

Minutes of the meeting of the Kings Clipstone Village Council held on Monday 14th October 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 S Parkhouse
 Cllr M Rowe (apologies for late arrival during the meeting)
 Mr M Plumb Clerk to the Council

Also present: One member of the public

066/14 Apologies for Absence

Cllr J Harbottle (unwell)
Cllr D Maguire (business commitment)
Cllr J Smyth (unwell)
County Cllr John Peck (Attending another meeting)

067/14 Declarations of Interest

None

068/14 Minutes

Subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on the 10th September 2013 were adopted as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

- Minute 053/14. First line. Delete “blacked”, substitute “blocked”. Second line. Delete “Lane”, substitute “Road”. Delete “District”, substitute “County”
- Minute 059/14. Delete “Mansfield” in heading, substitute “Clipstone”. Fourth line. Delete “high”. Final paragraph, third line, add after “Council”. “and Forest Pines Holidays Complex”

069/14 Questions/Statements from Members of the Public

Mrs Ivy Redfern commented upon the growing habit of cyclists completely ignoring the traffic lights near to the Dog and Duck Car Park. The meeting NOTED Ivy’s report.

070/14 County Councillors Report

No report received.

071/14 District Councillors Report

No report received.

072/14 Village Councillors Reports/Statements

- It was agreed that the question of seeking the provision of speed restrainers (road bumps) be considered at the next meeting.
- Councillors gave various responses to the County Councils review of speed limits on Gorsethorpe Lane. The Clerk read to the meeting a copy e mail from the County Council to a Resident (Mr S J Wade), who had asked for greater control of traffic. This response gave the County’s reasons why a 40 mph. speed limit was not justified. However the County Council had indicated that they may consider introducing a 50 mph. speed limit between the entrance to Sherwood Forest Holiday Park and the 30 mph. speed limit for the Village. After discussion,

Councillors were of the view that any lower speed limit was preferable to no speed limit, but their opinion that a 40 mph. limit was needed remained unaltered. The County Council were to carry out a vehicle speed limit evaluation exercise and the results will be examined shortly. It was agreed that the Village Council's view that a 40 mph limit was needed for this section of road be communicated to the County Council.

- A report was given of the restricted view of drivers leaving Waterfield Farm Lane onto Clipstone Road. It was agreed to refer this report to the County Highways.
- A Report was given that the speed limit sign between Sherwood Pines Forest Park and the Village was obscure and work was needed to cut back trees and vegetation. Report to be referred to County Highways.
- Councillors were most pleased with the new notice board situated near the bus stop and the new public seat at the Monument site on Clipstone Road. County Council to be thanked for the Contractors standard of work. The need for suitable notices to be displayed on the new Notice board was expressed.

073/14 Planning Decisions/Consultations

No matters were brought up under this item of business.

074/14 Data Protection Policy

Cllr S Parkhouse, having previously circulated a draft paper to Councillors asked the meeting to consider formally adopting this new policy. The Council Clerk confirmed that he had compared the draft with other Councils policies and was of the view that the draft proposed was consistent with the contents of those policies and was compatible with the Village Council's own circumstances.

After discussion, it was **resolved** to formally adopt the draft policy without amendment. For record purposes, a copy of the policy is attached to the formal minute's record of this meeting.

075/14 Roadside Hedge. Chapel Building to Dog and Duck Pub

The meeting considered various advantages/benefits/disadvantages/problems of re instating this hedge.

After a full discussion it was agreed that more information is required and the matter was therefore referred for further consideration at a future meeting of the Village Council.

076/14 New Notice Board/Public Seat

Matter dealt with under minute 072/14 above

077/14 Proposed Footpath/Cycle Path

The Council Clerk reported that in accordance with the Village Councils decision, he had put in a formal application to the County Council for a contribution from the County's 2014 LIS funds towards the cost of a new footpath/cycle track on the main road between the Sherwood Pines Holiday Complex and the Village. Cllr John Peck had given his support to the proposal and the application had been acknowledged by the County Council. A final decision will not be known until 2014. Supplementary information provided by Cllr S Parkhouse had been added, to form part of the formal application. After a full discussion, it was agreed.

