

CLIPSTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Wednesday, 4th May 2016. **CLIPSTON VILLAGE HALL, 7.40pm**

Minutes taken by Felicity Ryan, Clerk/RFO.

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Present : Councillors. R Burnham (Chairman), A Fellowes, A Price, H Weston, P Booker, C Kemsley-Pein

Attendees : 2 members of the public and Paul Bimson representing BT were present.

16/7. Apologies :- Cllrs M Ward and J Wills.

16/8. Declarations of Interests: - None declared.

16/9. Comments from the public :- Paul Bimson (BT) : - Paul spoke regarding the roll-out of superfast broadband across the County in which 90% of households are covered. Clipston was not included in county council's plans. There is a second contract currently being worked on which will include 95% of the County. He suggested there are two options available : -

1. Lobby the County Council in order for them to include Clipston in the next roll-out.
2. 'Fund the gap' in order to make it commercially viable for BT to provide super-fast broadband. This had been successfully implemented in Ashley and Wollaston in Northamptonshire. An estimate would need to be provided by BT as to the cost of this for Clipston. In Ashley it was in the sum of approx £300 per household.

ACTION : Clerk to include on next Agenda for discussion.

A member of the public spoke regarding her application for planning permission (DA/2016/0379) to state the reasons for seeking the development.

A member of the public (also a member of AOWT) updated the Council regarding the Anaerobic Digester planning application stating that the applicant has still not replied to the questions asked of them by the County Council and Highways. Possibly to be determined in June but would depend on receipt of satisfactory replies. It is unclear as to whether there is a time limit on receiving replies from the applicant.

He also spoke regarding the roads in Clipston, in particular the number of pot holes which are not being repaired, which pose a danger for cyclists. NCC had undertaken a survey of the village and declared there were no issues. They have no criteria as to the danger road hazards can pose to cyclists. He also raised concerns regarding the large harvest vehicles which pass through the village and have caused damage to parked cars. There appears to be no other body who is accountable for the condition of the roads.

16/10. Updates from District and County Councillors :- None received

16/11. Previous Minutes :- It was proposed and seconded the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th April 2016 be approved and signed.

16/12. Matters Arising :-

Clipston Flooding – A letter has been e mailed to the Environment Agency and a response is awaited.

Dog Waste bin sites : - RESOLVED : To place four bins in the village, one outside the school on

the grass, one just outside the village signs on the Kelmarsh Road, Naseby Road and Harborough Road. **ACTION : Clerk to notify DDC of sites once the bins are in place.**

Church Lane Fence : - It was noted that a hedgerow had been removed on Church Lane and replaced by a fence which was in a different place. **ACTION : Cllr Price and Clerk to investigate extent of adopted highway.**

Clipston Roads : - The issues raised in item 16/9 were discussed. **RESOLVED : Clerk to write to District Councillor and County Councillor regarding the issues raised which are the criteria for repair, the inadequate patching work and the lack of accountability. Clerk to copy in District and County Councillor to minutes following meetings.**

16/13. Finance :-

Finance – to include -

a) invoices to pay. It was proposed and seconded that the following payments be made :-

Clerk Salary (Feb/March/Apr)	£478.92
Clerk expenses (Feb/March/Apr)	£74.35
Euromec Mower Repair	£89.24

b) The Annual Return was duly considered and completed for the financial year ending 31st March 2016. **ACTION: Clerk to re-circulate accounts.**

c) Internal financial controls were considered as follows : -

- Two Councillors are to sign all cheques and counter-signed by the Clerk.
- Monthly bank reconciliation and cash book is carried out and maintained by the Clerk.
- Receipts and Invoices are listed and approved at full meeting of the Council.

The Financial Regulations and Asset Register were reviewed and adopted for 2016/17 along with the Risk Assessment Statement and Schedule. **ACTION : Clerk to check number of signs listed on Asset Register.**

The Village Insurance Premium renewal had been received from Zurich in the sum of £563.06 or Came and Co for £621.71. **RESOLVED : Clerk to confirm renewal with Zurich.**

16/14. Planning Applications including :-

DA/2016/0179 – Listed Building Consent for replacement of downstairs kitchen window with new openable timber casement window at 9, High Street, Clipston – **RESOLVED : To confirm no observations to be made.**

DA/2016/0180 – Listed Building Consent for solid fuel burning stove and associated chimney upgrade works at 9 High Street, Clipston – **RESOLVED : To confirm no observations to be made.**

DA/2016/0379 - Extension to existing annexe into part of adjoining stable block, first floor

extension over adjoining stable block and new lobby at The Limes, Pegs Lane, Clipston
RESOLVED : To reply to say the materials should be in keeping with the existing building and in keeping with the area.

DA/2016/0354 - Construction of general purpose agricultural building at Land Known As Manor Farm Buildings, Naseby Road, Clipston, Northamptonshire.
RESOLVED : To reply to say the materials should be in keeping with the existing building and in keeping with the area.

16/15. Any other Planning matters :- None

16/16. Village Maintenance :- Kelmarsh Road – Highway monitoring

Harborough Road – (corner of Sibbertoft Road) - Highway monitoring

Sibbertoft/Marston Trussell Crossroads – Highway monitoring

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

Blocked drains in village and blocked with leaves – To be monitored.

Leaves need sweeping at The Jitty – Clerk to chase

Street light outside school – On order

Painting of Village Signs – Cllr Booker to confirm cost.

Fir Tree at 1 Bassett Way – Clerk to chase

Standing water on the bend outside the village on Harborough Road – Completed

Pathways covered in mud outside the Woodyard development – Completed

Mud on path in between High Street and Weskers Close – Clerk to chase.

Streelight 18 on Kelmarsh Road – Clerk to chase.

Street light 26 on Naseby Road – Completed

16/17. Consultations :- Great Oxendon Village Design Statement – Noted
- Part 2 DDC Consultation – Noted

16/18. Correspondence :- AOWT update – Provided earlier in meeting.
:- WW1 records – E mail to be passed to David Wilford.

16/19. Any Other Business (for discussion only, no items can become decisions)
ACTION :- Clerk to chase Kelmarsh Wind Farm for an update regarding the Community Fund.

Meeting Closed 8.32 pm. **Date of next meeting :- 1st June 2016, 7.30pm, Clipston Village Hall**

