

CLIPSTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd January 2019 CLIPSTON VILLAGE HALL, 7.30pm

Minutes taken by Felicity Ryan, Clerk/RFO.

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Present: Councillors. R Burnham (Chairman), A Fellowes, M Ward, P Hooper, A Price, District Councillor R Auger and County Councillor C Irving-Swift

Attendees : Two members of the public were present.

16/401 Apologies : It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies from Cllr Wilford and Cllr Weston

16/402 Declarations of Interests : None declared

16/403 Comments from the Public – A member of the Kelmarsh Wind Farm Committee spoke to inform the Parish Council they have now been established as a CIO in order to accept grant applications from Clipston, Naseby, Kelmarsh and Haselbech. A website has been set up at www.kwcb.co.uk which contains application documents and guidance notes. Members of the Kelmarsh Wind Farm Committee can also be contacted to assist with any applications. Parish Councils are not eligible to apply. District Councillor Swift suggested that some of the money could be used towards a community bus shared between the four villages.

16/404 Updates from County and District Councillor :

Cllr Irving Swift :

- NCC had sent a letter to the parishes to advise that some digging was to take place on the site proposed for the use of the anaerobic digester, in order for them to establish the best way to proceed with development.
- The Shambala Festival will take place again this year at Kelmarsh Hall and are looking for environmental projects to undertake in the community. Any ideas welcomed.
- Creaton School is now closed and therefore Clipston School is now operating alone.
- Parish Elections have been postponed until May 2020.
- The work to form the Unitary Authority continues with a timescale to be completed by 2020.

Cllr Auger :

- The matter of the fence on Church Lane is ongoing. **ACTION : Clerk to chase and copy in Cllr Auger and Cllr Irving-Swift.**
- He will seek further information with regards to the Kelmarsh Wind Farm criteria in order to be able to assist applicants.

16/405 Approval of Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 5th December 2018 : It was **RESOLVED** to sign the minutes as a true copy of that meeting.

16/406 Action Points from the last Minutes: -

Fence on Church Lane – Ongoing

Neighbourhood Plan update – The Housing Theme Groups are holding regular

meetings and will provide an update in due course.

16/407 Finance – to include –

a) invoices to pay: -

Hitachi (Mower Lease) (SO)	- £199.20
E-ON (maintenance for quarter ending Dec 2018)	- £142.20

Bank balance as at 1st January 2019 = £32,416.25

Draft Budget 2019/20 and Precept request – It was **RESOLVED** to increase the Precept request to £18,000 for the next financial year. The increase of £1000 was due to pending streetlight repairs in the sum of £1669.00, and an increase in lighting costs from 17p pkh to 21p pkwh which were not accounted for in the first draft budget. **ACTION : Clerk to contact NCALC to investigate potential alternative suppliers.**

It was also noted that the Internal Controls Councillor carried out the internal spot check and initialled the accounts to that effect at the last meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the NCALC recommendation for salary increase at £11.00 per hour from April 2019 (SCP 21).

16/408 Planning Applications for :-

DA/2018/1028 - Demolition of existing conservatory. Construction of single storey rear extension at Ashtree House, Kelmars Road, Clipston, Northamptonshire, LE16 9RX – It was **RESOLVED** to offer **NO OBJECTION** to the application.

Decision Notice – DA/2018/0902 – Clipston Court 2, High Street Clipston – Listed Building Consent for insertion of rooflights – granted with conditions - Noted

Correspondence re 17/0003/WASVOC – Land at Wormslade Farm, Clipston Road – Noted. It was further noted that the local action group had been disbanded and therefore the site should be monitored to ensure planning conditions are adhered to.

Correspondence re TPO Horse Chestnut at 1 The Paddocks – The Tree Preservation Officer sent an apology for the delay in notifying the Council of the approval to remove the tree which had now been completed.

16/409 Village Maintenance:

Mower shed roof repair – Awaited

Overgrown weeds at Church Close – Ongoing

Longhold Road crossroads flooded – Ongoing

Drain clearance schedule – Ongoing

Streetlight numbered 17 on Kelmars Road not working – Completed

Streetlight at Chestnut Grove glare – E-ON to action

Streetlight continually on in Chestnut Grove – E-ON to action

Streetlight at Weskers Close – Quote accepted – await repair.

Streetlight at the junction of Church Close/Church Lane – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quote in the sum of £1059 (excl VAT)

Tree ownership on boundary in Church Close – **ACTION : Cllr Burnham/Price to liaise with Clerk**

Streetlight at the top of 13 Bassett Way overgrown hedges – Reported to E-ON

Potholes at Longhold/Station Road – **ACTION : Clerk to report**

The Jitty – Leaves to be swept – Reported to DDC

Inspection chamber between Bulls Head and telephone exchange in need of repair – **ACTION : Clerk to report**

16/410 Consultations:-

Housing Assistance Policy – Noted
Northamptonshire County Council Budget Consultation – Closes 23rd January 2019

16/411 Correspondence –

Bus Service– Correspondence received from J Hunt in Spratton and was noted. **ACTION : Clerk to contact DDC for copy of correspondence**

Parish and Town Council's meeting – Noted

E-ON Price increase – Noted

Settlements and Countryside Local Plan (Part2) 2011-2029 – Noted

Postponement of Northamptonshire Elections – Noted

Local Government Reform West Northamptonshire Update – Noted

16/412 Any Other Business (for discussion only, no items can become decisions)

Meeting Closed 8.37pm