

Minutes of the meeting of the Village Council of Kings Clipstone, held on the 29th October 2012 in the Community Room, Sherwood Forest Holiday Park, Gorsethorpe Lane, Kings Clipstone, Nottinghamshire. The meeting commenced at 7.03pm.

Present:

Also present

Cllr M. Bradley (Chair of the Council) Cllr J. Govan Cllr J. Harbottle Cllr S. Parkhouse
Cllr M. Rowe Cllr D. Maguire Cllr J. Smyth Mr M Plumb (Clerk to the Council)
County Councillor John Peck District Councillor Sheila Soar Two members of the Public
The Chair of the Council, Cllr M. Bradley extended a warm welcome to County Cllr John Peck, who was attending his first meeting with the Village Council since his recent election.

089/13 Apologies for Absence

None

090/13 Declarations of Interest

Cllr M. Bradley declared a prejudicial interest in a matter which might arise from the previous Village Council meeting (minute 085/13). If discussed, she would have no part in the debate or any decisions made by the meeting.

091/13 Minutes

Subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on the 1st October 2012 were **APPROVED** as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

Minute 085/13. Add to end of first sentence (in brackets) "when she realised this during the discussion".

092/13 Questions/statements from Members of the Public It was **AGREED** to suspend standing orders whilst this item of business was being dealt with.

Mr Keith Laver reported that he had obtained a copy of the Clerks letter to the Newark and Sherwood District Council raising questions concerning activities on and the proposed future use of his land. He questioned the right of the Clerk of the Council to raise issues of this kind without prior agreement of Village Councillors. In response, the Chair made it clear that the Clerk had acted wholly in accordance with the Councillors wishes and would continue to do so in these and other matters. There being no further matters brought up by members of the Public, Standing Orders were reinstated for the remainder of the meeting.

093/13 District Councillors Report

Councillor Sheila Soar gave a full report upon the following:-

- The previous SNG meeting had to be cancelled and a new date was being arranged.
- The District Councils Snow Warden Scheme was to be reactivated and Sheila was willing to continue in this role for the Village unless a Village Councillor was willing to do this work.
- The site of the former Colliery at Clipstone continues to cause concern principally from a public safety element. Sheila was liaising with County Cllr John Peck in connection with this problem.

After discussion, Cllr Soar was thanked for her report which was **NOTED** by the meeting.

094/13 County Councillors Report

County Cllr John Peck gave a full report upon the following:-

- He was looking forward to working with the Village Council upon all matters of common interest.
- He will be representing everyones interests in his new role. · An open surgery at Clipstone is commencing on the last Saturday each

month at the Co-operative building. · He is contactable by telephone (home number given). ·

Amongst his first areas of interest will be highways maintenance (including potholes) and development matters. This will include reviewing the recent refusal of County Highways to apply a 40mph speed limit on Gorsethorpe Lane, and the closer monitoring of traffic incidents in the areas.

- He will progressively widen his areas of interest into other matters as time goes on.

After discussion, Cllr John Peck was thanked for his report which was **NOTED** by the meeting.

095/13 Council Clerks Reports

- **Parish Rate.** In response to the Clerks request, Cllr Janet Smyth provided the Clerk with her own rates bill for the current year from District Council. This clearly implied that the Parish Rate had been increased by 5.9% despite the Parish precept remaining unchanged from the previous year. The Clerk would now write to the District Council.
- **Sewage Smells. Main Road.** No response had been received by the Clerk or Cllr J. Govan from Seven Trent Water following the Clerks telephone report. The Clerk would now “e-mail” a further report.
- **Web Site.** The Clerk was still awaiting photographs from Councillors. It was **AGREED** that the text from the second draft be now sent to the District Council for design work to commence, with the photographs being sent later.
- **Grass Cutting/Hedge Trimming.** The Clerk reported the receipt of three quotations for this work. A fourth one was being sent shortly. It was **AGREED** that the Chair, Vice Chair and Cllr S. Parkhouse consider the quotations and put forward recommendations to the next meeting of the Council.
- **Bus Shelter Replacement.** The Clerk reported that the Councils decision at the previous meeting had now been communicated to the County Council. He understood that the work may now be done before Christmas but this was dependent upon existing work commitments. County Cllr John Peck was being kept advised.
- **Councils Bankers.** After discussion it was **AGREED**, in principal, to close the existing bank account with the Co-operation Bank and open a new account with another bank with more convenient facilities. The Clerk would examine the relative services offered by two banks situated at Ollerton that had branches in various locations. Report/recommendations to the next Council meeting.

096/13 Commemorative Plaque

Cllr Malcolm Rowe submitted two alternative plaques for monument green, recording the Councils appreciation for support given by the Village’s Former County Councillor, Les Ward. The plaque had been kindly donated by Cllr Rowe’s employer, Integrated Services Ltd. After discussion, both designs were **APPROVED** by the meeting and appreciation was expressed to the Company for this work. Les Wards widow would now be contacted.

097/13 Guidelines for dealing with Planning Matters

Cllr S. Parkhouse reported that proceedings need to be in place for ensuring responses to planning matters are given in a timely fashion after all Councillors had been consulted. Various ideas were considered and debated. After discussion no changes were agreed, but the matter would be kept under review.

098/13 Village Councillors Reports

- Cllr Joy Harbottle confirmed that the proposed meeting at Kelham Hall (SNG Area meeting) was postponed. A new notice will be issued shortly.
- Cllr S. Parkhouse reported upon the possibility of leasing a small piece of land for use as allotments and informal discussions had been held. He mentioned the fencing aspect and possibility of grant support.
- Cllr S. Parkhouse referred to the recent planning consent given for meteorological masts and reported upon the conditions attached to the approval.
- Cllr M. Bradley reported upon the recent successful lottery bid for a major capital development for the Sherwood Forest Visitors Centre.

099/13 Grit Bins After discussion, it was **AGREED** to purchase a new grit bin (supplied with sand/salt) to be installed at the top of Rat Hole.

100/13 Planning Matters

No planning decisions or consultation had been received for consideration by the Village Council.

101/13 Accounts for Payment

The Clerk reported that he had finally received a bank statement from the Councils current Bankers. He had now been able to complete a half year reconciliation statement a copy of which was provided to all Village Councillors (copy attached to these minutes). The claim for refund of VAT payments had been submitted and acknowledged.

The following payment was authorised:-

Chq No	Payee	Item	Net Cost
100032	M. Plumb	Clerk fees/expenses for October 2012	£315.00*

*Includes £65.00 travelling expenses for attending SLCC annual Conference.

102/13 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 public and press to withdraw from the meeting and they are accordingly asked to withdraw. A record of the items of business concerned is given in a confidential attachment to these minutes for the information of Village Councillors only.