



CLIPSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting

Held On Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 19.30hrs Clipston Village Hall.

Attendees: Chairman Councillor May; Councillors Fellows, Wilford, Warren, Price, Alderson-Smith and Burnam.

Clerk: Mrs CE Valentine – not present. Minutes taken by Cllr Wilford transposed by the Clerk.

No members of public

462/25	APOLOGIES Apologies of absence were received and accepted for Cllr Kemsley-Pein (Personal)
463/25	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. No Declarations.
464/25	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 public
465/26	UPDATE FROM UNITARY COUNCILLORS To note we are now in the pre-election period. No Unitary Councillors
466/25	APPROVAL OF MINUTES To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 5 th March 2025. It was RESOLVED to defer to May 2025 as the Clerk is unwell.
467/25	SOLAR FARM PROPOSAL – PARISH OF KELMARSH The Parish Council have been contacted by an organisation on behalf of Regener8 Power, who are preparing plans for a new solar farm and battery energy storage scheme (BESS) in the neighbouring Parish of Kelmarsch. They have advised they will be consulting the public on this scheme in April and as part of our consultation would appreciate the opportunity to visit you, or meet virtually, and present our proposals, answer any questions you might have, and take on board your feedback ahead of submitting a planning application to West Northamptonshire Council. It was noted there is a meeting on 9 th April 2025 and to revisit following the meeting if further progress required.
468/25	Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility at Wormslade Farm, Clipston Road, Kelmarsch Any updates for consideration and decision for the Parish Council relating to the Anaerobic Digestion (AD) facility at Wormslade Farm . No updates. It was RESOLVED to continue to monitor.
469/25	PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS 1ST MAY 2025 If you wish to stand for election in May and you haven't submitted your nomination papers by 2 April 2025 then you are too late. Every seat on every parish, town, community, and unitary council is up for election on 1 May 2025. Note Clerk: To existing councillors who are retiring in May, thank you for your public service and contribution to the village. – noted applications closed 2 nd April.