- County Highways to be asked to (a) attend a site meeting in order for the Village Council to define and clarify these proposals and (b) to carry out a site survey to identify actual work needed and possible costs. Cllr John Peck to be asked for advice on best procedure and to give whatever further support he can.

- The Newark and Sherwood District Council to be advised of the project and the investigations currently being undertaken and to consider becoming a contributory partner. The support of District Cllr Sheila Soar be also sought.

078/14 Residents Views Survey. Village Councillors Observations

The Councils Chair, Cllr M Bradley referred to the survey report of Residents views which was circulated to Councillors at the September meeting and opened a general discussion upon the conclusions recorded by the survey report. After a full discussion it was agreed:

- To advise all interested parties of the consensus summary of the Residents views.
- To include a report in the next newsletter
- To publish a summary of the report on the local notice boards
- To make available a copy of the full report to any resident who requests a copy.
- To use the residents views in an embryonic draft of a future village plan

079/14 Boundary's Review (Boundary's Commission)

The Council Clerk reported that, accompanied by the Council Chair, he had attended the recent meeting of Town/Parish Council's and representatives of the Boundary's Commission held at the District Council offices. The review concentrated upon establishing greater consistency in the ratio of electors to their representative Councillors and the Commission's representatives outlined the consultation procedures and the aspects of the review which would receive most consideration.

During the ensuing discussion, the Village Council confirmed its strongly held views that there must be no split within the existing Village of Kings Clipstone and that any relationship with neighbouring communities must emphasise the Village's identity with Sherwood Forest, its heritage sites and the rural character of the Village Community. A formal invitation to submit observations would be sent to all Town/Parish Council's shortly.

The meeting **noted** the report.

080/14 Parish Council Conference. District Councils Offices

The Council Clerk reported that, on the Councils behalf, he had attended the recent annual conference of Town/Parish Councils Newark and Sherwood District Council area. The two most important items of business related to future parish rates (i.e. the proposed progressive withdrawal of the Parish Rate supplementary support grant), and recommended initiatives to deal with future flooding risks.

After discussion, the Clerks report was **noted** by the meeting.

081/14 Precept 2014/15

The Council Clerk reported that following completion of the external audit of accounts for 2012/13 (reported in the following minute) and the subsequent confirmation of the balance brought forward to the current year, he would now be updating the accounts for the current year. Councillors will be circulated shortly with a half year statement of accounts in preparation for consideration of next year's budget/precept.

The meeting **noted** the report.

082/14 Completion of External Audit of Accounts for 2012/13

The Clerk reported that the external auditor, Grant Thornton had now completed the audit of accounts for the year ending 31st March, 2013 and had given his certificate confirming their

opinion that the information given in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices. No matters had come to their attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements had not been met.

The Auditors wish to draw the Village Councils attention to the valuation of fixed assets in that Local Councils are required to account for fixed assets at their purchase cost. If this is not known, a proxy cost should be substituted e.g. Insurance value. Commercial concepts of depreciation, impairment adjustments or inflation up lifts are not appropriate for Local Councils. For reporting purposes therefore, the book value of fixed assets will usually stay constant until disposal. Where insurance value has been used as a proxy, it should not be adjusted for annual changes.

This observation relates to the value given in the accounting statement for the hut on the recreation ground. The previous year's value of £15,000 was increased by £1,000 to allow for inflationary costs to cover for a complete loss scenario. The external Auditors observation now changes this approach to asset valuation and will therefore be applied with immediate effect (from the current financial year).

083/14 Accounts for Payment

The following accounts were approved for payment

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net cost</u>
M Plumb	Salary/expenses Sept.2013	£247.93
HMRC	PAYE Sept.2013	£ 47.60

084/14 Date of next Meeting

Monday 11th November 2013

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 9.40pm.