



Minutes of Clipstone Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 27 September 2023 at 7pm

Councillors Present:

B Brownley
R Clarey
D Eskriett
J Fishwick
R Spademan
D Warters
C Wigman
JC Wigman

In Attendance: The Clerk

No District or County Councillors, or members of public attended

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Welcome

The Chairman opened the meeting

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Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr W Swiffin

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Declarations of Interest

Cllr Clarey declared a non-pecuniary interest as a trustee of the Clipstone Miners Welfare Community Trust and as secretary of Clipstone Allotment Association

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Public Session

There were no questions and petitions from members of the public

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Community Protection Officer

Newark and Sherwood District Councils Community Protection Officer Richard Lloyd provided the following update to be read to Council:

- Vicars Water – further complaints with offroad bikes have been received
- Vicars Water – the Ranger has reported needle and bloodied swab finds
- Littering round the avenues – fridges etc. Households are being challenged there and then during CPO patrol's
- Playparks – routine patrols continuing – no recent complaints reported
- Village hall - a report of youths hanging around and banging on the fire doors has been received. The village hall will be included in future village patrols
- CCTV cameras – a survey is being conducted to ensure the line of sight remains clear and to ascertain if any renewals / movement of camera's are required

- Request for residents to report incidents to N&SDC and the police (non-emergency 101) as necessary

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County and District Councillor(s)

The following written report was provided by Cllr Andy Freeman of Newark and Sherwood District Council:

- We had a walkabout in Clipstone over the summer with members of the Housing team and a number of issues were highlighted and hopefully these have been acted upon now. The main concern was overgrown weeds on pathways and overgrown foliage in alleyways. I have followed these up and have spoken to the Clerk and hopefully these have been sorted. The weed situation was exacerbated by the County Council not undertaking weed spraying as they usually do in late Spring. The County Councillor himself was also on the case.
- Planning issues, especially increased housing, are always raising concerns in the village and people in Clipstone are right to point out the lack of facilities to support further development etc. As Chair of the Planning Committee, I can't comment of any specific applications as that could prejudice my position, but I think it would be useful for the Parish to know that the new Development Plan has finished its public consultation phase and has been passed by the District Council to go for public examination with the Planning Inspectorate. Within the proposed plan there are no new allocations for housing in the village.
- I have had a couple of residents contact me about the proposed traffic calming measures that have been agreed on Forest Road. I have been asked when the start date for these works will be. I have asked the question of the County Councillor and hopefully, if Scott is there tonight, he might be able to update you all.
- Cllr Peacock and I are setting up an online meeting with the Clerk and Andy Hardy at NSDC to discuss Section 106 monies and what the Council can achieve with Section 106 funds. Hopefully this will happen next week.

The following written report was provided by Cllr Scott Carlton from Notts County Council:

- I have recently met with the county council's drainage team to push forward on the drainage issue near the Pit Stop Shop. NCC are proposing to do some temporary work to increase drainage capacity in this area, but longer term will be opening discussions with the landowners opposite to see whether a longer-term solution can be found as that sites plans develop.
- Chased up VIA again on the streetlights in the precinct area to get them converted to LED.
- Chased up VIA regarding their plans for traffic/speed calming measures along Forest Road.
- Attend the Welfares Sport Proposal Consultation and spoke to a number of attendees about the plans.
- Asked for speeding enforcement along Cavendish Way and reported a number of faulty central reservation bollards/columns. Same along Mansfield Road.
- Awaiting dates for structural patching works on the B6030 near Woodland Close to repair potholes correctly.
- Reported a pathway near Newlands School to be strimmed back of overgrown vegetation.

- Recently met with the Department for Health and Social Care to discuss the work that we are doing in Nottinghamshire around Substance Use. The Department confirmed we are the only local authority in England to hit its national set targets of getting people into treatment, recovery and support programs. This includes young people where we have already exceeded the nationally set 3-year target.

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Minutes

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2023 following a minor amendment
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations of the Assets Committee held on 9 August 2023
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to accept the recommendations of the Personnel Committee meeting held on 13 September 2023
- It was **RESOLVED** to implement the National Joint Committee 2023/2024 pay award at the next available pay date following union approval

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Finance

- a) The conclusion of the external audit for the year ended 31 March 2023 was **NOTED**
- b) The 'Other Matters' recorded on the External Auditor Report and Certificate was **NOTED**
- c) The public right inspection dates of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ending 31 March 2023 being Thursday 28 September to Thursday 12 October 2023 inclusive were **NOTED**
- d) It was **RESOLVED** verify and sign the payment schedule for July 2023
- e) It was **RESOLVED** verify and sign the payment schedule for August 2023
- f) It was **RESOLVED** to confirm and sign the payment schedule for September 2023
- g) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the current account reconciliation for July 2023
- h) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the reserve accounts reconciliation for July 2023
- i) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the petty cash reconciliation for July 2023
- j) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the current account reconciliation for August 2023
- k) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the reserve accounts reconciliation for August 2023
- l) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the petty cash reconciliation for August 2023
- m) The application for a current account at Unity bank was **CONFIRMED**

