



Minutes of Clipstone Parish Council held on Wednesday, 27 April 2022 at 7pm

Councillors Present:

R Clarey

J Fishwick

J Flowers

W Swiffin

C Wigman

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In Attendance: The Clerk

Also present: 9 members of the public

283 **Welcome**

The Chairman opened the meeting

284 **Apologies**

All Councillors were present

285 **Co-option**

It was RESOLVED to co-opt Kevin Mulloy to Council. The declaration of office was duly signed and Councillor Mulloy took up his seat

286 **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Clarey declared a non-pecuniary interest as a trustee of the Clipstone Miners Welfare Community Trust

287 **Public Session**

The Clipstone Army Cadets have been informed by the MoD that their detachment is closing in September after a presence of more than 60 years in Clipstone. The tenure of the building that they occupy twice a week for practise is currently unknown. They are trying to understand why their group is subject to closure when their membership numbers exceed other neighbouring Army Cadet groups. The Clipstone Army Cadets had not been part of a consultation process.

County and District Councillor Carlton has taken up the case and is working to find out more information. Contact has been made with Mark Spencer MP who is seeking a ministerial response from the MoD.

288 **County and District Councillors**

Councillor Carlton provided an update from Newark and Sherwood District Council (NSDC) and Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC):

Initial _____

- Following the recent anti-social behaviour and fires at Clipstone, the Police have been active in identifying and pursuing those involved. Restorative work has commenced with additional work identified to improve emergency vehicle access at Vicar Water. Wider conversations with colleagues involved with protecting the natural habitat at Sherwood Forest have taken place with initiatives such as drone coverage, a CO2 detector and better CCTV surveillance either being installed or linked to a wider scheme should help detect fires earlier and assist in identifying those involved
- Residents had reported that dog bins at Intake Wood were full with people leaving bagged dog waste at the base of the dog bins rather than taking it to another bin. NSDC is responsible for emptying the bins but the bins are owned by the Parish Council. The situation is to be monitored with the option to upgrade the capacity of the dog bins or increase the frequency which they are emptied.
- As part of widening out the provision of levelling up funding, the land to the back of the Headstocks is being evaluated for amongst other things a business enterprise area and for sports, health and well-being. The youth of the area will hopefully help shape the sports, health and well-being aspect of any such bid.
- Road maintenance to re-instate the white lines and repair potholes is underway on the Cavendish Estate. There has been an underspend in the Highways budget so a request has been made to improve the pavements in Clipstone
- A combined authority is looking more likely as is an elected Mayor. It is hoped the changes will help re-balance the under-funding of the region from central Government

Councillor Fishwick asked if a check could be carried out on the speed signs and beacons.

289 **Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2022

290 **Finance**

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to accept the reserve bank reconciliations to 31 March 2022
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to accept the petty cash reconciliation to 31 March 2022
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to accept the current account bank reconciliation to 31 March 2022
- d) The payment schedule for March 2022 was **VERIFIED** with Council
- e) The Q4 to budget report was **NOTED**
- f) The payment schedule for April 2022 was **RESOLVED**
- g) It was **RESOLVED** to make an advance payment for the new mower at the appropriate time
- h) This item was deferred to a future meeting as the internal auditor had not confirmed a date

291 **Planning**

To consider any planning applications received:

- a) 22/00604/HOUSE – 54 Braemar Road, Forest Town
Single storey front extension

There was **NO OBJECTION** to the plans

- b) 22/00420/FUL – Clipstone Social Club, Mansfield Road Clipstone Change of use of ground floor to Community centre and Parish Council offices and change of use of first floor to business units. Alterations to the building including demolitions, new windows and doors and new main entrance

Council **ABSTAINED** from making a comment on its own application

- c) 22/00708/FUL – Land Rear Of 129 Mansfield Road Clipstone
Erection of 3 No. dwellings (revised application of 22/00095/FUL)

There was **NO OBJECTION** to the plans

- d) 22/00652/HOUSE – 136 Church Road, Clipstone, NG21 9DL
Proposed single storey front extension & single storey rear extension (part retrospective)

There was **NO OBJECTION** to the plans

- e) 22/00787/HOUSE – 6 Ward Road, Clipstone, NG21 9FB
Erection of single storey rear extension (re-submission of 21/01332/HOUSE)

