

Minutes of the meeting of the Village Council of Kings Clipstone, held on the 3rd September 2012 in the Community Room, Sherwood Forest Holiday Park, Gorsethorpe Lane, Kings Clipstone, Nottinghamshire. The meeting commenced at 7.05pm.

Present: Cllr M Bradley (Chair of the Council)
Cllr J Govan
Cllr J Harbottle
Cllr S Parkhouse
Cllr M Rowe
Mr M Plumb (Clerk to the Council)

Also present Two members of the Public

064/13 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Maguire and Cllr J Smyth. (District Cllr Sheila Soar was attending another meeting but might be able to attend later).

065/13 Declarations of Interest

None

066/13 Minutes

Subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th July 2012 were adopted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

- In future minutes, a record of **when** a Councillor arrives (late) during a meeting will be included. (This is in order to show those items of business that the Councillor concerned has been associated with).
- 050/13. 5th bullet point. Delete "Another member" and replace with "David Newman": 6th bullet point. Delete "Another member" and replace with "Daryl Maguire".
- 054/13. 1st bullet point 3rd line. Delete "is" and replace with "outside": 2nd bullet point 1st line. Delete "Cllr D Maguire" and replace with "Cllr M Rowe": 4th Bullet point 3rd line. Delete "blind people" and replace with "Guide dogs". 6th bullet point 3rd line. Delete "(Claire Swingley)" and replace with "Adele Swingley- 01636 655879".
- 057/13 (b) heading. Delete "Potable" replace with "Portable": Delete paragraph (b) and replace with - "Cllr Parkhouse raised David Newman's concern about the portable building adjacent to his property. It was agreed that clarification on planning consent for this, be requested from the District Council".
- 062/13 3rd paragraph 1st bullet point. Delete "central white road lines" and replace with "double continuous white lines".

067/13 Questions/statements from members of the public

It was agreed to suspend standing orders whilst this item of business was transacted. The following matter was raised.

Mr D Collinson claimed that Village Councillors had been speaking to residents in order to solicit views against his proposal to establish a caravan site on his land. He argued that Councillors had no right to do this and that he had consulted with neighbours about the proposal. In response, the Chair insisted that all Councillors had a prime responsibility to represent the views of residents and inevitably this involved seeking people's views upon any matter affecting the current environment, character and future of the local community.

No further matters were raised and the Councils standing orders were re activated for the remainder of the meeting.

068/13 District Councillors Report

In District Cllrs Sheila Soars absence, it was agreed to consider this item later in the meeting if Cllr Soar arrived in time. (Note: Cllr Soar did not arrive and her e mail report will be circulated to Village Councillors)

069/13 County Councillors Report

No report was received or considered under this item of business.

070/13 Village Councillor's Reports

- Cllr Parkhouse reported that Village signs and the seat would be provided in November.
- Cllr J Harbottle reported that the petition for a speed limit in Gorsethorpe Lane is on the agenda for the next County Council Transport Committee meeting.
- Cllr J Harbottle expressed her concern at a continuing eyesore on a plot of land near the posting box and bus shelter on the main road. It was agreed to consider this matter at the next Village Council meeting.
- Cllr J Govan reported upon incidences of foul sewage smells in area's adjoining her property and neighbours properties. It was agreed to seek further information upon this problem from Severn Trent Water Authority and to consider this at the next meeting.
- Cllr J Govan reported upon her attendance (accompanied by Cllr Harbottle) at the recent meeting of the SNG Group at Clipstone. A very useful meeting and worth making this liaison a permanent arrangement for the future.

