

# Kings Clipstone Parish Council



## Minutes of the Meeting of Kings Clipstone Parish Council on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2020 at 7.00pm online via Zoom.

**Present:** Cllr P Bromley  
Cllr A Stanley  
Cllr C Hunt  
Cllr L Shaw-Browne  
Cllr M Smith  
C/Cllr J Peck  
D/Cllr P Peacock

**In attendance:** Frances Ford, Clerk

**Apologies:** Cllr Bradley  
D/Cllr M Brown  
D/Cllr S Carlton

### 1. Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

### 2. Apologies for absence

Unanimously approved.

### 3. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda

There were none.

### 4. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chair.

### 5. County Councillor's Report

C/Cllr Peck explained that the County Council's current priority is to ensure that the elderly and vulnerable are looked after, and ensure that social care for adults and looked after children continues. They are keen to ensure that free school meals are still available for children who are entitled that are attending school.

C/Cllr Peck advised that highways are currently not fully staffed, and therefore there are delays, however emergency repair work is still being carried out. The B6030 resurfacing is now likely to be pushed back.

Local authority finances are likely to be an issue due to collection of council tax, which will affect all budgets. At present it is not clear how this will affect parish councils.

C/Cllr Peck had received a query from a resident of Archway Road regarding the sewage smell around that area, and he has asked highways to look into it. The parish council have previously made enquiries with environmental health and severn trent water and the it is believed that the smell originates from Forest Holidays.

## **6. District Councillors' Report**

D/Cllr Carlton not present however had prepared a report for the meeting, the contents of which were:

- Bonfire burning at Birklands. D/Cllr Carlton has spent time along with D/Cllr Brown, working on a joined approach with Planning and Environmental Health enforcements. They now understand that this was a mobile home/caravan that was burnt. Due to the restrictions of lockdown a site visit wasn't possible, but NSDC Environmental Health have spoken at great length with the resident, and he has been given a formal warning to future conduct on the site. Residents are urged to once report, if it occurs again.

- Raised numerous times, along with D/Cllr Brown for the bins to be emptied in the lay-bys off the main road.

- D/Cllr Carlton has asked for a village walk around of Planning Enforcement, once we return to normality, re: outstanding planning issues and new issues raised.

- D/Cllr Carlton has been in touch with several residents to make sure they have appropriate support at this time, particularly for those that are having to isolate.

- D/Cllr has been in touch with several residents, particularly around Archway House over fly tipping issues, getting them cleaned up and patrolled. Though for reference, the Community Protection team at NSDC are working hard to support the HART team at NSDC in delivering food parcels/prescriptions to residents.

D/Cllr Peacock explained that fly tipping has increased in the local area, however these are being quickly cleared up. He is pressing for the local recycling centres to reopen and for brown bins to be emptied, however services are currently stretched.

D/Cllr Peacock advised that the death rate in the local area due to Covid-19 is higher than other areas. All district councillors have been in correspondence with Public Health England and it is thought that the statistic could be due to the high number of care homes in the area.

D/Cllr Peacock mentioned the high number of cars parking on the B6030 and Mill Lane to enter Sherwood Pines now that more frequent exercise is allowed. The Police are doing regular checks and turning cars away but unless they are parked inappropriately they cannot do much.

D/Cllr Peacock is spending time supporting local businesses to get the continuity grants available to them.

The District Council are being given funding for the cost and losses of Covid-19 that have been incurred, however, the cost to NSDC is £600,000 per month and £1.2m has been given.

Cllrs Bromley and Hunt asked D/Cllr Peacock for support with grant applications for the playing field / shed project and he is pleased to support them with this.

## **7. Village Councillors Report**

Cllr Hunt reported that Castle Lodge on the Main Road currently has 8 cars for sale, and that the buyers are parking on the kerb preventing pedestrians using the pavement and causing them to need to walk on the road just after the blind bend.

A walk is to be done around the village to look for such issues, once allowed under Covid-19 restrictions.

Cllr Hunt reported a resident asking why Squires Lane appears to change to the national speed limit next to the playing field.

The signs should not have been placed there as it is private land, and there are plans for these to be removed over the coming weeks and be replaced with 'no through road' signs.

Cllr Stanley reported a concern from a resident regarding speed limit changes and surveys on Gorsethorpe Lane, as there has been an increase in speeding vehicles during the lockdown period. The police do have a project on speeding during lockdown, and it was agreed for the clerk to email them to make them aware of the specific issues on Gorsethorpe Lane.

