



Minutes of the Clipstone Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 28 January 2026 at 7pm

Councillors Present:

E Elujoba
D Eskriett
J Fishwick
Dr T Olorundami
W Mayes
W Swiffin

In Attendance : The Clerk, The Responsible Finance Officer
: Cllr P Peacock of Newark and Sherwood District Council
: 4 members of the public

- CPC25/26 141 **Welcome**
The Chairman opened the meeting
- CPC25/26 142 **Apologies**
Apologies for absence were received from:
Cllr O Adekunle and Cllr S Neale of Clipstone Parish Council
Cllr J Gamble of Notts County Council
- CPC25/26 143 **Declarations of Interest**
There were no disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on matters being considered on the agenda
- CPC25/26 144 **Public Session (up to 15 minutes)**
- A representative of Your CVS introduced themselves and asked that agenda item 149 be considered before 8pm
 - A member of Clipstone Lodge Care Home introduced themselves and advised they would be initiating fund raising to purchase a defibrillator for the care home
 - Two members of the public indicated their wish to express views regarding Sqoshis Play Centre. The Chairman advised that Standing Orders would be suspended under Agenda item 145 and following the reading of a statement their representations could be heard
- CPC25/26 145 **Former Squash and Sauna Centre**
- a) The following public statement concerning former Squash and Sauna Centre was read by the Chairman:
Clipstone Parish Council has made the difficult decision to look at all options for the former Squash and Sauna Centre on Church Road, and this could include its disposal.
As a result, the council will not renew its current tenancy agreement when the

Initial _____

lease ends on January 31, 2026.

The council wishes the best of luck to the owners of Sqoshies and will work with them in any way it can.

The Council has owned the building for many years having purchased it from Newark and Sherwood District Council in 2005 under a legally-binding transfer agreement with specific and strict restrictions on its uses. Additionally the agreement also included the clause that 50% of any rent paid by a tenant was due to the district council.

Because of strict Government rules, the property now requires significant improvements in order to be re-let.

The primary responsibility of the parish council is to make decisions in the best interests of all residents of Clipstone.

The parish council's budget directly affects the local council tax, and as custodians of public money they must ensure it is used wisely and sustainably. After careful consideration, the parish council has concluded that it needs to assess all options for the building in order to protect the community's finances and ensure resources can continue to benefit all residents.

In addition, the parish council has made a commitment to the people of Clipstone that should the property be disposed of, that money it receives will be directly invested back into the community and specifically to benefit the children and young people of Clipstone.

- b) An update regarding the former Squash and Sauna Centre following the extra ordinary meeting of 14 January 2026 was **RECEIVED**

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders between 7.10pm and 7.30pm to allow two members of the public to address the meeting. They spoke in support of Sqoshis Play Centre and expressed concern about the lack of facilities for preschool children and their families, previously provided by Sqoshis. Members of the Council provided additional information that was neither confidential nor commercially sensitive though beyond the statement which demonstrated the considerable efforts the Council has made over the past 18 months in relation to the former Squash and Sauna Centre to seek to enable a new lease. However, due to financial constraints this has not been possible

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County and District Councillor(s) (up to 15 minutes)

District Councillor Paul Peacock:

- N&SDC are supporting Sherwood Forest Day which will be held on 20 February 2026 at Vicar Water
- Developers of the housing project alongside the headstocks have applied for a planning variation for all 124 properties to be affordable housing
- Levelling up Funding (LUF):
 - Stage 1 – Clipstone Holdings, tenders have been received and N&SDC are investing additional funding due to inflationary costs. This is the primary reason behind the delay in commencement of the works
 - Stage 2 – Sports Project, led by Welbeck Estates, N&SDC are sponsors of the project. LUF must be spent by March 2028 and N&SDC are in consultation to ascertain if the project can be delivered in the given timescale

- Stage 3 – Vicar Water improvements, design works are being stalled until summer 2026 to enable a more comprehensive understanding of what is affordable
- N&SDC will shortly launch a Town and Parish Council Legacy fund, where grants of up to £10,000 can be applied for
- A consultation on Local Government Reorganisation will be launched in the coming weeks

The following written report was received from County Councillor James Gamble:

- Forest Road traffic calming measures including speed humps and plateau – all confirmed approved by NCC
- Mansfield Road flooding alleviation - all confirmed and approved by NCC
- Virgin media boxes on Emerson Drive, Cavendish Estate are being relocated
- Arranged and attended a productive meeting with Michelle at CPC and VIA/East midlands

3 members of the public and Cllr Paul Peacock left at 7.45pm

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Community Protection Officer (up to 15 minutes)

There was no update from Newark and Sherwood District Councils
Community Protection Officer

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Minutes

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2025
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the extra ordinary meeting held on 14 January 2026

