

Minutes of the meeting of the Village Council of Kings Clipstone held in the Community Room, Sherwood Forest Holiday Park, Gorsethorpe Lane, Kings Clipstone, Nottinghamshire, on **Monday 12th March 2012**. The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr. M Bradley (Chair of the Village Council)
Cllr. J Govan
Cllr. J Harbottle
Cllr D Maguire
Cllr. S Parkhouse
Cllr. M Rowe
Cllr. J Smyth

Also Attending Mr. M Plumb (Clerk to the Council)
County Cllr Les Ward
Three members of the public

(Recorder in operation)

127/12 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from District Cllr Sheila Soar (Holiday)

128/12 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr M. Bradley, Cllr D. Maguire and Cllr J. Govan declared personal interests in agenda 6 (b) planning consultation No 12/00234/FUL (stables and tack room). Cllr D. Maguire also declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda 6 (b)-planning consultation no 12/00209/FUL (Micro Brewery). He would vacate the meeting whilst this item of business was dealt with.

129/12 **Minutes**

a) **Village Council Meeting 6th February 2012.**

The following amendments were agreed to the draft minutes for this meeting.

- Page 1 Cllr J. Smyth (attending Cllrs)
- Page 2 Ivy Redfern (minute 110/12, 2nd Para)
Rathole (minute 110/12, 2nd Para)
Keith Laver (minute 110/12, 3rd Para)
Add "Standing orders reactivated for remainder of the meeting" (after 3rd para)
- Page 3 District Cllr Sheila Soar (minute 111/12 (b) "Hopes"
(minute 114/12, 3rd line).

- Page 4 Cllr J. Govan, Cllr J. Smyth (Minute 116/12 line 7).
Delete “and Palace stone decoration” (minute 116/12 final line).

The minutes of the Village Council meeting held on 6th February 2012 were then **adopted** as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair. The Clerk mentioned that all previous minutes had now been updated incorporating all agreed amendments. Copies would be circulated to Councillors shortly.

b) **Updating Information**

The Clerk reported upon the following matters arising from the February 2012 Village Council meeting.

- Minute 110/12, 2nd para. The pothole has been repaired
- Minute 115/12 Village Council Web Site. Confirmation has been received concerning the detailed support, (freely available) from the District Council, for setting up and managing the new web site. Councillors expressed their preferences for final setting up work
- Minutes 123/12 Business Cards on Notice Boards. Advice received that “public” notice boards are not normally used for this purpose.

130/12 **Questions/statements from Members of the Public**

The meeting **resolved** to suspend standing orders whilst this item of business was dealt with.

- Iry Redfern expressed her appreciation for the information displayed on the Notice Boards.
- Keith Laver suggested that planning reference numbers should be included in agenda items. (meeting **agreed**).
- Keith Laver asked if council minutes might be displayed in plastic wallets, perhaps in the Squires Lane Bus Shelter (meeting **agreed**).

Standing orders were then **reactivated** for the remainder of the meeting.

131/12 **Reports from County/District Councillors**

a) **County Cllr Les Ward**

County Cllr Les Ward reported as follows:-

1. The upgrade and/or replacement of wooden bus shelters countywide had been included in the capital programme for 2012/13;

2. Efforts continue to be made to address the poor state of roads throughout the Village;
3. Cllrs Govan and Harbottle attended the meeting of Edwinstowe SNG on 6th March, 2012. Cllr Ward emphasised that the Village Councils representation would be most welcome at future meetings of the group.
4. Cllr Ward would be happy to consider a grant from his CDF fund towards the cost of the proposed Diamond Jubilee celebrations;
5. Cllr Ward suggested that Village Councillors may wish to consider creating a local petition from residents, to lower the speed limit on Gorsethorpe Lane to 40mph;
6. There will be a temporary closure of footpaths/bridleways to accommodate the Dukeries Motor Club event between 8.00am and 8.00pm on Sunday, 9th June, 2012 (List attached).

After discussion the meeting thanked Cllr Ward for his report and on-going support to the Village Council. The suggestion relating to a petition (item 5) will be considered later during the meeting. (minute 138/12).

b) District Councillor Sheila Soar

In Cllr Sheila Soar's absence, no report was considered under this item of business.

132/12 Planning Consultations

a) Planning Decision-11/9352/FUL

It was **NOTED** that conditional planning consent has been given to the erection of a GRP (Water) Dosing Kiosk on Waterworks drive.

b) Planning Consultation

- Micro Brewery, Mansfield Road. Planning reference 12/00209/FUL (Cllr D. Maguire vacated the meeting for this item of business)

After a full discussion, the meeting resolved that **no objection** be raised to the development proposed.

- Stables and Tack Room. Land adjoining Mansfield Road. Planning reference 12/00234/FUL.

After a full discussion, the meeting resolved to **object** to this proposal on the following grounds.

1. This site will feature in a future Village Plan which will have an essential policy of protecting the “heritage” element of the Village (King John’s Palace)
 2. An undesirable precedent may be established restricting the control of possible future “change of use” proposals.
 3. The site already has one stable building and a second building may overwhelm the capacity of the field (which has important “heritage” aspects) to accommodate an increased number of horses.
- Erection of Dwelling, King Johns Count. Planning reference 12/00241/FUL.

After a full discussion, the meeting resolved to **object** to this proposal on the following grounds.