Cllr Smith reported concerns regarding parking and litter on Mill Lane while Sherwood Pines is closed, including those parked walking up the Main Road to the park.

Cllr Bromley queried with D/cllr Peacock whether Sherwood Pines can open the gates to stop people parking and walking up the B6030 and he has made contact with Sherwood Pines.

Cllr Bromley thanked a resident for cutting and strimming under the hedges in Kings Clipstone and for making enquiries into the back fence of the Playing Field which will be trimmed later on in the year. Cllr Bromley proposed that the council purchase a weed killer sprayer, at a maximum cost of £60, and this was unanimously approved.

## **8. Questions/statements from members of the public (10 minutes)**

There were none.

## **9. Planning Matters**

### **a. Applications received:**

20/00589/FUL| Lawn Hills, Gorsethorpe Lane | Erection of a dwelling

A discussion took place regarding the above application as it is outside the scope of the neighbourhood plan. The councillors had concerns with the appearance not being in keeping with the rest of the village as outlined in the neighbourhood plan, and also that the site is not a dedicated infill site.

It was decided to support the application, with comment that the council wish most strongly that the applicant does not deviate from the original design submitted to planning, otherwise they would object. The original design includes the planting of 300 trees, a grass roof and other ecological aspects which are desirable.

### **b. Decision notices:**

None

## **10. To receive an update on the Village Shed, specifically;**

### **a. Cabin update**

Cllr Stanley reported that the flooring has now been laid in the cabin, at a final cost of £1,375. The next job is to put the window in however this is difficult during Covid-19. There are electrics and plumbing work to be done, which Cllr Smith volunteered his time for.

### **b. Grant applications**

Cllr Hunt advised that the grant from the NSDC Divisional fund was applied for on time however Covid-19 has caused delays. The council received confirmation received last week that a virtual panel will be conducted to go through grants, which will be looked at on 21st May. Further names of trusts were given who will support small parish councils like KCPC. Cllr Hunt has prepared a letter to go to those three trusts.

### **c. Goal posts**

Cllr Bromley suggested the purchase of Forza Goal Posts at a cost of £177.98 for the playing field, and this was unanimously approved. A discussion took place regarding the possible rolling of the field to make the surface more suitable for sports. The clerk is to query this with the grass cutters at NSDC.

#### **11. To discuss possible donation to Citizens Advice**

A discussion took place and given small precept £250 was agreed unanimously.

#### **12. To discuss insurance renewal plans**

The existing insurance for the council does not cover play or sports equipment. Clerk to obtain quotes to increase buildings to £50,000 and £500 for sports equipment. It was unanimously approved to proceed with new cover within £100 of current premium.

#### **13. To agree signing of the dog bin contract for 2020/21**

The signing of the contract was agreed but the Clerk is to find out the current emptying schedule and location of bins emptied, as some have been overflowing recently.

#### **14. Reinstatement of bus stop near Waterworks Drive**

The parish council had previously asked for a reinstatement of this bus service however were declined. Subsequently, the Clerk has recently received an email saying that the service is to be put in place by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021.

#### **15. To discuss litter bins in laybys and cameras to deter fly tipping**

D/Cllr Carlton & Brown are looking into this item. There are several restrictions including that cameras may not face the road, which is difficult in the desired location.

#### **16. VE Day celebrations**

Poppies were put up through the village for VE day on suggestion by D/Cllr Carlton. The Chair thanked Cllr Hunt, Cllr Stanley and his wife for putting up the decorations. There are plans to decorate for VJ Day in August, and it was unanimously approved for Cllr Stanley to purchase 5 lengths of bunting at a cost of £8.82 per length.

#### **17. To discuss residents' complaints received regarding burning (intrusive smoke and smells) in garden**

D/Cllr Carlton has been dealing with this issue – see item 6 above.

#### **18. Accounts for payment**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount inc VAT</b>
Clerk	Pay for May	-
HMRC	Tax on Clerk's wages	-
NSDC	Dog bin emptying	£177.84
Notts CC	Grass cutting	£1,363.10
NALC	Subs for year commencing 1/4/20	£88.06

The items were approved unanimously, and payments will be made by online banking.

**19. Date of Next Meeting**

The next ordinary meeting will be held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.00pm.

The Chairman thanked all those present for their attendance, and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.

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Chairman

Date:.....

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