

CLIPSTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 2nd December 2015. CLIPSTON VILLAGE HALL, 7.30pm

Minutes taken by Felicity Ryan, Clerk/RFO.

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Present : Councillors. R Burnham (Chairman), A Fellowes, A Price, M Ward, H Weston, J Wills.

Attendees : 6 members of the public were present.

It was noted that Mr Partridge had recently passed away and the Council's sympathies were conveyed. **ACTION : Clerk to send a card of condolence to Lynne.**

1. Apologies : - C Kemsley-Pein, P Booker, District Councillor and County Councillor Cecile Irving-Swift.

2. Declarations of Interests: - None declared.

3. Comments from the public : - Councillor Burnham stated that in relation to the proposed Anaerobic Digester, the Council had not been formally consulted and no planning application had yet been submitted to NCC for approval.

Comments were made as follows :-

- A residents meeting was held In Great Oxendon on 25th November with regards to the proposed Anaerobic Digester at Wormslade Farm.
- A number of Clipston residents were in attendance
- An exit poll was held and 65 out of 75 people wish to object to the development
- It would be a 13 acre site and they would be growing maize to convert to gas.
- The residents group have been informed by NCC that the Planning Application has been submitted but has been sent back to the applicant for amendment.
- Aspects of the proposed development which needed to be considered are:-
 1. The level of heavy vehicular traffic accessing the site, which would be considerable especially at harvest time.
 2. The proximity of the development to a residential dwelling, health and safety concerns in respect of the gas production.
 3. The industrialisation of the road possibly leading to further industrial development
 4. The importance of the view in the basin overlooked by Grade I Listed Kelmarsh Hall
 5. The impact of light, smells and noise on a rural setting
- Amendments to the National Planning Policy Framework means that local communities should have more of a say over development. As many people should express their views and possible assistance could be given by the residents group in writing letters to NCC.
- **ACTION : Clerk to register to be included on the mailing group for NCC notifications for this site. Clerk is liaising with Cecile Irving-Swift regarding the development and in relation to other Parish Councils in the area who are affected. Clerk to contact Chris Heaton-Harris MP to see if he can offer any assistance.**

4. Updates from District and County Councillors :- None received.

5. Previous Minutes :- It was proposed and seconded the minutes of the meeting held on the 4th November 2015 be approved and signed. A correction was made to the October 2015 minutes in respect of the share of the Shambala Festival fund. Clipston community received £1600 as

opposed to £1900 which was minuted.

6. Matters Arising :- Naming of the road on the Naseby Road development : –

Correspondence had been received from DDC (via the developer) that the development site had been a paddock and therefore they were still suggesting 'The Paddocks' for the name as opposed to 'Wartnaby's Orchard' . **ACTION** : Clerk to confirm 'The Paddocks' was acceptable to the Parish Council.

Woodland Trust Fields :- Two fields have been given to the Woodland Trust on Kelmarsh Road. Pedestrian access is permitted but the fields are very restrictive in respect of planting trees or bulbs due to drainage considerations.

Request from Gigaclear for a meeting :- RESOLVED: Clerk to reply to say no further meeting would be held due to this being outside the remit of the Parish Council.

Tennis Event contribution discussion :- It was **RESOLVED** to support the Tennis Club grant application for a one off event (the Pantomime) to DDC. A letter was drafted at the meeting to confirm support would be given on the basis the Parish Council would not be making any donations or grants to the event.

Councillor Wills completed a DI form and this was passed to the Clerk. **ACTION** : Clerk to send to Monitoring Officer at DDC.

Broadband update – ACTION : Chris Heaton-Harris MP had offered to write to the Chief Executive of BT to clarify why Clipston is currently excluded from NCC plans for super-fast plans. Clerk to confirm to him to proceed.

Kelmarsh Wind Farm Fund – The annual sum of £28,000 has been confirmed. **ACTION** : Clerk to register Clipston as an interested party to keep village community groups informed of developments.

7. Finance :-

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

Protheroes (October fuel)	£20.97
CPRE Annual Membership	£36.00
Euromec (Mower repairs)	£89.24

ACTION : Clerk to transfer £146.21 from High Interest account to current account.

The Budget for 2016/17 had been prepared and circulated. The proposed precept was £13,700. The increase was due to the increased cost per k/w hr from EON in respect of street lighting and the cost of the lease agreement for the mower. Possibility of transferring money from reserves in order to ensure no excess contingency funds. £6000 is ring-fenced for street light replacement. No less than half the precept amount should be retained as contingency. **ACTION** : **Clerk to place on Agenda for January and a final decision to be made then.**

8. Planning Applications : - None received.

9. Any other Planning matters :-

- Discussion regarding development of a Neighbourhood Plan – Councillor Irving-Swift had suggested Clipston may benefit from a Neighbourhood Plan. Consideration to be given in relation to the work involved and the benefits. **ACTION** : **Clerk to include on Agenda**

for next meeting.

10. Village Maintenance :- Kelmarsh Road (just out of the village) – 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 – To be completed by NCC

Weskers Close – footpath condition to be completed by NCC

Pot Hole outside 28 Harborough Road – To be completed by NCC

Pot Hole on A508 junction – To be completed by NCC

Street light 34 - Not working – Clerk has reported to E-ON.

Leaves need sweeping at the Jitty – Clerk to report to DDC

Street light outside school has broken and has been reported – Clerk to chase quote for replacement from E-ON and circulate

1 Bassett Way – Clerk reported - Fir Tree to be pruned by DDH

Concrete blocks dumped on Kelmarsh Road – Clerk to report

Cannisters dumped on Kelmarsh Road – Clerk to report to PCSO

11. Consultations:- None

12. Correspondence – Parish and Town Council liaison meeting 17th December 2015 – Councillor Price to attend. **ACTION** : Clerk to confirm attendance

- Daventry and South Northants Open Evening - 22nd February 2016 – Noted

- The Playing Field Trust had asked for a financial contribution in addition to the insurance payment made by the Parish Council. **RESOLVED** : To confirm due to budget constraints this was not possible.

13. AOB

- Police surgery to be held on 30th January – **ACTION** : Clerk to confirm time and location
- Christmas Tree funding – confirmed expenses (approx £15) could be recovered from Council.

Meeting Closed 8.45pm

Date of next meeting : - 6th January 2015, 7.30pm Clipston Village Hall