

Minutes of the annual meeting of the Village Council of Kings Clipstone held in the Community Room, Sherwood Forest Holiday Park, Gorsethorpe Lane, Kings Clipstone, Nottinghamshire on **Monday 22nd May 2012**. The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm.

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
Mr M Plumb. Clerk to the Council
Two members of the public

001/13 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr Les Ward and District Cllr Sheila Soar.

002/13 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made by attending Councillors in respect of items specified in the agenda notice.

003/13 Election of Chair of the Council for 2012/13

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr M Bradley be elected Chair of the Council for the Council year 2012/13. There being no further nominations, the proposal was put to the meeting and was carried by 5 votes **for** and two **abstentions**.

004/13 Election of Vice Chair of the Council for 2012/13

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr M Rowe be elected Vice Chair of the Council for the Council year 2012/13. There being no further nominations, the proposal was put to the meeting and was carried by 5 votes **for** and two **abstentions**.

005/13 Appointment of representatives on outside organisations

It was **resolved** that Cllrs J Govan and J Harbottle be appointed to the Safer Neighbourhood Group.

It was further **agreed** that no appointments be made to the Road and Traffic Safety Group at this time. The meeting expressed the hope that this group will continue in the future.

006/13 Questions/statements from members of the public

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

In relation to the seat on Archway Road, a resident (Ivy Redfern) offered to buy a replacement seat. The meeting was grateful for this offer, but Cllr S Parkhouse reported that the County Council were proposing to provide one in the near future.

007/13 Minutes

The Clerk reported that because of the escalating cost of postage, he asked the Council to approve the circulation of future minutes and agenda by e mail. After discussion, the meeting **agreed** to this request.

Subject to agreed amendments, the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 2nd April 2012 were adopted as a true record and were signed by the chair.

008/13 County Councillors Report

In County Cllr Les Wards absence, the Clerk read out an e mail report sent by Cllr Ward. The grant cheque of £500 had been received and would be banked tomorrow.

The meeting recorded its appreciation to Cllr Ward for his continuing and invaluable support to the Village Council,

009/13 Playing field. Access and Parking matters

Reports from Village Councillors were made in regard to the following.

- Vehicles being parked in front of the access gateway.
- Metal access steps from an adjoining property onto the playing field have been installed, contrary to the lease conditions.
- The need for new signs (“No dogs”/ “access required at all times”)

After a full discussion, it was **agreed** that the Clerk visit the site and inspect the situations first hand and then contact the resident concerned after confirming the lease conditions.

010/13 Grass cutting/hedge trimming/weed control

The Clerk reported that initial enquiries with the County Council (Landscape Services) have indicated that high annual costs would be involved if the work was contracted to them by the Village Council. For the amount of work involved it might be better to employ a local contractor and, if necessary to purchase the Councils own mowing/strimming equipment for local community sites.

After a full discussion, Councillors suggested two local contacts to the Clerk who would establish likely costs for consideration at the next Council meeting.

011/13 Bus Shelter, Main Road

The Clerk reported that he had obtained costing's for a replacement bus shelter from the County Council. These were as follows.

- Metal/plastic (“standard”) bus shelter, including seat and timetable holder. **£3,000.**
- Wooden shelter, excluding seating and timetable holder (can be fitted at extra cost) **£5-6,000**

After a full discussion it was **agreed** that Cllr S Parkhouse discuss this matter with John Parley at the County Council and that the Clerk investigates the option of applying for a LIS contribution from the County Council for a fully equipped wooden shelter with a design appropriate for the local community/character.

012/13 Road Safety

The Chair, Cllr Bradley, reported that the petition for a 40mph speed limit on Gorsethorpe Lane had been presented to the full County Council meeting. The Clerk had been advised that the petition had been referred to the Highways Committee for detailed consideration. It had been suggested that consideration of additional measures to control speeding vehicles should now await the outcome of the Highways Committee's decision.

The meeting **noted** the reports.

013/13 Former Telephone Kiosk

The Clerk reported that he had finally obtained from British Telecom, the agreement to transfer the kiosk to the Village Council at the cost of £1.00. He asked for authority to sign the agreement on the Councils behalf and suggested the meeting considers allocating a sum from the Councils budget for the cost of adaptation works to the kiosk.

After a full discussion, the meeting **authorised** the Clerk to sign the agreement **and** also that the sum of **£250 be allocated** for the cost of adaption work. Cllrs J Govan and J Smyth to propose adaption/design proposals to the next meeting of the Council.

014/13 Heritage Listing.

It was **agreed** to defer consideration of this matter to a future meeting of the Council.

015/13 Sherwood Pines Holiday Chalets

Cllr Bradley reported upon her visit to this site during their opening ceremony. Excellent standards had been provided and she suggested that Councillors might be interested in visiting the site in order to familiarise themselves with an important development within the community.

The meeting **agreed** with this suggestion and Cllr Bradley would now endeavour to arrange the visit shortly.

016/13 Reports from Village Councillors

Cllr S Parkhouse reported upon the following

- Discussions upon problems of widening the main road.
- Future use of the former Rail Line through the Village
- Bridle Path at Bridge Ways
- Linby Parish. Historical Map

The meeting felt these matters were worth reviewing during future meetings.

017/13 Archway Road/Main Road. Fencing

It was **agreed** to review this item at the next meeting of the Council.

018/13 Jubilee Programme. Insurance and risk assessment.

The Clerk reported that he had clarified the Insurance aspect for the programme. In summary this was as follows.

- For events planned by the Village Council on land owned or leased by the Council, full cover was in place.
- For events planned by the Council on land owned by someone else (with their permission), *joint* cover with the landowner would be applied.
- For events not organised by the Council on land not owned by the Council, no cover was available from the Councils insurance policy.

The report was **noted** by the meeting. Cllr J Smyth agreed to carry out a close examination of the programme to assess any risk levels.

019/13 Accounts for payment

The following payments were **approved** by the meeting

<u>Chq. No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Net cost</u>
018	Cllr M Bradley	Refund of costs for Village Sign materials	£238.41
019	Leics/Rutland ALC	Cilca section7 training	£ 15.00
020	M Plumb	Clerks salary/expenses May 2012	£201.60

020/13 Date of Next Meeting.

18th June 2012

The Chair, Cllr Bradley then thanked everyone for their contributions and **closed** the meeting at 9.55pm.