At 7.50pm The Chairman brought forward agenda item 150 for consideration.
Minutes are recorded in agenda item order

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Finance

Cllr Elujoba left the meeting momentarily at 7.59pm

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the payment schedule for November 2025
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the payment schedule for December 2025
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to confirm and sign the payment schedule for January 2026. 3 date errors were **NOTED**
- d) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the Unity current account reconciliation for November 2025
- e) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the Unity current account reconciliation for December 2025
- f) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the Unity savings reconciliation for November 2025
- g) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the Unity savings reconciliation for December 2025
- h) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the reserve account reconciliation for November 2025

- i) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the reserve account reconciliation for December 2025
- j) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the petty cash reconciliation for November 2025
- k) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the petty cash reconciliation for December 2025
- l) The budget to Q3 actuals were **RECEIVED**
- m) An end of tenancy financial summary was **RECEIVED**
- n) It was **RESOLVED** to agree the budget for the year ending 31 March 2027 as presented in draft with a grants budget of £12,500.00
- o) It was **RESOLVED** that the precept request for the year ending 31 March 2027 be £180,851.00. This is a 3.02% increase equating to 26 pence per month for a Band D property
- p) Earmarked reserves were **NOTED**. A review of earmarked reserves will take place in April 2026, following the end of the current financial year

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Consideration of requests for free use of the village hall

Following consideration of a request from Your CVS, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the continued use of Clipstone Village Hall by the Butterfly / Best Years Group on Thursdays, at no cost, for the duration of 2026

The council welcomed feedback from Your CVS regarding a staff member being 'fantastically helpful'

One member of the public who spoke in representation of Your CVS left the meeting at 7.59pm

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Grants

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to request a further resubmission of a grant request from Clipstone Colts Football Club

At 8.55pm it was **RESOLVED** to extend the meeting by 20 minutes

- b) It was **RESOLVED** to request a further resubmission of a grant request from Clipstone Football Club

The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) will offer support to both applicants to assist in the completion of the applications with specific and tangible information

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Events

It was **RESOLVED** to book a touring pantomime event for the 2026 festive season at a cost of £1250 plus VAT

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Policies

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt a draft Risk Management Policy as presented

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Officers Update

a) An update report from Parish Council Officers was **RECEIVED**
An additional verbal update informed Councillors of the use of the defibrillator from the kiosk on King Johns Road on Monday 26 January 2026

At 9.10pm it was **RESOLVED** to extend the meeting by a further 10 minutes

b) The Clerks attainment of the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) was **NOTED**

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Planning

The following planning notifications were **NOTED**:

- a) 26/00051/TELNOT / Notification of the intention to install above ground cabinet to house electronic equipment
- b) 25/02110/HPRIOR / 9 Fourth Avenue Clipstone NG21 9DQ / Householder prior approval for replacement single storey rear extension. The length that the extension extends beyond the rear wall of the original house: 4.80 metres
Eaves height of the extension: 2.50 metres
Maximum height of the extension: 3.40 metres

It was **NOTED** that planning applications with an expiry date prior to this meeting had been circulated to Councillors:

- c) 25/01976/OUT/ 15 Highfield Road Clipstone NG21 9EP / Erection of a single new two storey detached dwelling to the rear of garden in place of existing single storey garage / Expiry 11 Jan 2026

The following planning decision were **NOTED**:

- d) 25/01910/HOUSE / 1A Goldcrest Lane / extension to side (retrospective) / Granted
- e) 25/01269/FUL/ COOP / Proposed external plant to rear of the building (retrospective) / Granted
- f) 25/01856/LDCP / Lawful Development / 14 Kerry Close Clipstone NG21 9GA / Garage Conversion / Granted
- g) 25/01681/LDCP / Lawful Development / 21 Middleton Road Clipstone NG21 9AU / proposed single storey rear extension / Granted
- h) 25/02110/HPRIOR/ 9 Fourth Avenue Clipstone NG21 9DQ / Householder prior approval for replacement single story extension/ Prior Approval Granted

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Correspondence

- a) A letter of intent for a future grant application from Clipstone Scout Group was **RECEIVED**
- b) Correspondence regarding Local Government Re-organisation further briefing sessions was **RECEIVED**. Councillors will email the Clerk with details of the briefing session they would like to attend

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Meeting Details

- a) The next ordinary meeting date of Wednesday 28 February 2026 at 7pm was **NOTED**

- b) It was **NOTED** that items for information or resolution on the next agenda be sent to the Clerk by Friday 16 February 2026
- c) The Clerk will circulate prospective dates for the next Personnel Committee meeting by email

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Confidential

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."

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the confidential minutes of the meeting held on 28 January 2026
- b) An update on the former Squash and Sauna centre was **RECEIVED**

The meeting closed at 9.37pm

Signature of presiding chairman

Date