

**Minutes of the meeting of the Kings Clipstone Village Council held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2013 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 D Maguire  
Cllr S Parkhouse  
Cllr M Rowe  
Cllr J Smyth  
Mr M Plumb (Clerk to the Council)

**Also present** County Cllr John Peck  
One member of the public

**147/13 Apologies for Absence**

District Cllr Sheila Soar. (Winter coldness of meeting room. Risk to health)

**148/13 Declarations of Interest**

- Cllr M Bradley declared a none pecuniary interest in the agenda item “Code of Conduct Complaint”
- Cllr S Parkhouse declared a none pecuniary interest in the agenda item “New Buildings Drive. Bridleway”

The Clerk referred to minute no 126/13 for the January 2013 meeting of the Village Councillors (“**Dispensations**”) and reported, for the purposes of future guidance, that the Government had very recently declared that requests for dispensations in respect of annual budget/precepts are **not** required for Parish/Town Councils.

**149/13 Minutes**

Subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting of Councillors held on the **17<sup>th</sup> January 2013**, having been circulated to all Village Councillors, were **adopted** as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair

- Explanatory Note, first page. Delete final sentence.
- Minute 144/13. 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, third line. Delete “reacted” and replace with “reached”

**Confirmation of decisions taken.** Because of the disruption to this meetings time and place caused by severe winter weather and also because of the consequential difficulties in giving appropriate public notices of the changes, the meeting **resolved to confirm** the full adoption of all decisions taken at the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013, particularly in respect of the Annual budget/precept for 2013/14.

**150/13 Questions/Statements from Members of the Public**

It was **RESOLVED** to suspend standing orders whilst this item of business was being dealt with.

- The member of the public present asked when the new public seat for Archway Road was to be provided. It was hoped this would be done in the near future

There being no further points raised under this item, standing orders were re activated for the remainder of the meeting.

### **151/13 District Councillors Report**

The Clerk reported that he had received no message from Cllr Sheila Soar, prior to his leaving home to attend the meeting. (A brief e mail was sent but received later).

### **152/13 County Councillors Report**

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

- He is continuing to press for re surfacing work to be carried out to Squires Lane.
- Road signs on Gorsethorpe Lane were being monitored for their effect in controlling traffic.
- The roadwork's (including traffic lights) at Rose Cottage are due for completion by 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013. Delays to this work were caused by labour being diverted to other duties related to winter conditions.
- County Council expenditure is to be progressively reduced over the next three years following governmental policies.
- Emerging details of the Sherwood Forest Landscape Partnership Scheme.

After answering a number of questions, Cllr John Peck was thanked for his attendance and report. He then left to attend another meeting.

### **153/13 Village Councillors Report**

Cllr J Harbottle reported upon her attendance at the SNG meeting where a recent decrease in anti-social behaviour was noted. Concerns were expressed relating to incidents of speeding traffic through the Village. Mention was also made that the new OS maps now included the description "Kings Clipstone" title for the Village.

- Cllr S Parkhouse reported that Waterworks Road signs were not yet sited. There was a possible need to lop trees to improve visibility. Cllr Parkhouse also reported that the application to the County Council to establish a bridleway for New Buildings Drive had been turned down. Further action was being considered.

### **154/13 Council Clerks Report**

The Council Clerk reported as follows.

Formal confirmation had been received, as mentioned above, that the application to establish a bridle way for New Buildings Drive had been turned down. No reasons for

the decisions had been given but the Clerk would be requesting these. **Report noted.**

- The new bus shelter on the Main Road was now equipped with a seat and side windows. It was not clear that the roof had been repaired. **Report noted**
- The unauthorised access onto the recreation ground was still under review. The Clerk would be discussing this personally with Welbeck Estates shortly. **Report noted**
- The Village Councils new bank account was now open and operational. The meeting discussed the method by which funds should be transferred from the old account to the new account. Comments were **noted.**
- The new Register of Electors for the Village had been received and was held by the Council Clerk. **Report noted.**
- The Newark and Sherwood District Council had been allocated funding and resources by the County Sports Partnership to help support community games events. **Report noted.**
- The County Council are repeating their “Lengths man Scheme” policy and expressions of interest are being invited from Parish Councils. **Report noted**

The Clerk also referred to minutes 144/13 (confidential items) of the meeting of Village Councillors held on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013, where it was reported that the NSDC had received a complaint that a Village Councillor had breached the Code of Conduct and that this would be investigated. In accordance with the District Councils request, the Clerk had submitted a copy of the Village Councils Code of Conduct and copies of agenda and minutes for two Village Council meetings.

