

Officers update April 2024

- At Clipstone Cemetery there have been 5 interments in March and one interment is scheduled so far in April.
- An Easter Craft event held on Wednesday 10 April at the village hall was well received and thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. The remaining snacks / fruit and easter eggs left over from the event were delivered to the Clipstone Circle Food Hub immediately following the event to be included in food boxes.
- Defibrillator kiosk – persex and signage have been delivered, the metalwork in the phone box has been resprayed, investigations regarding the electrical connection have been made and a further update should be available for the meeting.
- The Clerk has been in ongoing contact with managing agents of parks on Cavendish Estate to highlight residents dog waste concerns and discuss potential solutions.
- Cemetery fencing installation has not progressed since the last meeting due to staff absence.
- Mowing has commenced.
- Initial conversations with N&SDC to hold a joint summer nature event have taken place.
- The Clerk has been continuing communication with Standguide, who in partnership with the Department for Work and Pensions can provide employment support services to local residents. A drop in session to be held at the village hall is to be discussed within agenda item 202.
- There were 3 hours staff training in March.
- A building energy survey has been sought with an update to be discussed in agenda item 207.
- Internal audit visit dates for the year ending 31 March 2023 are Wednesday 24 April and Wednesday 15 May 2024. The Clerk and RFO have been preparing the information and documentation required.
- The RFO has been processing the closedown of the financial year ending 32 March 2024.
- A King Charles III official portrait has been ordered and received. There was no cost to Council.
- D Day 80 plans are progressing and the design a medal competition will be launched in early May.
- The Clerk attended the last in the series of CiLCA training webinar on 12 April 2024.
- Enquiries are in progress to seek cheaper energy tariffs following a reduction in energy prices across the market.
- Asset register review in is progress.
- Induction and handover preparations for the new RFO (maternity cover) who commences working at Clipstone in early May are in progress.
- A monthly call between District Councillor Paul Peacock and the Clerk took place on 17 April 2024.
- As of 17 April 2024, there has been no reply from The Welbeck Estates in regard to making further enquiries into the land covenant on Seventh Avenue.
- Enquiries have been made with VIA seeking an increase to m2 price for grass verge cutting as the agreed price has not increased in over 4 years.
- Enquiries with the Senior District Manager for Newark & Sherwood at VIA East Midlands regarding weed spraying schedules to prevent a reoccurrence of untidiness in the village. A new weed spraying contractor has been appointed.
- External audit contact received.
- Gate keeper recruitment is in progress.