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**Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting
Held on Wednesday 12th February 2025 at 1930 hrs The Village Hall Clipston**

Mrs C Valentine - Clerk to the Parish Council 07581 490581

Attendees: Chairman – Councillor May, Councillors Warren, Burnham, Wilford, Fellows, Alderson-Smith and Kemsley-Pein
Member of the public and Unitary Councillors, J Harris, C Irving-Swift and K Parker.

433/25	APOLOGIES Apologies of absence were received and approved for Councillor Price (personal)
434/25	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 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
435/25	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 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 comments
436/25	UPDATE FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS Unitary Councillor Harris confirmed the WNC had been discussed and recommendations would go to the full council next week. Predicted to be set at 4.99% increase for the third year in a row. The three statutory and in demand services Children's Trust, Adult Social Care and Temporary accommodation are feeling the pinch. The Devolution project where other principal councils considered going onto a combined unitary authority was discussed with 6 areas and a mayor. There were mixed views from the various authorities and no joint agreement was signed to move forward. Unitary Councillor Irving-Swift mirrored Cllr Harris report and added a reminder that elections are the 1 st May 2025 and from April the Cllr will be in the pre-election period purdah. KP & JH suggested WNC look at the Broughton Valley Way to Market Harborough rail in the budget. Labour have increased the housing stock quota to 10k in the area so it will be expected that NCALC will contact councils with a call for sites. This has affected the Local Plan in preparation. The Anaerobic Digester meeting took place last week at Great Oxendon. There will be no other option than to close the road for 6 weeks to straighten out/ make the road suitable, information circulated. It was noted that there does not appear to be any CIL provision which would have been nice for local villages. This is being checked although the land is not owned it is on a 25-year lease. Purely Agricultural waste – mainly maize and we have been advised it is possible to arrange a site to the facility. Unitary Cllr Parker confirmed budget comments and said the National Insurance increase of 2.5% is going to affect service providers and more so. Period 9 forecast is £5.1m shortfall and they have three months to bring this back before the next budget. There will be one Unitary Cllr following the elections for our area.
437/25	APPROVAL OF MINUTES It was RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 4 th December 2024 as a correct record.
438/25	Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility at Wormslade Farm, Clipston Road, Kelmash To discuss Parish Councils response and information received. The boards presented at the public information event in Great Oxendon 5 th February 2025 can be found: (https://www.wormsladegreenenergy.com/). The website is also regularly update with construction updates. An email address (contact@wormsladegreenenergy.com) has been set up to deal with and respond to any questions or complaints that local residents may have connected to the construction process. This will be routinely monitored over the course of construction.



