

Minutes of the meeting of the Kings Clipstone Village Council held on Monday 11th November 2013, 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 D. Maguire
 Cllr S. Parkhouse
 Cllr J. Smyth
 Mr M. Plumb Clerk to the Council

Also present: County Cllr J. Peck
 District Cllr S. Soar
 One member of the public

085/14 Apologies for Absence

Cllr J. Harbottle Away
Cllr M Rowe Work commitments

086/14 Declarations of Interest

None

087/14 Minutes

Subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on the 14th October 2013 were adopted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

- Minute 072/14. 4th Bullet point (page 2). Delete “obscure” replace with “obscured”.
- Minute 077/14. 1st Bullet point, 3rd line. Delete “actual work needed and”.

088/14 Questions/Statements from Members of the Public

- Mrs Ivy Redfern reported that a resident had passed on to her a complaint concerning problems being encountered by walkers using the Bridle Way from the Dog and Duck Car Park. These problem related to cattle (with calves) adopting a threatening posture towards members of the public. This action might be contrary to the provisions of the rural payment scheme.

(At this point, Cllr M. Bradley declared a personal interest in this matter, through family connections. She took no part in this discussion or decision)

After discussion, the meeting **AGREED** that the Clerk passes on this report to the Landowner concerned.

- Mrs Redfern again reported the continuing problems of cyclists ignoring the traffic lights at the Dog and Duck Pub Cross Roads. The meeting **NOTED** this report. (Clerk to pass on information to local Police Office).

089/14 County Councillors Report

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

- Rights of ways. Dog and Duck Pub area. Report made upon poor state of repair.
- Still awaiting response upon the requested re-surfacing of Squires Road.
- Gorsethorpe Lane speed limit. Currently under consideration. Likely outcome is a 50mph speed limit. Existing criteria does not justify the provision of “speed bumps” on the main road.
- LED lights being provided.
- Efforts being made to avoid closure of Libraries. However, -
- Cuts in services and jobs are becoming inevitable given the Governments cuts in grants. Savings of approx. £154m are needed during the next 3yrs.

The Clerk asked Cllr Peck if, in view of the forthcoming cutbacks, if might be pointless to request County Highways to give a grant towards the pedestrian access, cycle path, from Sherwood Pines to the village. Cllr Peck suggested that the bid should still be made, but the chances of success were limited.

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

090/14 District Councillors Report

District Cllr Sheila Soar gave a full report which included the following:-

- A new system of District Council meetings has been introduced which creates difficulties for her to attend all the Local Council meetings she would like.
- The District Council were conducting their own budget review and cut backs were to be expected.
- The review of the Headstocks site in Clipstone was proposing no quick solutions and any changes / improvements at this site were unlikely in the immediate future.
- The Boundary Review was continuing and the current proposal for the immediate locality was to create a new (District) ward comprising Clipstone, Kings Clipstone, Cavendish and Edwinstowe.
- No date had been settled for the next meeting of the SNG. Sheila will advise this date to Councillors when it is agreed.

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

091/14 Village Councillors Reports/Statements

The following reports were recorded from Councillors.

- Incidents of speeding vehicles on Squires Lane.

- The former telephone box is now being repainted and the new glass is being ordered. The meeting **AGREED** that the security aspect needs further consideration.
- The meeting **AGREED** with the suggestion that winter flowering plants are required and authorised the necessary expenditure.
- The report was **NOTED** that dead leaves were collecting behind the bus shelter and work was needed to clear these out.
- The traffic light at the Dog and Duck cross roads had been damaged.
- Reports continue to be received that Drivers were ignoring the traffic lights at the Dog and Duck cross roads.

092/14 Equal Opportunities Policy

Cllr S. Parkhouse circulated to all Councillors a draft standard Equal Opportunities Policy for consideration by the Council.

After a full discussion, where a number of amendments were proposed by Cllr J. Govan, it was **AGREED** that a final draft, incorporating the amendments be considered at the next meeting for final adoption.

It was **NOTED** that the following policies need consideration during the next (few) Council meetings.

Complaints Procedure - Cllr Jodi Govan
 Grievance/Disciplinary Procedures – Cllr Jodi Govan
 Records Management Policy – Clerk to the Council
 Health and Safety Policy – Clerk to the Council

093/14 Planning Consultations/Decisions

- As far as can be seen no consultations or decisions are currently listed for the Parish.
- Clerk to expedite the proposed consideration of the Parish Plan.

094/14 Newsletter/Survey Results

It was **AGREED** that submissions for the next newsletter be sent, in the first instance, to Cllr J. Smyth.

095/14 Boundaries Review

The Clerk reported that the formal consultation from the Boundaries Commission had now been received and asked the meeting to confirm and prioritize Councils response.

After a full discussion, it was **AGREED** that the following comments be sent to the Boundaries Commission from the Village Council. (Draft reply to be sent to all Councillors for final comment, prior to submission)

- 1) Kings Clipstone to retain and remain, entirely in the Sherwood Forest relationship and identify.

- 2) Kings Clipstone to retain its rural identity as a formal, independent Parish.
- 3) Kings Clipstone to retain its own English Heritage identity with direct and exclusive links to the various local sites of historical significance.

096/14 Greenwood Community Tree Planting Grants

The Clerk reported that the Project Organisers had invited applications for grants towards tree planting schemes proposed by Community Organisations.

The report was **NOTED** by the meeting.

097/14 Flooding Action Plan – Meeting with Mark Spencer MP

The Clerk reported that Mark Spencer was inviting representatives of local community organisations to attend a meeting to discuss flooding in the local area, and how best to deal with the problem.

The meeting would be held on 16th November 2013.

The meeting **NOTED** this report.

098/14 Condition of Hedge – Clipstone Road

After discussion, it was **AGREED** to defer consideration of this item to the next meeting of the Council.

099/14 Recreation Ground Long Term Lease

The Clerk confirmed that he had raised the question of a long term lease with the Land Owner, Welbeck Estates. A reply was still awaited.

100/14 Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved for payment.

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net cost</u>
015	M Plumb	Salary/expenses October.2013	£259.33
016	Post Office Ltd (HMRC)	PAYE Oct 2012	£ 47.80
017	Welbeck Est.	Recreation Ground Annual Rent	£75.00

101/14 Date of next Meeting

Monday 9th December 2013

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 9.15pm.