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## Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 1930 hrs The Village Hall, Clipston

Mrs C Valentine - Clerk to the Parish Council 07581 490581

Attendees: Chairman: Councillor May, Councillors, Fellows, Alderson-Smith, Burnham and Price.

No members of the public.

Clerk Mrs C E Valentine.

420/24	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies of absence received and approved for Councillor Warren. Councillor Kemsley-Pein not present.																				
421/24	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>																				
	Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a disclosable pecuniary interest will require the member withdraws from the meeting room during that transaction of that item of business. None																				
422/24	<b>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b>																				
	Members of the public are invited to address the council. Members of the public should address their representations through the Chairman. Maximum permitted time 30mins at the Chairman's discretion. No public.																				
423/24	<b>UPDATE FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS</b>																				
	To receive updates from Unitary Councillors - and No Unitary Councillors present. Apologies received.																				
424/24	<b>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</b>																				
	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2024 as a correct record.																				
425/24	<p><b>PLANNING</b></p> <p>a) To receive any applications for consideration not otherwise on the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WNC notified the PC of the Emergency tree works to the Cedar at 1 High Street, Clipston following storm damage to make the tree safe.</li> <li>WND/2023/0012 at 7 The Green Clipston Northamptonshire LE16 9RS – noted as received with no comment.</li> </ul> <p>b) Awaiting decision - Noted</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><a href="#">2024/3723/FULL</a></td> <td>23A High Street Clipston LE16 9RU</td> <td>Proposed side extension on ground and first floors</td> <td>05/08/2024</td> <td>Pending</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="5">b) Decision</td> </tr> <tr> <td><a href="#">2024/3805/TCA</a></td> <td>Hornhill Farm The Green Clipston LE16 9RS</td> <td>Crown raise, crown thin and reduction to 1 x Cedar Tree</td> <td>09/08/2024</td> <td>Approved 20.11.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td><a href="#">2024/3009/FULL</a></td> <td>Little Orchard Kelmarsh Road Clipston LE16 9RX</td> <td>First floor part two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and new cladding</td> <td>24/07/2024</td> <td>Approved 20.11.24</td> </tr> </table> <p>To view and comment on applications please see: <a href="https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-planning-application">https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-planning-application</a></p>	<a href="#">2024/3723/FULL</a>	23A High Street Clipston LE16 9RU	Proposed side extension on ground and first floors	05/08/2024	Pending	b) Decision					<a href="#">2024/3805/TCA</a>	Hornhill Farm The Green Clipston LE16 9RS	Crown raise, crown thin and reduction to 1 x Cedar Tree	09/08/2024	Approved 20.11.24	<a href="#">2024/3009/FULL</a>	Little Orchard Kelmarsh Road Clipston LE16 9RX	First floor part two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and new cladding	24/07/2024	Approved 20.11.24
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426/24	<b>MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING FROM THE MEETING OF THE 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024</b>																						
	<p>a) Land registration of the Pound and the Village Green. – No update.</p> <p>b) Update on mower repairs – Mower is being collected next week for service and puncture repair.</p> <p>c) Request to mow verge Kelmarsh Road. Cllr Burnham has spoken to the resident and the PC are able to mow the verge in question.</p> <p>d) Local Flood Management Plan. - No update</p> <p>e) Overhanging Trees (bus shelter) – It was <b>RESOLVED</b> for the Clerk to write another letter, noted the property is vacant.</p> <p>f) Heritage light for no. 8 streetlight at village hall entrance replacement. Quotes were considered again, and it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to proceed with E. On’s heritage quote as best value for money. £3,690.58 + VAT The design of the LED light unit is sympathetic to the existing lantern and compliments the surroundings.</p> <p>g) Kier Tree Donations planting in January at Haddon Fields. Councillor Alderson- Smith confirmed Haddon Fields are now dealing with the tree donations.</p> <p>h) Replacement globe for the war memorial update. The Clerk has found a low volume rapid prototyping manufacturer who have been asked to quote to cast a replacement flame globe. They are currently performing tests on their material to see if it will withstand freezing temperatures and then will provide a quote.</p> <p>i) Streetlight hidden by vegetation. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> for the Chairman to speak to the resident following written correspondence.</p>																						
427/24	<p><b>VILLAGE MAINTENANCE</b> Fix my Street reports for Clipson as of 27.11.24</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="244 1128 1386 1491"> <thead> <tr> <th>Date</th> <th>REF</th> <th>Issue</th> <th>Status/Action</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Oct 24</td> <td>6573229</td> <td>Pothole dangerous bend outside near Gravel Pit Farm</td> <td>Work completed 25.11.24 - noted</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oct 24</td> <td>6562937</td> <td>Directional signage on ground</td> <td>Junction of Longhold /Kelmarsh rd.14.10.24 investigating. No updates - noted</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oct 24</td> <td>6562928</td> <td>Raised metal cover sticking out of Kelmarsh Rd heading out of village.</td> <td>23.10.24 WNC reported contacting landowner to repair cover next 14 days. Chased update with WNC – noted 2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Nov 24</td> <td>6798071</td> <td>Potholes appeared Station Road</td> <td>Marked for repair but work not carried out and marks have faded – noted to chase previously 26 wks. ticket.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>To report road or street problems contact <a href="http://northamptonshire.gov.uk">FixMyStreet (northamptonshire.gov.uk)</a> Gold street Lantern to be replaced for £290.00 + VAT The report of the damaged pedestrian bridge due to the recent bad weather on the footpath at the start of Kelmarsh Road is to be reported for urgent attention to WNC Highways directly, although it has been logged on FixMyStreet. Light no. 6 High Street and No. 2 Harborough Road to be reported for attention.</p>			Date	REF	Issue	Status/Action	Oct 24	6573229	Pothole dangerous bend outside near Gravel Pit Farm	Work completed 25.11.24 - noted	Oct 24	6562937	Directional signage on ground	Junction of Longhold /Kelmarsh rd.14.10.24 investigating. No updates - noted	Oct 24	6562928	Raised metal cover sticking out of Kelmarsh Rd heading out of village.	23.10.24 WNC reported contacting landowner to repair cover next 14 days. Chased update with WNC – noted 2	Nov 24	6798071	Potholes appeared Station Road	Marked for repair but work not carried out and marks have faded – noted to chase previously 26 wks. ticket.
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428/24 a)	<p><b>FINANCE AND POLICIES</b> – It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Unity Trust Bank Balance at 28.11.24 £32,092.09 (<i>income cheque HSBC £15,000.00 cleared on 18.11.24</i>) confirmed.</li> <li>Most recent HSBC paper statements for account at 01.11.24 £22,498.61 (<i>note bank transfer by cheque to Unity account occurred after this date.</i> Noted.</li> <li>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement.</li> <li>Transfer funds from Parish Council account HSBC to Parish Council Unity Trust Bank. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> as £15,000 transfer between accounts. Savings account with Unity to be set up.</li> </ol>																						



