to sign the minutes as a true copy of that meeting.

16/103 Matters arising from the Minutes :-

Co-option of New Councillor – To be decided at the January meeting.

Clipston Flooding – Cllr Burnham and Cllr Price met with NCC regarding the drains around the village and the subsequent flooding. NCC stated the drains were adequate. Leaf fall which blocks the drain are the responsibility of individual house owners. NCC will try and clear part of the Kelmarsh Road and trim the trees back.

Dog Waste bin sites – **ACTION : To be placed as an Agenda item for the next meeting.**

Fence on Church Lane – **ACTION : Clerk to chase NCC regulations**

Speedwatch Clipston – A letter had been received from the Police saying a minimum of 6-10 willing volunteers are needed. **ACTION : Cllr Booker to confirm to Clerk if minimum number has been met by 2nd January 2017.**

Neighbourhood Plan meeting update – The next meeting is to be held on the 10th January to define the Parish boundaries.

Kelmarsh Wind Farm meeting update – Cllr Ward attended a meeting held on the 23rd November. A further meeting was to be held on the 13th December. Four villages are involved in distributing £28,000 per year to community projects. **ACTION : Cllr Booker and Cllr Ward to attend the next meeting as representatives of Clipston.**

AOWT meeting update – AOWT group working with the developer regarding a Community Fund.

Superfast Broadband – **ACTION : To place on Agenda for next meeting.**

16/104 Finance:

Budget 2017/18 and Precept request – The proposed Budget was :

Total Expenditure : £17,695

Total Income : £361

Precept request = £17000. The reason for the increase was the £3000 contingency needed for Neighbourhood Plan costs not recoverable from Grants.

It was **RESOLVED** to request the sum of £17,000 as the Precept for 2017/18.

a) invoices to pay: -

Protheroes October Fuel	- £55.11
Clipston Playing Field Trust (S.137 payment)	- £1368.68
Hitachi (Mower Lease) (SO)	- £199.20

b) Grant received for Christmas Tree Festival - £230.00

ACTION : Clerk to complete end of Grant form.

ACTION : Clerk to transfer the sum of £1423.79 from reserve to current account.

Internal Financial Control Check – Cllr Weston completed the internal check and initialled the bank statements.

16/105 Planning Applications for :- DA/2016/0823 – Installation of door to rear of garage (retrospective) at 4, Buswell Court, Clipston, Northamptonshire, LE16 9UR. It was **RESOLVED** to offer no objection to this application.

PD/2016/0067– Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to dwelling (Class Q(a) Only) , The Block Barn, Sibbertoft Road, Clipston – It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application on the basis the development was in open countryside. A number of objections had been received to the development, but as this was a PD application the Council were not consulted, but could still comment. No concrete information was known about use of the barn on 20th March 2013 which was requested by the Planning Officer.

16/106 Village Maintenance -

Overgrown hedgerow leading out of the village towards Market Harborough – Clerk to chase

Overgrown hedgerow near to 'The Hollies' – Clerk to chase

Drains in village blocked with leaves – To monitor . Clerk to chase DDC to sweep leaves.

Street light outside school replacement bulb – Clerk to chase

Mower shed roof in need of repair – Quote awaited

A number of potholes on the Naseby Road near The Green – These had been reported,

Clerk to check progress.

Give Way sign on A508 has been knocked down on Station Road – **ACTION : Clerk to report**

Accident on A508 junction – To place on the Agenda for next meeting.

16/107. Consultations :- Consultation on the Northamptonshire Fire and Rescue Service Draft Community Protection Plan 2017 -2020 – **ACTION : Clerk to review**

Consultation on School Admissions Arrangements for 09/2018 - Oversubscription Criteria and Published Admissions Numbers (PANs) – **ACTION : Clerk to review**

16/108. Correspondence – Defibrillator fault –Cllr Burnham had reported our device was not affected by the fault notice.

Invitation to join Community Speedwatch 2017 – As above

16/109. Any Other Business (for discussion only, no items can become decisions) No matters

Meeting Closed 8.30pm