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Internal Audit

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Dixon Accountancy as the internal auditor provision for the year ending 31 March 2024

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Committees

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Clarey and Cllr Wartors to the Personnel Committee

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Assets Working Groups

a) A verbal update report from the Assets Working Groups was **RECEIVED**

Between 7.37pm and 7.41pm Standing Orders were suspended due to a disturbance in the building. Two Councillors gave their assistance

b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve quote C at a cost of £3131.53 plus VAT for the replacement of inner cemetery fencing

It was **RESOLVED** to approve a budget of £400 for post mix

c) It was **RESOLVED** to approve quote B at a cost of £2000 plus VAT for initial clearance works of land adjacent to Highfield Road and Clipstone Cemetery

Cllr Eskriett abstained from voting on item 78c

d) It was **RESOLVED** to commence a survey for the use of Parish Council land

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Grant Applications

Cllr Clarey abstained from voting on agenda item 79 due to declared interests

a) It was **RESOLVED** to approve a grant application from Clipstone Allotments Little Diggers to the value of £250

b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve a grant application from Clipstone Colts Football Club to the value of £500

d) It was **RESOLVED** to approve a grant application from Clipstone Football Club to the value of £1000

e) It was **RESOLVED** to approve a grant application from Clipstone Miners Welfare Community Trust (for the Youth Club) to the value of £10,000

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Village Events

An update on upcoming village events was **RECEIVED**

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Officers Update

a) An update from Parish Council Officers was **RECEIVED**

b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Clerk's commencement of the Certificate in Local Council Administration

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Planning

The following planning applications were **CONSIDERED**:

a) 23/01567/HOUSE/ 12 Second Avenue Clipstone NG21 9DB/ Wooden workshop/gym shed to rear of garden / Comments required by 3 October 2023. There was **NO OBJECTION**

b) 23/01612/HOUSE/ 9 King Johns Road Clipstone NG21 9EN / Single storey rear extension/ Comments required by 5 October 2023. There was **NO OBJECTION**

The following planning applications were **NOTED**:

c) 23/01473/HOUSE/ 31 Dodsley Way Clipstone NG21 9EZ / Single storey rear extension/ Comments by Thu 14 Sep 2023

- d) 23/01432/FUL/ Annexe 16 Mansfield Road Clipstone NG21 9EH/ Change of use of annex to use as separate dwelling (not ancillary to existing dwelling) (retrospective). Erection of fence/ Comments by 7 September 2023.
- e) 23/01140/FUL/ Holmwood 187 Mansfield Road Clipstone NG21 9AB / Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of 3 No. Detached Three Bedroom Dwellings / Comments by 18 August 2023
- f) 23/01281/HOUSE / 6 Skylark Way Clipstone Mansfield Nottinghamshire NG21 9GG/Detached Garage / Comments by 16 August 2023

The following planning decision was **NOTED**:

- g) 23/01140/FUL/ Holmwood 187 Mansfield Road Clipstone NG21 9AB / Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of 3 No. Detached Three Bedroom Dwellings / Application Refused 7 September 2023

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Nottinghamshire Waste Local Plan

It was **RESOLVED** that no comment or representation will be made to the Nottinghamshire Waste Local Plan Pre-submission draft consultation

At 8.40pm it was **RESOLVED** to extend the meeting by 15 minutes

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Correspondence

a) It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Clarey, Cllr Eskriett, Cllr Fishwick and Cllr Waters will meet with Sherwood Forest Friends of the Earth

b) It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a Letters to Heaven post-box to the value of £250. There were seven votes for and one vote against

It was **RESOLVED** for the Cemetery Working Party to discuss and propose a location for the Letters to Heaven post-box, and for the Clerk to research appropriate disposal methods for any letters posted into the box

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Meeting Details

a) The next meeting date of Wednesday 25 October 2023 at 7pm was **NOTED**

b) It was **NOTED** that items for consideration on the next agenda are to be sent to the Clerk by 13 October 2023

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Confidential

Cllr Clarey left the meeting at 8.55pm

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960:

It was **RESOLVED** that "in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the Press and Public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting."

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the confidential notes of the meeting held on 26 July 2023

A tenant update was **RECEIVED**

It was **RESOLVED** to follow the guidance of Councils solicitor

The meeting closed at: 9.07pm

Signature of presiding chairman

Date