

CLIPSTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 1st February 2017. **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, H Weston, A Price, P Hooper, P Booker

Attendees: One member of the public was present.

16/122. Apologies :- None received

16/123. Declarations of Interests – Cllr Fellowes declared an interest in relation to the item on the Agenda – Demolition of existing conservatory, construction of single storey front and side extensions – The Covers 7 Harborough Road, Clipston LE16 9RT

16/124. Comments from the Public – A member of the public updated the Council to confirm Gigaclear had been awarded Phase Three of the Northamptonshire County Council Superfast Broadband project. It was unclear if Clipston was included in the project. The member of the public spoke to set out the option for a Community Fibre Partnership to be entered into in order to provide a wider choice of providers for residents. The deadline for registering an interest in a Community Fibre Partnership is at the end of March 2017 and confirmation which villages are included in the Phase Three Gigaclear rollout is April/May 2017. **ACTION: Clerk to contact Cecile to establish if Clipston is included.**

The same member of the public also updated the Council on a bungalow on the Kelmarsh Road. The bank is eroding and in order to repair it, the hedgerow will need to be removed. She stated all relevant parties have been contacted and relevant permissions are being sought.

16/125. Updates from County and District Councillor – None received

16/126. Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th January 2017 – It was **RESOLVED** to sign the minutes as a true copy of that meeting.

16/127 Matters arising from the Minutes: -

Dog Waste bin sites – To be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting

Fence on Church Lane – **ACTION: Clerk to chase and inform NCC Regulations that a gate and posts have now been erected on the adopted highway.**

Neighbourhood Plan meeting update – Cllr Price had drafted a proposed letter to designate the boundaries of Clipston Parish. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the letter and for the Clerk to apply to the District Council to designate the area. Cllr Price had sought references on the two planning consultants recommended by other parishes and there was no reason not to proceed with the invitations to both of them to provide a presentation each to the Neighbourhood Plan Group. **ACTION: Clerk to contact consultants to arrange a convenient date.**

Kelmarsh Wind Farm meeting update – Cllr Booker confirmed she is now the Chairman of Kelmarsh Windfarm Committee. The constitution is being finalised. Arthingworth have lobbied for inclusion into the affected villages. Cllr Ward confirmed he had resigned from the Committee due to work commitments. Another representative is needed from Clipston.

ACTION : Clerk to contact a local resident to see if they would be willing to assist.
Superfast Broadband – Already discussed.

16/128 Finance – to include –

a) invoices to pay: -

E-ON (Power O/N/D)	- £776.90
Hitachi (Mower Lease) (SO)	- £199.20
Clerk Salary (N/D/J)	- £483.54
Clerk expenses (N/D/J)	- £75.85
Clerk overtime for 4 NP meetings	- £140.98
Clipston Village Hall (re-issue of cheque)	- £108.00

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments. **ACTION : Clerk to transfer the sum of £1477.27 to the current account.**

Bank Balance = 1st January 2017 £17,478.48

16/129 Planning Applications for :- DA/2016/1143 – Demolition of existing conservatory, construction of single storey front and side extensions – The Covers 7 Harborough Road, Clipston LE16 9RT –

Cllr Fellowes left the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to offer no objection to this application.

Decision Notices – DA/2016/0980 – Work to trees subject to TPO DA 425 – Granted with conditions

DA/2016/0823 – Installation of door to rear of garage (retrospective) at 4 Buswell Court Clipston LE16 9UR – Granted with conditions

16/130 Village Maintenance:

Overgrown hedgerow leading out of the village towards Market Harborough – Clerk reported this was being monitored on the NCC website.

Overgrown hedgerow near to ‘The Hollies’ – Clerk reported this was being monitored on the NCC website

Leaves to be swept at The Jitty – Clerk to chase and to add to Community Enhancement Gang requests

Mower shed roof in need of repair – Quotes awaited

Give Way sign on A508 – To be repaired

Accident on A508 junction – Clerk reported Streetdoctor had confirmed it was on the schedule for emergency gritting. **ACTION : Clerk to request a grit bin.**

Drain outside Prince Rupert Cottage, High Street, Clipston – **ACTION : Clerk to report drain blocked and overflowing.**

16/131. Consultations:- Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan update - Noted

Adult Social Services consultation – **ACTION : Clerk to check**

16/132. Correspondence –

Litter picking services for towns and villages – **ACTION : Clerk to respond to state Clipston are not interested at this time.**

Police update on vehicle crime – Noted

Objection letter from parishioner for DA/2016/1078- Noted

Minutes from Parish and Town Councils' liaison meeting – Noted

Community Enhancement Gangs – **Action: Clerk to request the leaves to be swept at the Jitty, the ivy is cut back, and to trim hedgerow on the Kelmarsh and Harborough Roads.**

New external auditor appointed – Noted

2017 Litter heroes' awards – Noted

Christmas Tree Festival Grant award feedback – Noted

16/133. Any Other Business (for discussion only, no items can become decisions)

Cllr Burnham is trying to obtain a key for the new noticeboard.

Meeting closed 8.00pm