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	<p>Cllr Warren attended the meeting and following the experience of the bad day of traffic the impression was the meeting would have an opportunity to discuss matters as a group. However the event was more of a display board drop-in event . Questions were answered but therefore not with open discussion. Not everyone had received the leaflets they had circulated because a map with a radius was used rather than contacting whole areas/local villages so not everyone had opportunity to know and attend. Reassurance was requested that there would be no traffic through the village.</p> <p>The Chairman has updated Facebook with information for residents and the PC website also has information posted. Unitary Cllr Parker has been checking the route and will check again. It was noted that last week and the two weeks prior no complaints have been received, it was just during the first two days. Vehicles have stopped queuing and waiting. It was RESOLVED to continue communication, monitor and feedback.</p>																				
439/25	<p>ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION TTRO(24/25) W827 - Church Lane, Clipston</p> <p>Burden Bros Construction are intending on carrying out construction and resurfacing works on the above road. To undertake this work safely will require that the road will be closed for up to 6 weeks and it is expected that the works will commence on the 17th February 2025. Noted</p> <p>The closure and diversion can be viewed here https://one.network/?tm=141876277</p>																				
440/25	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>a) To receive any applications for consideration not otherwise on the agenda. None</p> <p>b) Awaiting decision - noted</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td data-bbox="256 1122 435 1151">2024/3513/COND</td> <td data-bbox="491 1122 624 1267">Clipston Grange Farm Kelmarsh Road Clipston LE16 9RY</td> <td data-bbox="655 1122 995 1328">Discharge of Conditions 4 [Natural England] and 5 [GCN Method Statement] of Planning Permission WND/2021/0614 [Demolition of existing farmhouse and construction of replacement dwelling]</td> <td data-bbox="1034 1122 1150 1151">17/07/2024</td> <td data-bbox="1238 1122 1318 1151">Pending</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="256 1339 435 1368">2024/3215/COND</td> <td data-bbox="491 1339 624 1451">Harkwell, 9 Pegs Lane, Clipston, LE16 9SB</td> <td data-bbox="655 1339 1007 1630">Discharge of Conditions 3 [CEMP], 4 [Drainage], 6 [Materials], 7 [Meter Boxes], 8 [Boundary Enclosures], 9 [External Noise Insulation], 10 [Landscaping Scheme] and 11 [Refuse Storage] of Planning Permission 2023/5950/FULL [Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling]</td> <td data-bbox="1034 1339 1150 1368">28/06/2024</td> <td data-bbox="1238 1339 1318 1368">Pending</td> </tr> </table> <p>c) Decision - noted</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td data-bbox="256 1731 424 1760">2024/3723/FULL</td> <td data-bbox="491 1731 671 1787">23A High Street Clipston LE16 9RU</td> <td data-bbox="727 1731 1118 1787">Proposed side extension on ground and first floors</td> <td data-bbox="1177 1731 1294 1760">23/01/2025</td> <td data-bbox="1334 1731 1422 1760">Approval</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="256 1809 435 1839">2024/4436/COND</td> <td data-bbox="491 1809 671 1899">The Limes 1 Pegs Lane Clipston LE16 9SB</td> <td data-bbox="727 1809 1134 1928">Discharge of Conditions 3 (Materials) and 4 (Windows and Doors) of Planning Permission 2023/6831/FULL (Proposed single storey extension)</td> <td data-bbox="1177 1809 1294 1839">06/01/2025</td> <td data-bbox="1334 1809 1422 1839">Approval</td> </tr> </table>	2024/3513/COND	Clipston Grange Farm Kelmarsh Road Clipston LE16 9RY	Discharge of Conditions 4 [Natural England] and 5 [GCN Method Statement] of Planning Permission WND/2021/0614 [Demolition of existing farmhouse and construction of replacement dwelling]	17/07/2024	Pending	2024/3215/COND	Harkwell, 9 Pegs Lane, Clipston, LE16 9SB	Discharge of Conditions 3 [CEMP], 4 [Drainage], 6 [Materials], 7 [Meter Boxes], 8 [Boundary Enclosures], 9 [External Noise Insulation], 10 [Landscaping Scheme] and 11 [Refuse Storage] of Planning Permission 2023/5950/FULL [Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling]	28/06/2024	Pending	2024/3723/FULL	23A High Street Clipston LE16 9RU	Proposed side extension on ground and first floors	23/01/2025	Approval	2024/4436/COND	The Limes 1 Pegs Lane Clipston LE16 9SB	Discharge of Conditions 3 (Materials) and 4 (Windows and Doors) of Planning Permission 2023/6831/FULL (Proposed single storey extension)	06/01/2025	Approval
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	<p>2024/4871/LDP Manor Farm Naseby Road Clipston NN6 6AR</p> <p>Lawful development certificate (proposed) to install a Solar PV array on two sides of the building</p> <p>16/12/2024 Approval</p> <p>To view and comment on applications please see: https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-planning-application</p>																																
441/25	<p>MATTERS ARISING AND OUTSTANDING FROM THE MEETING OF THE 4th December 2024</p>																																
	<p>a) Overhanging Trees (bus shelter) confirmed as being attended to as per conservation area process. – Noted to owner with thanks.</p> <p>b) Replacement globe for the war memorial update. Tooling to setup manufacture of similar designed globe £3k alone. Glass globe design not readily available to purchase any longer. Chairman now looking at alternatives. Chairman now has the globe and is looking into re-creating a 3D mould.</p> <p>c) Streetlight hidden by vegetation- cleared and awaiting date for contractor to inspect/repair light. It was reported by the Council the light is now on and so repaired.</p> <p>d) Parish Council to consider paying Village Hall insurance premium. No details received yet to make a decision– Clerk to request invoice.</p> <p>e) To consider a Parish Council article in the Courier. Clipston Courier March edition deadline is 21st February 2025. Cllr Warren to action. Cllr Price has suggested including information about the biodigester.</p> <p>f) Parish Paths Warden Scheme Relaunch – To confirm Parish Path Warden by 21st February 2025. It was advised that J Blake has been the Parish Path Warden. Clerk to contact.</p> <p>g) Reoccurrence of mud and slurry overflow along Pegs Lane/Gold Street. It was RESOLVED the Clerk is to progress WNC Environmental Health.</p> <p>h) Any feedback for the PC following the MP informal meet on 18th January 2025 at the village hall. It was reported as a well-attended event. No feedback.</p> <p>i) Remember of public as raised the issue of danger at the crossroads at Longhold Road/Naseby Road. It was RESOLVED to keep pressing for resolutions to the issue. Request line marking repainted and rumble strips which is still outstanding from 23/24.</p> <p>j) Land registration of the Pound and the Village Green. – No further updates.</p> <p>k) Local Flood Management Plan – email received from Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire Area Environment Agency. The would like photo of River Ise during times of high flows. Information circulated to the PC. On agenda for next mtg (Cllr Price).</p>																																
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	Oct 24	6562937	Directional signage on ground	Junction of Longhold /Kelmarsh rd.14.10.24 investigating. No updates as of Feb 25!
	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. 06.01.25 closed as not a WNC responsibility. Action – try to report to Anglian Water.
	Nov 24	6798071	Potholes appeared Station Road	Marked for repair but work not carried out and marks have faded . Closed 17.01.25 – Work outstanding – re-open case.
	To report road or street problems contact FixMyStreet (northamptonshire.gov.uk)			
443/25	FINANCE AND POLICIES – It was RESOLVED to approve the following:			
a)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Unity Trust Bank Balance at 07.02.25 £28,748.33 2. Most recent HSBC paper statements for account at 01.01.2025 £7,093.62 HSBC bank charges at 22.12.24 £5.40. 3. To approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement. – Clerk reported HSBC statement not received – will update next meeting. 4. It was RESOLVED to approve the opening of a Unity Trust Bank savings account and deposit. Signatories Chairman, Cllrs Warren and Alderson-Smith signed the Unitary Trust Bank paperwork. 			
b)	It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments for February 2025			
	PC Expenditure February 2025		£	
	Clerk salary January 2025	401.60		LGA 1972, s112
	HMRC Month 10	95.20		LGA 1972 s112
	Yu Energy January 2025 Street Lighting	552.48		Highways Act 1980 s301
	Total	1049.28		
c)	It was noted as approved the payments during January 2025 Parish Council did not ordinarily meet.			
	January	Clerk Salary	December 2024 salary	BP £401.80
	January	HMRC	January 2025 PAYE	BP £95.00
	January	Yu Energy	Nov-24	DD £22.42
	January	Yu Energy	Nov-24	DD £496.22
	January	Yu Energy	Jan-25	DD £23.54
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	January	Clipston Village Hall	Inv 1/2024 Room hire	BP £180.00
	January	E.On Energy Solutions	inv 127052 quarterly maintenance	BP £240.00
	January	C Valentine	Printer ink expenses	BP £19.79
	January	Mowerfix	Inv 1786 Servicing and repairs	BP £573.49
				£2,568.25
444/25	IT Website and email			
	Update on website development and actions on switch to .gov.uk. Cllrs and Clerk still unable to access new email. Chairman to contact IT provider. Chairman and Cllr Alderson-Smith have been updating the new website. Clerk has also added new content and updates.			



