

The Village Council of Kings Clipstone

Minutes of the meeting of the Village Council of Kings Clipstone held in the Community Room, Sherwood Forest Holiday Park, Gorsethorpe Lane, Kings Clipstone, Nottinghamshire, on **Monday 6th February 2012**. The meeting commenced at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllr. M Bradley (Chair of the Village Council)
Cllr. J Govan
Cllr. J Harbottle
Cllr. S Parkhouse
Cllr. M Rowe
Cllr. J Smyth

Also Attending Mr. M Plumb (Clerk to the Council)
Four members of the public

106/12 Use of digital recorder for Council meetings

After discussion in was **RESOLVED** that, in order to ensure the accuracy of the Council minutes, this meeting and all subsequent Council meetings be recorded on a digital recorder.

The Clerk referred to an e-mail from Cllr S Parkhouse, requesting a copy of the digital recording of the January meeting. The Clerk made it clear that no such recording was made because the Council had not, **at that meeting**, approved the suggestion.

(Recorder in operation)

107/12 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr D Maguire (work Commitments). County Cllr L Ward (other meetings) and District Cllr Sheila Soar (unsafe icy roads).

108/12 Declarations of interest

No declarations of interest were made by attending Councillors in respect of items to be discussed during this meeting.

109/12 Minutes – 23rd January 2012

a) Accuracy/Adoption

Cllr J Harbottle proposed the following amendments

- Minute 93/11/b, eight line. Delete “via” replace with “vice”

- Minute 95/11 3rd/4th line. Delete “become the Village Council representation on the Edwinstowe Group.” replace with “Visit the next meeting of the Edwinstowe Group”.
- Minute 96/11, final sentence, first paragraph. Delete “and past attempts to provide a farm shop”.
- Minute 105/11. 2nd paragraph, 3rd line. Delete “question” and “answer”. Replace with “questions” and “answers”.

After discussion, the meeting **accepted** these amendments. Cllr S Parkhouse then proposed the following amendment.

- Minute 97/11 2nd paragraph. Insert After “full Council” in line 5 the sentence. “Any person can provide a newsletter providing it does not include items of Village Council business”.

After discussion, the meeting **accepted** this amendment.

The minutes were then **adopted** as a true and accurate record, by a vote of 5 for and 1 against. They were then signed by the Chair.

b) **Updating Reports**

The Clerk reported as follows

- Minute 91/11 b 4th item. The Village Councils account with County Supplies has been confirmed and a full catalogue of item available has been received.
- Minute 100/11. An e-mail had been sent to the owner of Forest Pines Holiday Park asking for a permanent (one year) arrangement for the use of the Community Room for Council meetings. A response was awaited.

110/12 **Questions/statement from Members of the Public**

It was **agreed** to temporally suspend standing orders whilst this item of business was transacted.

Ivy Refern reported that a pot hole in the road, at the top of Rothole was now so serious that damage to vehicles will occur if repairs are not carried out. Clerk to make a further report.

Keith? pressed for copies of the Village Council minutes to be displayed on the notice board. The main problem was that the number of pages of the minutes took up too much space. When the Councils new web site was operational, the Council minutes would be made more public. This matter will be given more consideration,

111/12 Reports from County/District Councillors

a) County Cllr Les Ward

In Cllr Les Wards absence, the Clerk read out an e-mail from Cllr Ward. The report referred to the continuing efforts to arrange resurfacing work for the main road in the Village.

The report was **received** and Cllr Ward thanked.

b) District Cllr Shiela Soar

No report was received under this item of business following Cllr Soars apology for absence.

112/12 Planning Consultations

The Clerk reported receipt of the following planning consultation.

11/01519/FUL. J Bealdy and Sons Ltd.

Installation of solar panels on grain store roof, Broomhill Grange, Mansfield Rd.

After discussion the meeting raised **no objection** to the proposal.

113/12 Newark and Sherwood District Council. Seminar 22/2/12

The Clerk reported that confirmation has been received that places on the above seminar on the Localism Act had been received for the Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk. Total cost £30.00.

The meeting **noted** this report.

114/12 Safer Neighbourhood Group

The Clerk reported that Steph West (Newark/Sherwood DC) had been advised of the Councils interest in the Edwinstowe Group and that Cllr J Govan and Cllr J Harbottle hopes to attend the next meeting. The report was **noted** by the meeting.