071/13 Council Clerk Reports

- a. **Web Site.** The first draft of the proposed web site had been circulated to all Councillors and comments/suggestions had been received from Cllrs M Bradley, J Govan and J Harbottle. These will be incorporated into the draft and re circulated to Councillors. The Clerk reminded Councillors of the need for one or two pictures/illustrations to add before the final draft was confirmed.
- b. **Newsletter.** The Clerk had prepared the draft text for the newsletter and had sent this onto Cllr M Rowe for conversion to Micro Soft Publisher. This had been done and a quality newsletter was emerging. Councillors offered a number of suggestions and these will be applied. Circulation to be carried out to all properties during the next fortnight by Village Councillors.
- c. **“No Dogs Orders.** Following District Cllr Sheila Soar’s suggestion to the July meeting, the Clerk asked for the Village Council’s idea’s upon sites in the Village where “No dog orders” might be applied by the NSDC. It was agreed that the only site which might be considered is the Village Recreation field.
- d. **Grass Cutting Contract.** The Clerk reported that he had invited six local contractors to submit quotations for grass cutting on the Monument site, Recreation Ground and certain road sides. No responses had been received. It was agreed that the names of the six contractors be passed to Cllr M Rowe and that the Clerk makes enquiries from other Local Councils about their own arrangements. Matter to be discussed at the next Village Council meeting.
- e. **Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.** The Clerk reported the receipt of a guide upon this subject for Councillors issued by the Department for Communities and Local Government. It was agreed to circulate this guide to all Village Councillors.
- f. **NSDC Charity Fund Raising Event 27th September 2012.** The Clerk reported that the Chair of NSDC is hosting a Charity Event “The Feast of Nottinghamshire” to raise funds for her chosen Charity “Think Children” and provided details of the arrangements. The meeting noted the report.
- g. **Planning Consultation, amended plans. Keepers Bothy. 12/01042/FUL.** The Clerk reported that amended site location plans had been submitted in respect of this application. After discussion, the meeting noted this report.
- h. **Planning Decision (approval). Temporary meteorological mast, New Buildings Drive. 12/00788/FUL.** The Clerk reported that approval had been given in this case subject to conditions which include the provision of bird warning devices and an aviation warning light.
- i. **Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils AGM.** The Clerk reported that the Village Council was entitled to send two representatives to this meeting. This is to be held at Epperstone on 14th November 2012. It was agreed that Cllrs M Bradley and J Govan attend on the Councils behalf.

072/13.Accounts for Payment.

After discussion the meeting approved the following payments

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Net Cost</u>
0024	D A Dixon. Accountant	Internal Audit Fee	£ 45 00
0025	M Plumb	Clerks fees/expenses(July)	£250 00
0026	Notts County Supplies	Rec. ground signs	£ 45.00
0027	M Plumb	Clerks fees/expenses(Aug)	£210.00

The Clerk reported that he was proposing to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Society of Local Council Clerks on Saturday 13th October 2012 at the Marriott Conference Hotel, Bristol. The cost will be £85 for the day of the meeting and approx. £60 for travelling. He asked the Village Council to consider meeting these costs. Any overnight accommodation will be paid for from the Clerks own funds. In answer to Councillor Harbottle's question, the Clerk described the benefits of attendance from the point of view of formal and informal opportunities for professional knowledge updating and review of "best practice" themes across the whole range of the Clerks work.

After some debate, the Chair Cllr M Bradley proposed that the Clerk's request be approved and this was seconded by Cllr M Rowe. Cllr S Parkhouse then proposed an amendment that 50% of the above costs be approved and this was seconded by Cllr J Harbottle. Cllr Parkhouse requested a **recorded vote**. The amended proposal was put first and was **lost. Votes for the amendment;** Cllr Parkhouse and Cllr Harbottle (2). **Votes against the amendment** Cllr Bradley, Cllr Govan and Cllr Rowe (3). The original proposal was then put to the meeting and was **carried. Votes for the original proposal** Cllr Bradley, Cllr Govan, and Cllr Rowe. **Votes against the original proposal** Cllr Parkhouse and Cllr Harbottle.

073/13 Exclusion of the Public/Press

It was resolved that in view of the confidential nature of the remaining item of business, it is in the public interests for the press and public to be excluded and they are accordingly requested to withdraw.

074/13 Access to the Recreation Ground

The Clerk gave an updating report with copy correspondence, upon action taken to comply with the lease conditions in respect of unauthorised access gates onto the Recreation Ground. He was currently in communication with Welbeck Estates and will provide a further report to the next meeting of the Village Council. The meeting noted the Clerks updating report.

075/13 Date of next Meeting

Monday 1st October 2012.