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445/25	<p>CORRESPONDENCE - noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WNC would like your thoughts on shaping the One West Northamptonshire Plan. View the draft One West Northamptonshire Plan. Work is currently under way on creating the One West Northamptonshire Plan consultation https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/chief-executive/one-west-northamptonshire-plan/user_uploads/025---wncc-corporate-plan-revised-copy-06-1-25-sf-2.pdf closes 20.02.2025. COVID-19 Day of Reflection will take place on Sunday 9 March 2025 https://dayofreflection.campaign.gov.uk/ Following a majority vote in favour at the Great Oxendon Neighbourhood Planning Referendum held on 23 January 2025, West Northamptonshire Council formally made the plan on 24 January 2025. Save the date - proposed Annual WNC Parish Conference. This will be on June 12th from approximately 10 till 2.30, venue to be confirmed VE-DAY 80 Thursday 8 May 2025, parish and town councils are encouraged to light Beacons and Lamp Lights of Peace at 2130, raise a unique VE Day flag at 0900 and, where possible, hold parties of celebration throughout the day in the streets, gardens, churches, town halls, pubs, and clubs. NCALC guide available. PSPO on organised dangerous driving in West Northamptonshire. https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/community-safety/pspo-organised-dangerous-driving/ This consultation closes midnight 18 February 2025.
446/25	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only no items can become decisions)</p> <p>Longhold Road potholes getting larger run down middle of the road. Kelmarsh Road Path Monitor new Gold Street LED luminosity HSBC transfer funds now street lighting direct debit transferred to Unity Bank. Annual Parish Meeting 5th March prior to the PC meeting New of Red Listed K2 Telephone box to be decommissioned Clerk contacting BT Clipston Recreation Ground Invoice for annual Insurance</p> <p>Next Meeting Wednesday 5th March 2025.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 20:35hrs</p>