

The Village Council of Kings Clipstone



Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Kings Clipstone Village Council held on Wednesday 13th April 2016 in the Council Chambers, Village Hall, Mansfield Road, Edwinstowe

Present: Cllrs Bradley, Bromley, Govan, Harbottle, Parkhouse and Smyth. D/Cllr Brooks, C/Cllr Peck

Apologies: Cllr Maguire – family illness, D/Cllr Peacock – personal, D/Cllr Thompson – no apologies

- 16/129 Welcome
The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all present
- 16/130 Apologies for Absence
Reasons were approved unanimously
- 16/131 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda
Cllr Govan – 16/138 (xi)
- 16/132 Approval of minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9th March 2016
Minutes were approved and signed by the Chair
- 16/133 Questions/statements from members of the public **(15 minutes)**
A resident requested an update on litter picking. *Agenda item 138(i)*
- A resident informed the council that the branches left under the bridge after recent works by Network rail were still there. **Clerk to chase**
- A resident thanked the council for the newly installed dog bin on Archway Road
- 16/134 County Councillors Report (to be made when C/Cllr Peck arrives)
Cllr Peck has reported various potholes around the village, especially on Mansfield Road.
- The Secretary of State has deferred his decision on the proposed incinerator at Bilsthorpe for further comments. The 'fall out' from the incinerator could affect all surrounding villages, including Kings Clipstone. The company that intended building it cannot longer overcome technological problems with the design of the incinerator.
- RESOLVED: - to write to the Secretary of State (Clerk to look at previous correspondence concerning the proposed incinerator at Rainworth)
- 16/135 District Councillors Report
Cllr Brooks has reported the burnt out cars and litter on the bridleway between Vicar Water and the Dog and Duck which had not been reported to the police.
- Cllr Brooks has made enquiries concerning the differences in council tax banding on Squires Croft and read the following email: -
- 'Rateable values are decided by the Government Valuation Office Agency. It hasn't been done since 1991. Where there are changes to houses they should be reported but rarely are. Band D houses in 1991 judged to be worth £79,000 Band E, £88,000.*
- Governments across the board daren't revalue because it would very likely lead to a very large increase in charges for an awful lot of people.*

Only new build since then valued differently, so if a house was built in 1992 it could have a different banding to similar houses. Internal factors affect band such as ensuite or other improvements, it doesn't just apply to extension work.

If you want a reassessment apply to the above agency. It is free but beware, there's a good chance of being re-valued upwards'

After a discussion, Cllr Brooks agreed to raise further issues with officers at N&SDC.

- 16/136 Village Councillors Report
Cllr Bromley has cleared the drain at the bottom of Squires Croft, but the drains on Squires Lane are still blocked. **Clerk to chase**
- Cllr Harbottle reported back from the recent Safer Neighbourhood group meeting. Two issues that concern King's Clipstone. i. increase in cycle thefts at Sherwood Pines – including bikes being taken off roof racks; and ii. 7 road traffic collisions including one at the bottom of Mill Lane and one on Archway Road.
- 16/137 Planning Matters
None
- 16/138 Agenda Items
- i. Litter Picking
The enquiry for N&SDC staff to carry out litter picking has been passed to Matt Adey, Assistant Business Manager for a decision. There was a discussion concerning employing a letter picker for the appropriate areas (within H&S boundaries).

RESOLVED: - Clerk to establish the 'safe' areas for an employed litterpicker to work and what restrictions there would be picking areas such as monument green.
 - ii. Fracking
Councillors have been invited to an event in Chesterfield by the company who have the fracking licences for the area. After a discussion, there were no councillors available to attend the meeting.

RESOLVED: - To contact INEOS for availability in May and tie in with the Annual Parish Meeting. Also to invite Jeannie Thompson from Frack Free Nottinghamshire
 - iii. Neighbourhood Plan
The first grant has been submitted for consideration. **Clerk to arrange working group meeting**
 - iv. Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations Event – Update
The beacon has arrived. The time of the event has changed to 8.30pm. Cllr Smyth to design and print leaflets for delivery around the village.
 - v. Meeting Dates
Delete the meeting in August. Dates approved.

RESOLVED: - Clerk to amend and recirculate
 - vi. Annual Parish Meeting Date
To be arranged around the availability of the representative of INEOS (see item (ii))
 - vii. Blocked Drains Update
See item 16/136 above

- viii. Fly Tipping – Baulker Lane/Bridleway between Vicar Water/Dog & Duck
The four burnt out vehicles have been removed but vehicles are frequently being dumped along the bridleway as fast as they are being removed. The lock on the barrier preventing vehicle access is broken.

It is thought that the abattoir has a key. Cllr Peck has requested the barrier is repaired. Occurrences of littering can be reported on the N&SDC website.

- ix. Standards Committee Update
There is no longer a Standards Committee. From May 2017, the remit will be picked up by the Councils Policy and Finance Committee.

- x. Grant Claim for Computer Equipment
A cheque for £450 was awarded for computer equipment. The Clerk has chosen a laptop, scanner and Microsoft Office package within budget (less VAT)

RESOLVED: - Clerk to order equipment from PC World

- xi. Approval of use of Council Equipment
Cllr Maguire would like to use the large marquee, blue marquee and tables and chairs for the Beer and Cider festival at the May bank holiday. After a discussion it was agreed to loan the equipment providing that all conditions on the policy are met. Unanimously agreed

16/139 Accounts for Payment

- i. Clerk's Wages – agreed unanimously
ii. Grant Application – Citizens Advice Bureau Sherwood & Newark
After a lengthy discussion it was agreed by 5 votes/1 abstention to award £500 to Citizen's Advice Sherwood and Newark.

Some residents of Kings Clipstone have used the service in 2015/16 proving it to be a worthwhile service. The grant will also maintain the service for the future.

For information : -

Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark
5 Forest Court
New Ollerton
NG22 9PL
Tel: 0344 411 1444

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am – 2.30pm

And

Outreach Service
Crown Medical Centre, Crown Farm Way, Forest Town

Tuesday – 10.00am – 12.30pm

- iii. N&SDC, Dog Bin Emptying - £218.40 – agreed unanimously

16/128 Date of Next Meeting 11th May 2016 at 7.00pm – noted

Meeting closed 2020hrs

Signed: Date: