

Minutes of the Clipstone Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20 May 2026 at 7pm

Councillors Present:

R Clarey
D Eskriett
J Fishwick
S Neale
W Mayes
W Swiffin

In Attendance : The Clerk, The Responsible Finance Officer
: County Councillor James Gamble
: District Councillors Paul Peacock and Celia Brooks (arrived at 7.02pm)
: 3 members of the public

- CPC26/27 1 **Chairman**
It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr D Eskriett as Chairman for the year 2026/2027
The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was duly signed
- CPC26/27 2 **Vice Chairman**
It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr J Fishwick as Vice Chairman

Cllr Celia Brooks arrived at 7.02pm
- CPC26/27 3 **Apologies**
Apologies for absence were received from:
Cllr Dr T Olorundami – Clipstone Parish Council
Cllr E Elujoba – Clipstone Parish Council
Cllr A Freeman – N&SDC
- CPC26/27 4 **Declarations of Interest**
There were no disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on
matters being considered on the agenda
- CPC26/27 5 **Meeting dates**
The meeting dates for the forthcoming civic year were **CONFIRMED**
- CPC26/27 6 **Public Session (up to 15 minutes)**
There were no questions and petitions from members of the public

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

Cllr James Gamble, Notts County Council

- Cllr Gamble congratulated Cllr Eskriett on the appointment as Chairman and gave complements to the Chairman and Parish Council for how meetings are facilitated
- Dovecote Park, once in operation on the Baulker Lane site will supply quality beef to companies including Waitrose and Burger King. There will be 70 jobs initially created and apprenticeships available
- Cllr Gamble has received lots of communication from residents regarding Intake Woods and will be hosting a further walk about on Sunday 24 May. Cllr Gamble raised the felling has not been undertaken in the correct manner and he supports there being a full investigation
- Replacement Virgin Media service boxes have been installed on Emmerson Drive and Virgin Media are now due to remove the redundant boxes

Cllr Paul Peacock, N&SDC

- Cllr Peacock congratulated the chairman on his appointment
- The following report was provided regarding Intake Wood:
 - NSDC own the 32 Acre Intake Wood
 - Most of the wood was planted out as a commercial forest, the whole area has a TPO covering it
 - NSDC worked alongside the Forestry Commission and Sherwood Forest Trust to identify areas of thinning and areas that needed clearing and replanting. The Forestry Commission issued a license for the work across the 32 acre site
 - Some areas of clearing and replanting were agreed based on concerns of danger to adjoining properties
 - Work commenced in November, notices were issued in October.
 - Work paused at Christmas due to the wood mill being closed and later lacking the capacity to take more timber
 - Work commenced again in late March using accepted methodology to check for birds nesting before felling trees
 - In early April a section of woodland was partially felled that wasn't part of the licensed work. Work on the whole site was paused and the Forestry Commission were notified immediately. They visited the site and gave permission to carry on with the licensed work
 - On Saturday the 4th of April I instructed senior officers that I (and the local community) had lost confidence in the process and to cease all felling work
 - Since then NSDC have engaged with the local community and have begun the work of clearing pathways and making areas of the wood safe
 - NSDC are also engaging with the local community to make plans for the future of Intake Wood and are supporting the establishment of a 'Friends of Group'
 - NSDC are also making significant funding available to cover the costs of the plans which will make the wood more accessible, linked to wider rights of ways in the area and registered as a nature reserve to protect the wood into the future
 - Recent engagement and clearing works have been seen as very positive by the local community

- Cllr Peacock raised comment that Cllr Gamble was not accurate in his report of Intake Woods
- N&SDC are in the process of drawing up a legal agreement to remove the overage on the former Squash and Sauna Centre
- If the Parish Council provide a business case for a recreational project, it may be possible to allocate capital funding
- Clipstone Holdings has been listed for a re-tender, with work anticipated to commence in the autumn
- There is a shortfall in funding for the recently approved sports project

County Councillor Gamble was displeased with comments made by District Councillor Peacock and requested that this be recorded in the minutes

Cllr Celia Brooks, N&SDC

- Planning for the sports development beyond the Headstocks has been approved and Cllr Brooks acknowledged representatives from the Clipstone Welfare were present at the planning committee meeting
- Hosting the Knife Angle sculpture in Newark over recent weeks has been very successful in getting positive messages to young people
- A performance of The Messiah has taken place at Clipstone Headstocks, attracting people from outside the local area
- Traffic concerns connected to the new housing development have been raised by residents

Cllrs Peacock and Brooks left at 7.30pm

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Community Protection Officer

There was no update from Newark and Sherwood District Councils Community Protection Officer, however the Clerk advised Council that Public Protection Team are hosting their annual Safety Awareness Event at Vicar Water between Monday 15 June and Wednesday 17 June

Councillors raised an increase in bikers in Intake Woods, Vicar Water, Mansfield Road and the Avenues causing nuisance. The Clerk will raise this with the Community Protection Officer.