There was **NO OBJECTION** to the plans

The following planning decisions were **NOTED**:

- f) 22/0094/LDC – 1 The Willows, Squires Lane, Kings Clipstone – Refused
- g) 22/00192/S73 - Site Adjacent Goldcrest Lane And Skylark Way Clipstone – Permitted
- h) 22/00283/S73 – Clipstone Headstocks Shop, 50 Mansfield Road, Clipstone, NG21 9EQ - In the interests of residential amenity, the premises shall only be open to members of the public during the following hours: 08:00 to 22:00 seven days a week

292 Queen's Platinum Jubilee

- a) It was **NOTED** that various plans were in train following a meeting and contact with residents, interest groups and the Miners Welfare. The immediate focus of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will be Sunday 05 June at the Miners Welfare although other projects were underway such as Clip-stones with Samuel Barlow Primary School and the Youth Club whereby a stone is decorated with further events and activities being considered for later in the year including a firework display timed with the Christmas light switch on, recording the memories from those in the community who recall the Queen ascending to the throne, recognising babies born during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year and recording how Clipstone celebrated the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year in the form of a photo-book.
- b) It was **NOTED** that a £500 grant from Newark and Sherwood District Council had been received. This was allocated against materials for Clip-stones as well as a

£100 donation to the Clipstone yarnbombers. Councillor Carlton offered a donation from his divisional funds which the Clerk would take up.

- c) The Clerk was asked to double check that provision had not been made in this year's budget for the Queen's Jubilee. There are other options available to the Council to support other events and activities.
- d) No additional steps were requested

293 **Grant Request**

- a) The grant request had changed to a contribution toward the running costs of the Clipstone Colliery Regeneration Group (CCRG). The Clerk reminded Council that it did not have the General Power of Competence therefore its options were limited by Section 137 of the Local Government Act of 1972 and this request did not meet the criteria.

Two representatives from CCRG were present and provided an update on the recent comments made on social media which resulted in a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) being suspended. CCRG has been invited to make an amended HLF grant application. Previous work by CCRG had contributed to the Headstocks not being de-listed from its Grade II status. After a period of dormancy, CCRG is looking to re-establish itself and currently has 10 volunteers and 1 paid member of staff. Their future plans include a Miners Heritage weekend. The Headstocks are under private ownership with any future relationship between the owner and the CCRG in doubt.

Given the current uncertainty, it was **RESOLVED** to defer any decision to allow time for the situation to settle and to see if a way forward is found.

294 **Quotations**

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with option 3 at a cost of £1,935.00 plus the inclusion of movement auto-sensors with an over-ride switch.

295 **Projects**

It was **RESOLVED** to identify 3 of the projects with a priority status contained within the appendix with the land at 7th avenue and the re-purposing of the former morgue added to the outstanding projects list. Progress would be contingent on available resource.

- i. New cemetery fence
- ii. Cemetery topple testing and to determine the extent of an unsafe memorial process
- iii. Reinstate community amenities and re-siting of container on CISWO owned land

296 **HR Update**

- a) The resignation of a Parish Worker was **NOTED** and in the immediate term additional hours would be worked by the other Parish Workers with the vacancy being advertised

- b) The short-listing for the Clerk vacancy is outstanding. The HR Committee members said they would agree their short-list and corresponding interview date for the Clerk and the RFO vacancies.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to increase the annual leave allowance by adopting the current NJC terms - 22 days + 2 discretionary days to facilitate a Christmas and New Year closure + bank holidays. For those with 5 years of continued service the annual leave increase to 25 days + 2 discretionary days to facilitate a Christmas and New Year closure + bank holidays.

297 **Correspondence**

No correspondence had been received

298 **Next Meeting Details**

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to call a condensed Annual Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 18 May 2022 at Clipstone Village Hall which will include items it is legally obligated to cover and the regular business of Council
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to call the Annual Parish Meeting the same evening immediately prior to the Annual Parish Council meeting

299 **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 the confidential notes from 23 March 2022 meeting
- It was **RESOLVED** that a payment plan be implemented to bring the account to current within the remaining term of the lease
- It was **RESOLVED** not to support a request for a 20% rent reduction
- It was **RESOLVED** to support a change of use application to include a day nursery subject to all the necessary permissions being sought

The meeting closed at: 9:23pm

Signature of presiding chairman

Date