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b)	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the following payments for December 2024		
	<b>PC Expenditure November 2024</b>	£	
	Clerk salary November 2024	507.70	LGA 1972, s112
	DM Payroll Services Ltd Inv 3971 Oct 24 – March 25	60.00	LGA 1972, s111
	HMRC Month 8	121.40	LGA 1972 s112
	Yu Energy November 2024 Street Lighting	421.76	Highways Act 1980 s301
	Yu Energy October 2024 Street Lighting	20.76	Highways Act 1980 s301
	Royal British legion (November 24) Donation	20.00	LGA 1972, s137
	PCC of Clipston Orbell Room hire June – Sept 24 inv 2426	60.00	LGA 1972 s144
	Total	£1090.42	
c)	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve payments outside meeting where the Parish Council will not ordinarily meet.		
429/24	<b>IT Website and email</b> Update and actions on switch to.gov.uk, The Chairman is to look at the issues with .gov.uk email set up for Councillors to switch over. There is a local contact who may have some images of Clipston for the website.		
430/24	<b>CORRESPONDENCE</b> The following were noted: There are several consultations for comment. Open consultations can be found via link: <a href="https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com">https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town and Parish Briefing November 2024</li> <li>• West Northamptonshire Council is now undertaking a Polling   District and Places review. Public consultation began on 15 November and runs until 3 January. More information, including the link to the survey, can be found here: <a href="#">Review of polling districts and places   West Northamptonshire Council</a></li> <li>• Councillor Price to look at the survey.</li> <li>• Projected election costs 1 May 2025 Elections</li> <li>• West Northants: <a href="https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/flooding-and-flood-risk-management">https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/flooding-and-flood-risk-management</a></li> <li>• Local mental wellbeing service directory where you can find out about what help is available: <a href="https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing/mental-health-services-and-supportservices">https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing/mental-health-services-and-supportservices</a></li> <li>• Northamptonshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Danielle Stone is asking for your views on her Police, Fire and Crime Plan, which sets the blueprint for policing and fire services in Northamptonshire, and on the funding that will help police and fire deliver these priorities. <a href="https://northantspfcc.org.uk/precept-and-plan-consultation/">https://northantspfcc.org.uk/precept-and-plan-consultation/</a></li> </ul>		
431/24	<b>To consider the draft budget and precept 2025/26 proposals</b> the budget and Precept proposals were reviewed and discussed. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to set the precept at £ 25,000 for 2025/2026. Precept PR1 form deadline 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2025.- signed at the meeting. To consider Public Works Loan Board to switch the remainder of the streetlights to LED as a cost and energy saving exercise. The PWLB was discussed. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to explore this loan to upgrade the LED lighting to enable the remaining streetlights to be upgraded to LED as a cost-effective solution. The PC will look at starting the process in the new financial year. The budget has been taken into consideration with a PWLB loan.		
431/24	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b> (for discussion only no items can become decisions) Printer; Wormslade Farm; Collapsed bridge wall; NPPF changes and the Local Plan Next Meeting Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025.  Meeting closed at 21:02		