

Minutes of the meeting of the Kings Clipstone Village Council held on Monday 11th March 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 District Cllr Sheila Soar
One member of the public

163/13 Apologies for Absence None

164/13 Declarations of Interest None

165/13 Minutes

Subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the meeting of the Village Council held on the 11th February 2013, having been circulated to all Village Councillors were **ADOPTED** as a true and accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

- Minute 153/13 1st bullet point 3rd sentence Delete the words 'mention was also made' and replace with 'she also reported'.
- Minutes 153/13 2nd bullet point 1st sentence Delete 'not yet' and replace with 'wrongly'.

The Clerk reported upon the following action taken.

- Minutes 154/13 1st bullet point. A copy of the County Councils Committee minutes, which decided to refuse an application to establish a Bridle Way for New Buildings Drive, had been obtained. The Clerk was not able to report upon the details of this decision at this point in the meeting following a request by Cllr Parkhouse for next 'business'.
- Minutes 154/13 3rd bullet point. Welbeck Estate has confirmed their willingness to deal with one of the unauthorised accesses onto the Recreation Ground and has asked for the Council to handle the other two cases under a 'blanket' approach. The Clerk explained how he proposed to do this.
- Minute 154/13 final two paragraphs. The Clerk circulated to all Councillors copies of the letter from the NSDC detailing the reasons for confining that no substantive breaches of the Code of Conduct had occurred by the Village Councillors following a formal complaint from a resident.
- Minute 161/13. Sherwood Forest Partnership Scheme. The Clerk had accompanied the Village Council Chair to the Information meeting at Edwinstowe on Tuesday 5th March 2013. Both had also attended the County Council's LIS meeting on Thursday 7th March 2013 at Newark. Further discussions upon the relationship of these events to Kings Clipstone will be held at the end of the meeting.

166/13 Questions/Statements from Members of the Public It was AGREED to suspend standing orders whilst this item of business was dealt with. Mr Keith Laver asked what fees were being paid from Council funds for the recent archaeological digs in the vicinity of the recreation ground. The Chair confirmed that NO costs were incurred by the Village Council. Mr Keith Laver then handed a formal request, under the Freedom of Information Legislation, to Cllr S. Parkhouse for various Council papers. This will be dealt with later in the meeting. Mr Laver then left the meeting.

There being no further matters brought up under this item of business, standing orders were re-instated for the remainder of the meeting.

167/13 District Councillors Report District Councillor Sheila Soar gave a detailed report which included the following:-

- The District Councils own budget, (involving a zero increase in the District rate) is being finally agreed.
- Currently, the only major projects by the District Council affected Newark Town only.
- A commemorative site, recording Clipstones role during the First World War was being developed. This site was occupied as a major army camp during that war.
- After answering a few questions, Cllr Sheila Soar was thanked for her attendance and for her report.

168/13 County Councillors Report County Cllr John Peck gave a detailed report which included the following:-

- Potholes in the roads are still being reported, but this growing problem is prevalent throughout the County.
- Squires Lane needs re-surfacing. Representations continue to be made. Sadly, there is insufficient justification for an interactive speed sign in the Village.
- Despite an exceptionally long County Council meeting, the County budget (involving no substantial change in County Council Tax) was finally agreed. A major cost in the budget is in respect of the capital road works to the A453.
- Cllr Peck also mentioned that because of the forthcoming County Council elections, he may not be able to attend the next Village Council meeting. He hoped he would be attending meetings thereafter (!)
- Cllr John Peck was then thanked for his attendance and report. At this point Cllrs John Peck and Sheila Soar left the meeting.

169/13 Village Councillors Report/Statements

Cllr J. Govan referred to the brief, earlier discussion relating to the unsuccessful bid for a Bridleway for new Buildings Drive, and reported upon her discussions with the landowners who had opposed the application, and upon their reasons for doing so. Cllr S. Parkhouse then spoke at length upon the arguments in support of the application. The Council Clerk emphasised the need for the Council to be as well informed as possible, when debating matters of this nature. By way of example, he quoted a critical piece of evidence, recorded in the minutes of the County Council committee meeting which was not reported to the Village Council when they were considering their original policy in this case. Cllr Parkhouse advised the meeting that an appeal against the County Councils refusal was being prepared.

170/13 Planning Matters

The Clerk reported upon the following planning consultations. Ref no 13/00062/FUL Change of use from agricultural to storage of railway items. Sherwood Forest Miniature Railway Lamb Peas Farm. After discussions, it was **AGREED** that no objection be made against this proposal.

It was further agreed:

- To request a reply to the query concerning development of stable blocks in the centre of the Village.
- To ask if the building of a concrete block building with a pitch roof on Squires Lane has been given planning permission.

171/13 Consultations with Villagers _ A Village Plan

The Clerk reported that following his circulation to Councillors, of the draft letter and questionnaire to Residents, he had received one response with suggestions for changes. Councillors **AGREED** to send further comments by e-mail to the Clerk. The questionnaire would be delivered to residents by Village Councillors and collected by Councillors on a specified date. Analysis of returns to be carried out by an independent person.

A copy of the amended questionnaire to be circulated to Councillors for final approval. The next newsletter to be circulated with the questionnaire.

172/13 Election Review of Newark and Sherwood DC

The Clerk reported that the Election Commission had written confirming its plan to carry out this review. It was **AGREED** that the Commission be advised of the Village Councils wishes to remain wholly within the area of the NSDC.

173/13 Community Archaeology Event

Chair of the Council, Cllr Bradley reported upon a successful 'community dig' in the area of the Recreation field with members of the community in attendance. Some archaeological items were recovered from the excavated areas and were retained safely. Cllr Bradley reported that no cost was incurred to Village Council finances.

174/13 Date of the Next Meeting It was **AGREED** that the following meetings be held on the dates shown.

Annual Parish Meeting _ 22nd April 2013.

Village Council Meeting 22nd April 2013 following the Annual Parish Meeting. Annual Council Meeting 20th May 2013.

175/13 Exclusion of the Public and Press

There being no public or press in attendance, no resolution to exclude was necessary. A record of the confidential items of business which were discussed is attached to these minutes for the information of Village Councillors only.

176/13 Bank Mandate

177/13 Transfer of Funds

178/13 Accounts for Payment

179/13 Request for Information

180/13 Development of Community Facilities

181/13 Clerks Conditions of Employment. Salary/Expenses