

- The proposed cutbacks in the County Highways budget was still under consideration
- The proposed cutbacks in the County Library Services were also under consideration, but it had been established that the Clipstone Library was one of the least used, in the County.

After discussion, Cllr Peck was thanked for his report and attendance by the meeting.

107/14 District Councillors Report

No report was received under this item of business.

108/14 Village Councillors Reports/Statements

The following matters were brought up under this item of business.

- The progress/contents of the next newsletter was reported and discussed. Changes were **AGREED**.
- A report was given upon a Councillor having an accident as a result of overgrown hedges/bushes in the Main Road.
- Cllr S. Parkhouse had cleared out the dead leaves from behind the bus shelter. This will be an ongoing problem in need of a permanent remedy. Cllr M. Rowe to ask a local fencing contraction to quote for additional fencing.
- The meeting considered the best way of making the former telephone box more secure.
- A new litter bin was needed near to the new bus shelter. Clerk to ask the District Council to provide and install a new bin.
- Cllr J. Harbottle reported that next meeting of the SNG will take place on the 12th February 2014.

109/14 Equal Opportunities Policy

The final draft of the Village Councils Equal Opportunities Policy was considered and after minor amendments had been **AGREED**, the meeting formally approved its full adoption. For record purposes, a copy of the new policy is attached to these minutes.

Complaints policy to be the next item for consideration.

110/14 Parking Problems – Clipstone Road

This problem had now ceased to exist. The meeting **NOTED** this report.

111/14 Planning Applications

The Clerk reported that conditional consent had been given in respect of a chair lift on a site in Kings Clipstone. The report was **NOTED** by the meeting.

112/14 Notice Boards. Arrangements for Display of Notice

Cllr Joy Harbottle offered to become responsible for notices on the new notice board, as well as the notice board on the Dog and Duck Pub car park. The meeting expressed its appreciation for this work. The notice, in the main, to comprise of

Council meetings notice/agenda, list of Councillors/Clerk, special local events notices and, where space permits, minutes of meetings. It was further **AGREED** that approved Council meeting minutes be sent in PDF format to the NSDC for inclusion on the Village Council website.

113/14 NALC Small Councils National Committee. Nomination of Clerk

The Council Clerk reported that he had been nominated as the County's Representative on this Committee. This would involve attending quarterly meetings in London with no cost implications or other commitments for the Village Council. The meeting **NOTED** this report.

114/14 Condition of Hedge – Mansfield Road

Cllr Joy Harbottle submitted a copy of a past letter from County Council agreeing to replace a (dying) hedge at that time.

After discussion, it was **AGREED** that the Clerk submits a copy of this letter to County Highways with a request for this work to be carried out. (Copy to County Cllr John Peck)

115/14 Financial Report – April – November 2013

The Clerk to the Council submitted a financial report showing all income and expenditure for the eight month period 1/4/14 to 30/11/13. This showed a bank reconciled balance of £16,902.05 as at 30th November 2013.

After discussion the report was **NOTED** by the Council. This precept for 2014/15 will be considered at the January 2014 Council meeting.

116/14 Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved for payment.

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net cost</u>
018	M Plumb	November 2013 Salary	£225.53
019	Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	PAYE Nov 2013	£ 47.60

117/14 Date of next Meeting

Monday 13th January 2014

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8:45pm.