1. The size of the buildings and garages are wholly out of keeping with the adjoining properties.
2. The building and garages will interfere with the current amenities of adjoining properties (e.g. the peaceful environment).
3. The buildings, particularly the garages, are far too close to the adjoining trees which are the subject of a TPO.
4. An undesirable precedent may be established restricting control of possible future “change of use” proposals.

133/12 **Jubilee Grant. Award by NSDC**

The Clerk reported that the Events Manager from the District Council had confirmed that based upon the detailed proposals and costs submitted in support of the Village Councils grant application, he will be recommending the award of a £500 grant for this event. Confirmation of the final decision is currently awaited. The meeting **NOTED** this report.

County Cllr Les Ward asked to be kept informed of these plans.

134/12 **Bus shelter. Proposed repairs by Nottingham County Council**

The Clerk reported that an e-mail had been received in February 2012 from Nottinghamshire County Council Transport/Travel Services confirming that following an inspection of the shelter, it is intended to carry out repairs rather than provide a full replacement. This will depend upon the cost of the repairs. A further report is awaited.

County Cllr Les Ward asked to be kept informed upon this matter.

130/12 **Minutes of Council meetings. Availability to Residents**

This matter has been reviewed earlier in the meeting (minute 130/12) and will be placed under “open” reviews during future Council meeting.

136/12 **Village Council letter headings. Design**

The Clerk circulated alternative designs for new letter headings for Village Council correspondence and asked for the meetings comments.

During the ensuing discussion a number of useful suggestions were made. These will be incorporated in the final design for approval by the Chair/Vice Chair.

137/12 **Nottinghamshire County Council**

a) **County Minerals Policy**

The Clerk reported that the County Council Development/Planning Section has circulated information to Town and Parish Councils inviting comments upon an updated “Minerals Local Plan”. The new plan is intended to identify how much minerals are likely to be needed (from the land), where it should be worked and what sort of environmental standards should be laid down for future proposals of extraction. A county map showing the location of minerals deposits and their types was inspected by the meeting and County Cllr Les Ward provided additional clarification upon the consultation process.

It was **agreed** that the County Council be advised of the Village Council’s concerns to protect the local areas heritage and tourism potential, situated as it is in the heart of Sherwood Forest. The County Council is clearly aware that Sherwood Forest is one of the most important characteristics of Nottinghamshire. County Cllr Les Ward will be monitoring this consultation very carefully.

b) **Strategic Flood Risk Management**

The Clerk report that the County Councils Emergency Planning Team has invited comments from Town and Parish Council upon the development of the Nottinghamshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. An information pack is available for local communities providing guidance and advice upon protecting properties from flooding and how to actively prepare for a flood emergency.

After discussion it was agreed to obtain the information pack for consideration at a later meeting of the Village Council.

138/12 Road Safety. Additional measures

The meeting considered County Cllr Ward's suggestion, made under his earlier report (minute 131/12), that a petition calling for a 40mph speed limit to be provided on Gorsethorpe Lane, be organised. After discussion the meeting **ADOPTED** this suggestion for immediate implementation. The Clerk to draft the wording of the petition and Village Councillors be asked to collect supporting signatures from local residents. County Cllr Les Ward would then submit the petition to the next full meeting of the County Council.

The meeting also **NOTED** that bridge posts were damaged at the Gorsethope Lane Duck Pool bend. The Clerk to submit an urgent request for repairs to County Highways. County Cllr Les Ward finally reported that a 50mph speed limit had been introduced on the B6075; that average speed cameras were being installed on the A614 and that the Rose Cottage Junction was to be provided with traffic lights.

139/12 Former Telephone Kiosk. Current position

The Clerk reported that he had e-mailed the BT Payphones Website in order to press for a response to the Village Council's application to take over the telephone kiosk for community use. Again, there had been no reply and the Clerk will make further requests. The meeting **NOTED** this report.

140/12 Questions/statements from Village Councillors

- Cllr Steve Parkhouse reported that address post codes for the Village were, as far as can be seen, in full operation.
- Cllr Joy Harbottle and Cllr Jody Govan reported upon their attendance of the Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting. The meeting had been attended by the Local PC (Alan Appleby) and Councillors **agreed** that he be invited to attend (when convenient) future meetings of the Village Council. Cllr Govan also mentioned that David Lane was considering taking over the administration of the Road and Traffic Safety group.
- Cllr Jody Govan reported that Cllr Mickie Bradley and herself have commenced work upon the new flower bed for the Village centre. The Clerk reminded the meeting that the £400 grant from County Cllr Les Ward was still being held for this project and suggested that when needed, cash withdrawals from Council's bank be made to pay for materials and plantings. (Detailed receipts including VAT to be obtained). Thanks were expressed to David Smith for the signs provided in this project.

141/12 Accounts/financial Matters

- a) No accounts were currently outstanding for payment.
- b) The Clerk made available for Councillors inspection the Council's new cash book, budgetary control records and financial documents file (bank statements, invoices, etc.) VAT registration will now be arranged together with arrangements for payment of income tax.
- c) The Clerk asked the meeting for authority to appoint an Internal Auditor for the Council accounts for 2011/12. The Auditor would be recommended by the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils. The meeting **AGREED**.
- d) Financial Reserves. The meeting **RESOLVED**, to allocate from the current year's budget the following funds to future specific reserves in respect of the following projects

£3,000 Village/Community Hall Reserve.

£1,000 Recreational Facilities Reserve.

142/12 **Date of next meeting**

2nd April 2012, at 7.00pm

(A draft calendar of the meetings for 2012/13 will be considered at this meeting).

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 9.25pm.