



## Minutes of Clipstone Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20 March 2024 at 7pm

### Councillors Present:

D Eskriett  
J Fishwick  
W Swiffin

### In Attendance: The Clerk and the Responsible Finance Officer

: Cllr Paul Peacock of Newark and Sherwood District Council  
: Richard West from Cerda representing The Welbeck Estates

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### **Welcome**

The Chairman opened the meeting.

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### **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Celia Brooks of Newark and Sherwood District Council.

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### **Declarations of Interest**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on matters being considered on the agenda.

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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 provided an update in advance. Primary concerns in the last month are centred around dog waste issues on parks in the village.

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

Cllr Paul Peacock of Newark and Sherwood District Council

- A CCTV review is being conducted in the district, Clipstone is included within the review.
- The district element of council tax will increase by 2.99% from April 2024. The increase is due to inflationary reasons.
- The Clipstone Holdings project funded by N&SDC is progressing, the creation of plans is in progress. Consultation and a planning application are anticipated in the next few months.

- A response from central Government is awaited regarding the £20 million Levelling Up 3 funding. It is anticipated that Clipstone will benefit from approximately £5 million investment which must be spent by May 2026.
- N&SDC's new community funding scheme opens in April 2024.
- Glass kerbside collection rollout has commenced in Clipstone.

There was no report from Cllr Scott Carlton of Nottinghamshire County Council.

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### **Parish Council Land on Seventh Avenue**

The Chairman suspended Standing Orders between 7.13pm and 7.24pm to allow Richard West and Cllr Paul Peacock to speak.

Representation was **RECEIVED** from Richard West of Cerda on behalf of The Welbeck Estates regarding Councils land on Seventh Avenue and planning application reference 23/02268/OUTM.

The Chairman advised the planning objection was resolved as a reflection of resident opinion and the concerns expressed were consistent with Councils objection to planning application 23/00832/FULM/.

It was advised that Council does not seek to frustrate the planning application process and will continue to act in the best interest of the parish as a whole.

Information regarding a Deed of Covenant on Councils Seventh Avenue land was shared. Council sought to understand if The Welbeck Estates would absorb any costs associated with clarifying if the Deed of Covenant would be breached by Councils land being included within the perimeter of the planning application. Council will ensure due diligence in advance of any further decisions being taken.

Richard West left the meeting at 7.25pm.

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### **Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 28 February 2024 with a minor amendment.

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**Finance**

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the payment schedule for February 2024.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to confirm and sign the payment schedule for March 2024.
- c) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the NatWest current account reconciliation for February 2024.
- d) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the Unity current account reconciliation for February 2024.
- e) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the reserve account 2 reconciliation for February 2024.
- f) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the Unity Savings Account reconciliation for February 2024.
- g) It was **RESOLVED** to verify and sign the petty cash reconciliation for February 2024.

Cllr Paul Peacock left the meeting at 7.25pm.

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**Review cemetery fees**

It was **RESOLVED** to pass on an increase in sexton costs of £20 for full burials in earthen graves to be applied to new cemetery bookings received after 1 April 2024.

It was **RESOLVED** that there will be no change to the cost of cremated remains interments, the administration charge to transfer the Exclusive Rights and memorial fees.

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**Village Hall Survey**

An update regarding conducting a building survey of the village hall was **RECEIVED**.

It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with an energy audit for the village hall up to the value of £1000.

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**Grant Application**

It was **RESOLVED** approve a grant application from Clipstone and Forest Town Royal British Legion for £131.12 and allow a variance for fluctuations in raw material costs.

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**Events**

It was **RESOLVED** to invite Clipstone and Forest Town Royal British Legion to raise the D Day 80 flag with Parish Councillors on Tuesday 6 June 2024 to commemorate D Day 80 in Clipstone

It was **RESOLVED** to invite Clipstone and Forest Town Royal British Legion to judge the design a medal competition to commemorate D Day 80 in Clipstone.

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**HR**

- a) An update on the recruitment for the position of Responsible Financial Officer (Maternity cover) was **RECEIVED**.
- b) The resignation of the Cemetery Gatekeeper was **NOTED** and appreciation expressed for service to the Parish Council.

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**Officers Update**

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

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**Planning**

The following planning application was **CONSIDERED**:

- a) 24/00329/FUL/ 124 Mansfield Road Clipstone NG21 9AL/ Demolish existing garage and erect an outbuilding to use as Hairdressing salon (resubmission)/ Comments extension requested to 21 March 2024 / There was **NO COMMENT**

The following planning decisions were **NOTED**:

- b) 23/01432/FUL/ Change of use of annex to use as separate dwelling (not ancillary to existing dwelling) (retrospective). Erection of fence / Annexe 16 Mansfield Road Clipstone NG21 9EH/ Refuse Full Planning Permission
- c) 24/00034/FUL/ New Shop Front / Klippers 157 Mansfield Road Clipstone NG21 9AA/ Grant Full Planning Permission

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**Correspondence**

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to decline Hedgehogs R Us invite to purchase plastic hedge hog highway surrounds.
- b) A letter of thanks from 1<sup>st</sup> Clipstone Scout Group was **RECEIVED**.

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**Meeting Details**

- a) The next meeting date of Wednesday 24 April 2024 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 April 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."

HR

- a) It was **RESOLVED** to accept the interview panel’s recommendation and appoint the candidate with the highest interview score to the role of RFO (Maternity Cover).  
Terms of employment were **AGREED**.
- b) It was **RESOLVED** to maintain current terms of employment for the role of Cemetery Gatekeeper and recruit in accordance with SLCC guidelines.

The meeting closed at 8.38pm

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**Signature of presiding chairman**

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**Date**