



Minutes of Clipstone Parish Council held on Wednesday, 22 February 2023 at 7pm

Councillors Present:

D Eskriett
J Fishwick
K Mulloy
R Clarey
W Swiffin
J Flowers
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In Attendance: The Clerk and the Responsible Finance Officer

Also present: Councillors Scott Carlton from Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council, Andy Freeman from Newark and Sherwood District Council and one member of the public

109 **Welcome**

The Chairman opened the meeting.

110 **Apologies**

Councillor JC Wigman sent apologies for absence and a letter of resignation from the Parish Council.

111 **Declarations of Interest**

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

112 **Public Session**

There were no questions from members of the public.

113 **County and District Councillor(s)**

Andy Freeman – District Councillor

- A petition from a member of the public supported by fellow District Councillor Paul Peacock which requests 'Improved and increased local services before any further housing developments are given planning permission in Clipstone' has gained in excess of 500 signatories. The petition will be presented to Newark and Sherwood District Council.

- There will be a 5% increase to Newark and Sherwood District Council housing tenants in Clipstone from the next financial year.
- Kerbside glass collections will commence in Clipstone from April 2024.

Scott Carlton – District Council update

- Reiterated that kerbside glass collections will commence in Clipstone from April 2024.
- Anti-Social Behaviour crime issues, particularly around the Cavendish Estate are being investigated. Residents are encouraged to report all instances of antisocial behaviour and any concerns to the Police.
- District Councillors are continuing to work to progress improvements to the Persimmon Homes play park.
- Plans to improve play equipment on Hilcote Drive park and Vicars Water park have been approved.

Scott Carlton – County Council update

- Water drainage issues near the Pitstop have been elevated to immediate priority. Highways have been investigating with camera inspections in the drains. A report is expected in the near future.
- Road patching works are in progress around Clipstone Village.
- LED street lighting conversions are in progress and should be completed in the next few months.
- The footpath between Kings Clipstone and Clipstone had become narrow due to overgrown grass. Via have conducted work to reinstate the pavements and will return to remove the excess grass and turf on the grass verge to allow the verge to be mowed along the 30mph stretch.

114 **Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2023 with a minor amendment.

115 **Chairman's report**

A Chairman's report was **RECEIVED**.

116 **Co-option of a Councillor**

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with the Co-option of a Councillor within 6 months of the end of the current election term.

117 **Finance**

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to verify the payment schedule for January 2023.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the payment schedule for February 2023.

- c) It was **RESOLVED** to verify the current account reconciliation for January 2023.
- d) It was **RESOLVED** to verify the reserve accounts reconciliation for January 2023.
- e) It was **RESOLVED** to receive and verify the petty cash reconciliation for January 2023.
- f) It was **RESOLVED** to defer renewing bank mandate signatories on reserve account 2 until the May 2023 Parish Council meeting.
- g) It was **RESOLVED** to agree an application for an account at MKM Builders Merchants.

Agenda item 117h was deferred and discussed toward the end of the meeting. Minutes are recorded in agenda order. Councillor Clarey left the meeting at 9.05pm and did not take part in the discussion or vote regarding 117h.

- h) There was a robust discussion regarding a request from the Welfare Trust for Council to cover legal fees connected with the abandoned Community Hub project at derelict Miners Welfare building. It was **RESOLVED** that the Welfare Trust are not reimbursed for legal fees connected with the abandoned Community Hub project.

118 **Personnel**

The Consultant Clerk's leaving date of 28 February 2023 was **NOTED**.

119 **Quotes**

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the quote for the fire, health and safety provision.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve a window quote with top openers and double laminated glass.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to approve quote A for plastering.
- d) It was **RESOLVED** to approve quote B for plumbing.
- e) It was **RESOLVED** to revise the specification for cemetery fencing and defer quotes until the March's meeting.

120 **King Charles Coronation**

Council received a report regarding the Parish Council's role in community celebrations for King Charles III Coronation.

- It was **RESOLVED** to provide children's keepsakes to the value of £1200.
- It was **RESOLVED** to provide funding for a stilt walker at the Miners Welfare picnic event at a cost of £285.
- It was **RESOLVED** to provide funding to local yarn bombers for post box toppers up to the value of £100.

- It was **RESOLVED** to donate £80 to the Knit and Natter group for the purchase of wool to create a coronation display.
- It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a Coronation flag at approximately £90.
- It was **RESOLVED** to offer the Knit and Natter group a further donation of £100 to make bunting or a knitted display for the roundabout near the Cop-op on the Cavendish Estate and for the railings on Mansfield Road in the centre of the village.
- It was **RESOLVED** to allocate £250 to create Handprint Bunting with local community groups and schools.

Total cost of recommendations £2105.00
 Total budget remaining for other events £ 395.00

121 **Fees**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the report recommendations and increase the cemetery fees from April 2023.

122 **Steering Groups / Committees**

- a) It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Eskriett will step down from the Personnel Committee and that Councillor Wigman will be elected to the Personnel Committee.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to create an Assets Working Group with its Terms of Reference being brought before the next Council meeting.

123 **Planning**

The following planning application was considered:

- a) 23/00109/LBC / Power House Mansfield Road Clipstone NG21 9AP/ Fitting of roller shutter door to existing opening to the south side of heapstead 1 / There was **NO OBJECTION**.

124 **Governance**

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the updated Code of Conduct policy.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the updated Grant Application policy and application form with a minor amendment.

At 8.40pm the Chairman sought Councillors consent to agree a 30 minute extension to the meeting as there were several agenda items remaining to cover. Councillors agreed.

- c) It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the updated Equality and Diversity policy.
- d) It was **RESOLVED** to adopt a Councillor/Officer protocol.

125 **Correspondence**

No correspondence has been received.

126 **Meeting Details**

- a) The next meeting date of Wednesday 22 March 2023 at 7pm was **NOTED.**
- b) The next Personnel Committee Meeting date of Wednesday 8 March 2023 7pm was **NOTED.**

Councillor Clarey left the meeting at 9.05pm.

127 **Confidential**

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960:

To resolve 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 of the meeting held on 25 January 2022.
- An update regarding an insurance claim was **NOTED.**
- An update regarding the tenant was **NOTED.**

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The meeting closed at: 9.32pm

Signature of presiding chairman

Date