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Standing Orders

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the revised Standing Orders

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Code of Conduct

It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Code of Conduct

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Financial Regulations

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Financial Regulations
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Financial Risk Assessment

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Insurance

Arrangements for insurance cover were **CONFIRMED**

- CPC26/27 14 **Subscriptions and Regular Payments**
It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Council's and Officer subscriptions and regular payments (direct debits and standing orders)
- CPC26/27 15 **Data Protection**
Registration with the Information Commissioners Office was **CONFIRMED**
It was **NOTED** that an IT Policy was last reviewed and adopted on 25 March 2026
- CPC26/27 16 **Health and Safety**
a) It was **CONFIRMED** that Council's fire, health and safety policy provision is currently administered by Mansfield Fire and Safety
b) It was **RESOLVED** to accept a quotation for a fire alarm service, fire extinguishers testing, PAT testing a fire risk assessment review and a health and safety review
- CPC26/27 17 **Asset Register**
The Asset Register was **CONFIRMED**
- CPC26/27 18 **S137**
Council's expenditure incurred under S137 of the Local Government Act 1972 was **CONFIRMED**
- CPC26/27 19 **Council Policies**
It was **CONFIRMED** that council policies will continue to be reviewed throughout the civic year in accordance with the schedule for review
- CPC26/27 20 **Committees**
a) The Terms Of Reference for the Personnel Committee were **CONFIRMED**
b) It was **RESOLVED** to appoint membership to the Personnel Committee as all Councillors except the Chairman
- CPC26/27 21 **Minutes**
It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 22 April 2026
- CPC26/27 22 **Finance**
a) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the payment schedule for April 2026
b) It was **RESOLVED** to confirm and sign the payment schedule for May 2026
c) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the Unity current account reconciliation for April 2026
d) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the Unity savings reconciliation for April 2026
e) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the reserve accounts reconciliation for April 2026
f) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the petty cash reconciliation for April 2026

- g) It was **RESOLVED** to accept some of the recommendations made in the report (Appendix T) for accounts and investments with Redwood, Charity Bank and Hinckley & Rugby, with a further review at the June meeting

CPC26/27 23 Cllr Gamble left at 8.03pm
Audit

- a) The Internal Auditor's report was **RECEIVED** and recommendations **ACCEPTED**
b) It was **RESOLVED** to sign the Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2026
c) It was **RESOLVED** to sign the Accounting Statement for the year ended 31 March 2026
d) The public rights of inspection and publication of the unaudited Annual Governance and Accountability Return dates of 3 June 2026 to 14 July 2026 inclusive were **NOTED**

CPC26/27 24 **Hall rates**

Village hall hire rates were **REVIEWED**, there will be no changes at this time and a review will be conducted in the summer

A member of the public left the meeting between 8.30pm and 8.32pm

CPC26/27 25 **Grant**

Standing Orders were suspended between 8.32pm and 8.42pm to allow representation in support of the grant application

It was **RESOLVED** to award a grant to Vicars Clickers for £1000.00

CPC26/27 26 **Potential projects**

- a) An update from the Skate Park Working Group was **RECEIVED**
b) To support the consideration of other projects in Clipstone, past survey results will be circulated and an agenda item brought to the June meeting

CPC26/27 27 **Events**

At 8.53pm it was **RESOLVED** to extend the meeting by 15 minutes

An update on events was **RECEIVED**

The Spooky Party will be held on Sat 10 October

CPC26/27 28 **Officers Update**

Two members of the public left at 8.55pm

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

Planning

The following planning applications were **CONSIDERED**:

- a) Amended Planning Application Consultation 26/00416/FUL / Clipstone Car Centre Ltd 173 Mansfield Road Clipstone NG21 9AA / Change of Use from Former Motor Dealership to Hand Car Wash & Hot Food Takeaway. Revised plans, vent details and statement / Comments by 22 May 2026

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders between 8.59pm and 9.02pm to allow a member of public to speak

The Parish Council raises a strong objection to the proposal and firmly recommends refusal on the following grounds:

- The site is too small and constrained to safely or adequately accommodate the proposed use
 - Queuing vehicles are highly likely to overspill onto Mansfield Road and surrounding streets creating unacceptable highway dangers, congestion and obstruction. The proposed access arrangement, particularly given its proximity to Central Drive presents serious and unacceptable safety and visibility concerns
 - The proposal constitutes an inappropriate and poorly located form of development use that would cause significant harm to neighbouring residents through increased noise, disturbance, traffic generation and a deterioration in air quality
 - The site's former use as a petrol station indicates a high risk of contamination
 - The application fails to provide a credible strategy for wastewater disposal from the car wash, creating serious concerns regarding pollution, environmental harm and reliance on unsuitable drainage systems. The revised drainage plans are contradictory
 - The proposed boundary screening would compromise visibility, highway safety and pedestrian safety
 - The proposed parking arrangements are inadequate and impractical, making overspill parking onto surrounding residential streets inevitable
- For these reasons Clipstone Parish Council considers the proposal wholly unacceptable and strongly recommends that planning permission be refused.

- b) 26/00732/TWCA/15 May 2026 / Intake Wood, Portland Way, Clipstone / T1 – Corsican Pine, remove due to dangerous condition (TPO N322 – Intake Wood, Clipstone, Notts

There was no comment

The following planning decisions were **NOTED**:

- c) 25/25/01976/FUL/ 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 / Granted
- d) 26/00681/TPO/ Removal of three heavily damaged unsafe branches from 2 English Oak (Quercus) trees protected by TPO N322 (contained within woodland W9)/ Application Received Date Fri 08 May 2026/ Decision Issued Date Fri 08 May 2026, N&SDC Grant Works to Tree/s Protected by TPO

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Correspondence

Correspondence received from the Royal British Legion Clipstone and Forest Town Branch and also from Vicar Water Park Run were **NOTED**

A member of the public left at 9.07pm

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Meeting Details

- a) The next meeting date of Wednesday 24 June 2025 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 12 June 2024

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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."

- It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the confidential notes of the meeting held on 22 April 2026
- A staff update was **RECEIVED**
- A former tenant update was **RECEIVED**
- An update on the sale of the former Squash and Sauna Centre was **RECEIVED**

The meeting closed at 9.19pm

_____ **D Eskriett** _____

Signature of presiding chairman

_____ **24/6/26** _____

Date