

Minutes of the meeting of the Village Council of Kings Clipstone, held on the 3rd December 2012 in the Community Room, Sherwood Forest Holiday Park, Gorsethorpe Lane, Kings Clipstone, Nottinghamshire. The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

Present:

Also present

Cllr M. Bradley (Chair of the Council) Cllr J. Govan Cllr J. Harbottle Cllr S. Parkhouse

Cllr D. Maguire Mr M Plumb (Clerk to the Council)

County Councillor John Peck (arriving later from previous meeting) District Councillor Sheila Soar Two members of the Public

106/13 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr M. Rowe and Cllr J. Smyth (work Commitments).

County Councillor John Peck was attending a District Council meeting but would endeavour to attend the Village Council meeting later.

107/13 Declarations of Interest

Village Councillors had been advised in advance of one matter which would feature in District Councillors Soar report (proposed replacement Medical Centre). In view of the fact that Village Councillors were registered as patients at the current Clipstone Medical Centre, it was **AGREED** to record a "blanket" declaration of non-pecuniary interests in this item by affected Councillors.

108/13 Minutes

Subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting held on the 29th October 2012 were **APPROVED** as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

Minute 095/13, 2nd bullet point. Delete "seven" replace with "Severn".

Minute 095/13, 3rd bullet point. Delete "graft" replace with "draft".

Minute 095/13, 6th bullet point. Delete "cooperation" replace with "Cooperative".

Minute 098/13, 1st bullet point. Delete both sentences and replace with "Cllr J. Govan and J. Harbottle had been unable to attend the meeting at Kelham Hall (SNG area meeting)".

Minute 098/13, 2nd bullet point. Delete both sentences and replace with "Cllr S. Parkhouse reported that Mark Bradley had given his permission for tidying up the frontage of the small plot near the bus shelter, and offered to approach Mr Bradley about the Village Council leasing the land. The Council **AGREED** to this"

Minute 098/13, 3rd bullet point. Delete sentence and replace with "Cllr S. Parkhouse referred to the siting of the proposed wind farm near the Parliament Oak. County Councillor Peck reported on the consent given for meteorological mast".

Minute 104/13 (Exempt items) line 11. Delete "Caravan" replace with "Caravanning".

109/13 Questions/statements from Members of the Public It was **AGREED** to suspend standing orders whilst this item of business was being dealt with.

Mr Keith Laver asked if all Councillors had received from the Clerk of the Council, a copy of the reply from Newark and Sherwood District Council to the Clerks earlier letter (relating to the use of land as a caravan site). Councillors responded to this question direct.

Mr Keith Laver then asked if agenda item 17 (Certification of camping/caravan site) could be discussed in an open session, instead of under "exempt" items. Councillors responded that the agenda would be dealt with in the order it had been published.

Mr Keith Laver asked if the Clerk, read out a statement prepared by him to the meeting (in open session) in support of his plan for a camping and caravanning site. This was done. The meeting **AGREED** to take this statement into account when item 17 was dealt with.

There being no further questions/statements from member of the public, standing orders were **re-instated** for the remaining part of the meeting.

110/13 District Councillors Report

District Councillor Sheila Soar gave a full report upon the following:-

- Palace Theatre Working Party. Cllr Soar was an active member of this group and gave a report upon its recent activities. She invited Village Councillors to express any comments upon the group's work and would keep the Council advised upon the Working Party's progress.
- A paper had been circulated to all Village Councillors concerning a proposal to replace and re-site the existing Clipstone Doctors Surgery with a more comprehensive, extended Health Centre. The Village Councils views/comments were invited which could be sent to the Doctor's Practice or through herself.
- The next meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Group would be held on 9th January 2013.

After answering a few questions from Councillors, Cllr Soar was thanked for her attendance and her report was **NOTED** by the meeting.

111/13 County Councillors Report

As Cllr John Peck had not arrived in the meeting at this time, the Council Clerk read out an "e-mail" report received from Cllr Peck. The report referred to:

His continuing efforts to implement a speed limit on Gorsethorpe Lane. A speed sensor had been placed on Main Road to record vehicle speeds. He had signed the Village Council's LIS Bid for a County Council grant for the bus shelter/notice board. He was taking an interest in the Council's concerns regarding the proposed caravan site.

A Councillor commented that the speed sensor had not been installed at the right location. (This observation would be passed on to Cllr Peck)

The report was then **NOTED** and thanks were recorded to Cllr Peck for his report.