The Clerk had now been advised that after a detailed examination by the NSDC, it had been concluded that **“there are no substantive code of conduct breaches which would warrant further action by the District Council”**. For the benefit of Village Councillors, the contents of the letter were read out in full to the meeting. A copy of the letter will be circulated to all Village Councillors shortly.

### **155/13 Planning Matters**

The Clerk reported that no consultations or decisions had been received from the NSDC. However it was reported that two stable blocks (?) had been erected on a site at the centre of the Village. The Clerk would enquire from the NSDC as to whether planning regulations were being complied with by this development.

### **156/13 Use of the Recreation Hut for a Community Archaeological Event**

Cllr M Bradley asked the meeting to approve a proposal to hold a community archaeological event in the Village Recreation Ground Hut. It was intended to use the hut to exhibit various archaeological items associated with the Village’s heritage. After discussion, the meeting **AGREED** with this proposal.

Cllr Bradley also mentioned that it was proposed to excavate two trial pits (one metre square) along the top border of the field in order to search for any foundations of the original Earl of Shrewsbury’s Hall (circa 1600). The Meeting **NOTED** this report. Clerk

to advise Welbeck Estates (for information purposes). It was further **AGREED** that a quality combination lock be obtained for the vehicular access gate to the field.

**157/13 Consultations with Villagers Reference a Village Plan**

(Item referred from 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013 meeting)

The meeting considered and **AGREED** the principal of a consultation exercise with Village residents over how they would like the Village to develop in the future. Following this, the Clerk circulated a first draft of a survey questionnaire with covering letter, which Village Councillors could consider. Suggested amendments are requested to be sent to the Clerk for consideration at the next meeting of the Village Council.

**158/13 Date of next Village Council Meeting**

**AGREED** Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**159/13 Exclusion of the public and press**

It was **AGREED** that in view of the confidential nature of the remaining items of business, it is in the public interests for the public and press to be excluded from the remaining part of the meeting and they are asked to withdraw.

A record of the items discussed is contained in a confidential attachment to these minutes for the attention of Village Councillors only.

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**Kings Clipstone Village Council**  
**Village Council meeting**  
**11<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

Confidential attachment to the minutes of the above meeting for the attention of Village Councillors only

**160/13 Accounts for Payment**

The following accounts were approved for payment

<b><u>Chq. No</u></b>	<b><u>Payee</u></b>	<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Gross</u></b>
100036	M Plumb	Salary/expenses January 2013	£232.00p
100037	NALC.	Subscriptions 2013/14	£ 72.52

- It was also **AGREED** that in order to reduce the Clerks expenses in travelling from home to the Village, all displaying of the public notices shall become the responsibility of Cllr Joy Harbottle
- It was further **AGREED** that at the next meeting of the Village Council, the Clerks salary/expenses be reviewed, taking into account the National Agreement.

**161/13 Proposals for Sherwood Forest Landscape Partnership Scheme**

The Clerk reported that within the mail delivered earlier on the day of this meeting, a letter had been received from the County Council inviting representatives of the Village Council to information events upon the above scheme. After discussion, it was **AGREED** that the Chair, Cllr M Bradley and the Council Clerk attend the information event on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013 (2 – 4pm) at the South Forest Leisure Complex.

**162/13 Confidential attachment to the minutes of the Councillors Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

Cllr S Parkhouse referred to minute 145/13, second paragraph and proposed the deletion of the first sentence giving his reasons for his proposal. The Clerk had reviewed this proposal with his record of the meeting and advised the Village Council that, in his view, the minute accurately recorded the points made. After discussion, **NO** decision to alter this record was taken.

There being no further business, the Chair thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8.45pm