

**Minutes of the meeting of the Village Council of Kings Clipstone, held on the Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 in the Community Room, Sherwood Forest Holiday Park, Gorsethorpe Lane, Kings Clipstone, Nottinghamshire. The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Cllr M. Bradley (Chair of the Council)  
Cllr J. Govan  
Cllr J. Harbottle  
Cllr S. Parkhouse  
Cllr M. Rowe  
Cllr J. Smyth  
Mr M Plumb (Clerk to the Council)

**Also present** County Councillor John Peck  
One member of the Public

#### **118/14 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr D. Maguire – Family Holiday.  
Cllr M. Rowe – Arriving from business commitment later in the meeting.

#### **119/14 Declarations of Interest**

None

#### **120/13 Minutes**

Subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2013 were **ADOPTED** as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

- Minute 105/14. 3<sup>rd</sup> line. Insert after “cyclist”, “on the bridle way”.
- Minute 108/14. 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet point. Insert before “Councillor”, “former”.
- Minute 108/14. 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet point. 2<sup>nd</sup> line. Delete all the sentence after “ask a local.....”. Replace with “contact Roy Bowering about the fencing at the corner of Archway Road”.
- Minute 111/14. 2<sup>nd</sup> line. Delete “Kings Clipstone” and replace with “Sherwood Pines”.
- Minute 114/14. 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph. Delete all after “the Clerk” and replace with “writes to County Highways to ask why the work was not carried out”.

#### **121/14 Questions/statements from Members of the Public**

Mrs Ivy Redfern reported upon an incident on Archway Road when a young lady was thrown off the horse she was riding after it had suddenly “bolted” in the vicinity of the Dog and Duck traffic lights. The lady suffered injuries requiring the ambulance and hospital treatment.

After discussion, Ivy’s report was **RECEIVED** and **NOTED**.

### **122/14 County Councillors Report**

County Cllr John Peck gave a detailed report which included the following.

- Discussions concerning the future of the “Clipstone Headstocks” site were continuing with a view to removing an unsightly and unsafe building and making better (community) use of the land.
- The County Highways had reviewed the timing sequence of the traffic lights at the Dog and Duck pub road junction and found them to be appropriate for the junction concerned.
- Whilst efforts continue to repair road potholes, winter weather conditions will inevitably make the current situation worse.
- Consultations continue upon reductions in library services as part of the County’s required cut backs. Clipstone library is at risk but efforts continue, to retain this facility.
- The County Councils LIS budget is likely to be severely reduced, but hopefully not eliminated completely.

After discussion, Cllr Peck was thanked for his report and attendance at the meeting. His continuing efforts were appreciated.

### **123/14 District Councillors Report**

No report was received under this item of business.

### **124/14 Village Councillors Reports/Statement**

- Cllr S. Parkhouse referred to work being done to the roadside verges between the Dog and Duck Pub and Sherwood Pines. He commented upon the lack of consideration towards pedestrians on this stretch of road which is not currently provided with a footpath. The meeting endorsed this comment.
- Cllr J. Smyth expressed the view that a further waste bin was needed near the Bus Stop on Mansfield Road between the Chapel Building (house) and the Dog and Duck pub. This would be in addition to the new waste bin to be provided (at Village Council cost) by the Newark and Sherwood District Council.
- The meeting again reviewed the difficult question of securing the door to the former telephone box. New suggestions to be explored.
- It was **AGREED** that the NALC model procedure for handling complaints be circulated to all Councillors and considered at the February 2014 Council meeting.
- Councillors continued to express concern at the lack of heating in the Community Room when Council meetings take place during the winter months. Clerk to purchase a “blow” heater for use during all future meetings during winter, which are open to the general public.
- The meeting recorded its appreciation to Cllr Steve Parkhouse for his voluntary work in litter picking and other similar work, within the Village.
- A brief discussion was held concerning a Union Flag board situated in the vicinity of the new bus shelter. A conclusion was arrived at.

## **125/14 Planning Consultation/Decisions**

The Clerk reported, for information, the following decisions.

- Application for planning consent for 21 additional Holiday cabins at Sherwood Pines. Application approved (Newark/Sherwood DC)
- Addition of new public bridleway between Peafield Lane and Clipstone Bridleway. No 8 Modification order approved (Nottinghamshire County Council)

The Clerk reported receipt of planning consultation 13/01842/FUL for a detached bungalow and double garage on Mansfield Road, Kings Clipstone. Details and plans were circulated and examined by the meeting.

After a detailed discussion it was unanimously RESOLVED to object to the proposal on the following grounds.

- The site is outside the Village envelope. Plots are available for development with the envelope
- A recent survey of Residents opinions upon future developments in the Village showed strong opposition to additional housing within the Village's existing developed area.
- There is a historical risk of flooding in this low lying area of land (known locally as "the Great Pond").
- If approved, a precedent will be established for additional housing up to the Dog and Duck Car Par. This would limit access to lands to the near and the direct views towards an area of historical and heritage significance (Castle fields and Kings John Palace ruins).
- The applicant has still not yet complied with a past planning condition to apply external cladding to a "stable block" on his land.

Clerk to advise the Borough Council.

## **126/14 Highways Report**

In response to a request from Cllr S. Parkhouse, the Clerk circulated an e-mail received last year from the County Highways District Office concerning three reports upon Highways matters. The Clerk expressed the view that the response was not helpful and gave his reasons.

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

## **127/14 Review of Land Drainage Issues**

The Chair, Cllr M. Bradley referred to the need to review the catchment areas of the River Idle including the "Great Pond" and "Vicars Water" from the point of view of land drainage. Whilst there was no recent history of flooding, it was a marshy environment and was worthy of an environmental survey. The meeting **AGREED**,

and **NOTED** Cllr Bradleys proposal to discuss this matter with the Environment Trust in an attempt to arrange the required survey.

#### **128/13 Precept for 2014/15**

The Clerk of the Council reported that the Newark and Sherwood district Council were calling for the annual precept requirement for the Village Council budget 2014/15. The Council year budget was £9000, but until two outstanding payments to the County Council had been paid (invoices were awaited), he could only report that expenditure during the current year was within existing budgetary limits. He provided estimates upon the costs to the ratepayer of Village Council rates for various precept alternatives, based upon the Tax base figure for the Parish (287).

After a full discussion, it was **RESOLVED** by a vote of 4 for, 1 against and 1 abstention that the 2014/15 precept requirement for Kings Clipstone would be £9,500. The current year's annual charge to the "average" ratepayer (sched. D) is £31.36 and this would be increased to £33.10 (for the whole year) per property. Any increase in the rates beyond this figure would be in respect of other public services (e.g. County Council, District Council, Police Authority, and Fire Services).

#### **129/14 Accounts for Payment**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments.

<u>Chq No</u>	<u>Payee</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Net Cost</u>
020	M. Plumb	Dec 2013 Salary	£225.53
021	Post Office (HMRC)	PAYE 2013 Dec 2013	£47.60

#### **130/14 Date of Next Meeting**

10<sup>th</sup> February 2014

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