112/13 Village Councillors Reports

- Cllr D. Maguire reported that on the stretch of road just after the Sherwood Pines Holiday Site entrance, the road level dips, so restricting the drivers view to the front. He suggested that the provision of a warning sign should be considered by County Transport services. Suggestion to be passed to Cllr John Peck.
- Cllr D. Maguire also reported that "Old Clipstone" roads signs were still in place at a number of locations (e.g. Junction of Gorsethorpe Lane and Peashill Lane and Newlands). It was **AGREED** to look into the question of their replacement with signs giving the correct Village title.
- Cllr J. Govan reported that following the Clerks written communication to Severn Trent Water, an inspection team had visited the area on the 28th September 2011. Despite an extensive search they could find no cause for the sewage smells. The complaint had been formally registered and Cllr Govan had been given a contact number to ring when the problem reoccurred in the future.
- The Chair Cllr M. Bradley reported that she had met Mike Keeling from County Transport Services to discuss the location of the new grit bit. Since the road site preferred by the Village Council was already on the routes for the County's gritting service and also had double white lines he did not believe this was an appropriate location. An alternative site was put forward (being the Squires Lane entrance) and this was considered. On the assumption that the road gritting service was effectively maintained, the original proposal was withdrawn.
- Cllr M. Bradley then reported upon recent road traffic accidents on Gorsethorpe Lane. It was **AGREED** to pass on this information onto Cllr John Peck for further consideration.
- Cllr S. Parkhouse reported that following the installation of the three new Village signs, the fourth (extra) sign had now been installed in the vicinity of the Dog and Duck Pub. The meeting **AGREED** these signs were a very satisfactory new amenity for the Village.
- Cllr Joy Harbottle expressed her concern at the numerous unauthorised (?) signs being posted on street lamps advertising housing developments in the local area. It was **AGREED** to pass this report onto the District Council for possible action.

113/13 Council Clerks Report

- **Parish Rates 2012/13.** The Clerk reported that the District Council had now confirmed his original belief that the 5.9% increase in the Parish Rate was due to a change in the "tax base" figures for the Parish. The tax base figure is the equivalent of band D properties within the Parish (after taking into account all discounts and exemptions awarded). This change was a reduction in the tax base figure from £132 (for 2011/12) to £124.66 (2012/13). When the Council precept is divided by the lower tax base figures, an increase of 5.9% arises (despite the Village council total precept figure of £8,500 remaining unaltered from the previous year). The "average" (schedule D) ratepayer will pay therefore a single increase of £3.80 per property for the full year.
- **Sewage smells, Main Road.** Matter dealt with under Minute 112/13 above. **114/13 Gorsethorpe Lane. Control of speeding traffic**

(At this point County Cllr John Peck arrived at the meeting)

The Clerk referred to the Council's original debates on this matter where additional measures were considered to the proposed 40mph speed limit. At that time it had been agreed to defer this aspect until the County Council had determined the requested 40mph speed limit. County Cllr Peck confirmed he was in discussions with County Council office on a 50mph speed limit and would continue to press for this to be applied. The meeting **AGREED** to support Cllr Peck's work on this amended proposal. Cllr M. Bradley urged the meeting to reconsider additional measures and referred to the information upon more recent traffic accidents in the Village. Amongst suggestions considered were:-

New "caution" signs particularly for "blind spots" or "accident areas". Vehicle **speed roadside monitors** (Solar powered). **Crash barrier/fence**, Gorsethorpe Lane/River Maun crossing site. It was **AGREED** that these suggestions be passed onto Cllr Peck for his consideration.

115/13 Web site

The Clerk reported that Andy Love at Newark and Sherwood District Council had now been provided with the full text of the draft web site. Photographs of Village scenes had been loaned by Cllr Bradley and they had also been delivered to the District Council. Mr Love had prepared "Google" maps for inclusion in the web site. Work was now proceeding on the design and layout.

The meeting **NOTED** this report. **116/13 Planning Matters**

The Clerk reported that no planning consultations or notifications of decisions had been received for the Council's consideration.

117/13 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7th January 2013

118/13 Exclusion of the Public/Press

It was **RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the remaining items of business, it is in the public interests for the press and members of the public present to be excluded from the meeting and they are accordingly requested to withdraw.

A minute record of the remaining items of business is attached to these minutes **for the information of Village Councillors only.**