115/12 Village Council web site

The Clerk reported that he had discussed this proposal with Andy Love at the District Council who had confirmed his willingness to set up the web site and help with the regular updating work, at little or no cost to the Village Council. The Council would be free to choose its own style and contents, and is entitled to use the letters "gov.uk" if it so chooses (cost approve £75 for two years). Further details would need to be settled and the Clerk asked the Council to approve further investigations, following which a more detailed report would be put before the Council for final consideration.

After discussion the meeting **approved** the arrangement.

116/12 Jubilee grants

The meeting discussed various ideas for events to celebrate the Royal Jubilee weekend in June 2012. After a full discussion it was **resolved** that under the provisions of section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, up to £500 match funding from the Village Councils own budget (2012/13) be ear marked for this project subject to a grant being approved of an equal amount from the District Council. A working party, comprising Cllr M Bradley, Cllr J Goven, Cllr M Rowe and Cllr J Smythe be appointed to investigate types of celebration events and to recommend proposals back to the Village Council. Example events suggested were Street parties (off street), childrens fancy dress and Palace stone decoration.

117/12 Gorsethorpe Lane-Speed limit

The Clerk reported that a formal request had been submitted for a new 40mph speed limit to be applied to this road following a spate of accidents before Christmas. A further accident had occurred more recently. The meeting considered other ways to improve road safety and one suggestion was for an “accident area sign” to be provided. This could be put forward when the Councils request for a speed limit was considered. Cllr Les Ward had been /advised of the position.

118/12 Use of Community Room, Sherwood Forest Holiday Park

The Clerk reported that he had written to the parks owner and asked for a more formal arrangement for the continued use of the Community Room for Council Meetings. A response was awaited.

The meeting **noted** this report.

119/12 Nottinghamshire County Council. Local Improvement Scheme

The Clerk reported that he had registered the attendance of the Chair and himself to attend an information event for Parish/Town Council on Tuesday 15th May 2012. The event is intended to provide practical information on how to apply for LIS funding for Local Improvement schemes.

The meeting **noted** this report.

120/12 Bus Shelter

The Clerk reported that he had written again to County Highways requesting a (formal) response to the Village Councils request for a replacement shelter. The letter had been acknowledged and passed onto the officer who was dealing with the matter. The Clerk asked for the Councils directions in any further discussions with the Highways Officer. It was **agreed** that full replacement on the basis of “like for like” (at County Highways cost) was the Councils preferred outcome.

121/12 Newark/Sherwood District Council. Ethical Framework Workshop

The Clerk reported that confirmation had been received for attendance at the above workshop on 21st March 2012 by the Chair and Council Clerk. There is no charge payable for this event.

The meeting **noted** this report.

122/12 Village Council Standing Orders

The Clerk asked the meeting for their agreement to him carrying out a detailed review of the Councils current standing orders. After this review, he would submit a report for the Council consideration.

The meeting **agreed** to the Clerk suggestion.

123/12 Village Councillors question/statements

The following matters were brought up under this item of business.

- Archway Road. Hedge has now been cut and trimmed satisfactorily.
- Residents should be advised direct stating where the Village Council minutes can be obtained. (Official letter to all residents?)
- Business cards on notice boards. Further advice from NALC desirable..
- Road and Traffic Safety Group. Letter needed to Mr J. Wheeldon confirming the Village Councils continuing support. However we were unable to take over the management of the project.
- Need for names of Councillors and Council Clerk to be posted on the notice board.

124/12 Accounts Report

The Clerk submitted a report showing all income and expenditure from 1st April 2012 to 31st January 2012. This report showed a current surplus of £6,228.49 **excluding** the £400 grant received from County Cllr Les Ward for a new flower bed in the Village. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

After discussion, the report was received and **noted** by the meeting.

The Clerk confirmed that all financial papers have now been transferred from the Chair to the Clerk and the Chair would now request the bank to submit bank statements/papers direct to the Clerk.

125/12 Clerks Letter of Appointment

The meeting **noted** the contents of the appointment letter which included a six month probationary period, (from 23rd January 2012) on the nationally

recommended LCI pay scale (pro rata 4hrs weekly) at spinal column point no.22.

126/12 **Date of next Meeting**

Monday 12th March 2012

The Chair thanked everyone for their contribution and closed the meeting at 8.40pm.