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470/25	<p>PLANNING</p> <p>a) To receive any applications for consideration not otherwise on the agenda. b) New 2025/1127/TCA – (TPO deadline 15th April 2025) and 2025/0774/S73 – (Deadline 03.04.25). It was RESOLVED as no objections.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Reference No.▶</th> <th>Location▶</th> <th>Proposal / Description▶</th> <th>Valid Date ▲</th> <th>Decision Issue Date▶</th> <th>Decision▶</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2025/1127/TCA</td> <td>15A Kelmars Road Clipston LE16 9RX</td> <td>T1- Ash - To remove 1 major branch growing over the neighbouring property. To pollard the remaining tree to 4-5 meters.</td> <td>21/03/2025</td> <td></td> <td>Pending</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2025/1174/TPO</td> <td>7 Chestnut Grove Clipston LE16 9RH</td> <td>T1- Lime- To crown raise to 5 meters. This will allow more light into the house and garden.</td> <td>21/03/2025</td> <td></td> <td>Pending</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2025/0603/TCA</td> <td>Stepping Stones Pre-school Clipston Endowed Primary School High Street Clipston LE16 9RU</td> <td>Works to trees as detailed in Inspection Report</td> <td>17/02/2025</td> <td>21/03/2025</td> <td>No Objections</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2025/0774/S73</td> <td>Harkwell, 9 Pegs Lane, Clipston, LE16 9SB</td> <td>Condition 2 to amend plans [as set out in the planning statement] of approved 2023/5950/FULL [Demolition of Existing Dwelling and Erection of a Replacement Dwelling.]</td> <td>10/02/2025</td> <td></td> <td>Pending</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/view-and-comment-planning-application</p>	Reference No.▶	Location▶	Proposal / Description▶	Valid Date ▲	Decision Issue Date▶	Decision▶	2025/1127/TCA	15A Kelmars Road Clipston LE16 9RX	T1- Ash - To remove 1 major branch growing over the neighbouring property. To pollard the remaining tree to 4-5 meters.	21/03/2025		Pending	2025/1174/TPO	7 Chestnut Grove Clipston LE16 9RH	T1- Lime- To crown raise to 5 meters. This will allow more light into the house and garden.	21/03/2025		Pending	2025/0603/TCA	Stepping Stones Pre-school Clipston Endowed Primary School High Street Clipston LE16 9RU	Works to trees as detailed in Inspection Report	17/02/2025	21/03/2025	No Objections	2025/0774/S73	Harkwell, 9 Pegs Lane, Clipston, LE16 9SB	Condition 2 to amend plans [as set out in the planning statement] of approved 2023/5950/FULL [Demolition of Existing Dwelling and Erection of a Replacement Dwelling.]	10/02/2025		Pending
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	<p>a) 1. Update BT telephone removal. Adoption process request with BT & WNC Planning notification of request to adopt to prevent kiosk removal completed. 2. Request of use of the decommissioned kiosk from Clipston Planters. – Noted as 90 day consultation period in process and Clipston PC has registered interest.</p> <p>b) Complaint from member of public regarding increased dog waste left all around the village. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to contact The Dog Warden and see if there are any flyers/notices available for the village to deter dog mess.</p> <p>c) Mower insurance renewal notification- to consider and approve insurance quotes for 23rd April 2025. It was RESOLVED to approve Countrywise Insurance at £315.26 12 months.</p> <p>d) Replacement globe for the war memorial update. The Chairman is working on a prototype.</p> <p>e) Update on the issue with reoccurrences of mud and slurry overflow along Pegs Lane/Gold Street. Cllr Alderson-Smith to email Clerk with information requested on the issue by WNC.</p> <p>f) Land registration of the Pound and the Village Green. -no updates.</p> <p>g) Local Flood Management Plan. It was RESOLVED for the Clerk to keep chasing an update.</p>																														
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	Nov 24	6795821	Collapsed bridge brick wall	Inspected and closed until bridge team have completed repair works – on going at 28.02.25. - No change Clerk to chase.
	Oct 24	6562937	Directional signage on ground	Junction of Longhold /Kelmarsh rd.14.10.24 investigating. No update. – No change. Ok to take off agenda no further action.
	Oct 24	7228082 (old ref: 6562928)	Raised metal cover sticking out of Kelmarsh Rd heading out of village.	RE -OPENED WNC priority 4 repair 26 wks from 12.03.25.
	Nov 24	6798071	Potholes appeared Station Road	This has an SLA date of 26 weeks which takes it to June. There is a problem with WNC system that when a works order is raised it closes it down and consequently shows as fixed when its not! A works order has been raised for this. – Noted as fixed.
	Sept 24	6514050	The road off Kelmarsh Road and up to Weskers Close.Very rough surface n road and pavement disintegrating too. uneven walking.	SLA of 26 weeks, Works order for end of April 20253
	<p><u>To note Highways response to faded lines/ stop markings at the crossroads (longhold Road) FixMyStreet ref: 4693591</u> This one is an old report and the request relates to white lining which was done on 21/07/23 in response to the request. If the PC want a reduced speed limit in this area then I need to take this to the speed limit review panel for consideration. If this is the case can you drop me an email detailing what you would like and why you feel it is needed.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED for Cllr Warren to contact NCALC advertised consultant that advertise help for Parish Councils with highways traffic management.</p> <p>To report road or street problems contact FixMyStreet (northamptonshire.gov.uk)</p>			
473/25	FINANCE AND POLICIES – To approve the following:			
a)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Unity Trust Bank Balance at 28.02.25 £27,668.51 – update to follow Year End 31.03.25 for meeting. Most recent HSBC paper statements for account at 01.03.25 £7,088.62. (consider transferring balance to Unity Trust Bank and close HSBC account and updating of signatories pending elections). It was RESOLVED for Clerk to write/date cheque prior to elections for Cllrs Price and Burham to sign transferring balance of Clipston PC HSBC funds to the Clipston PC Unity Bank Account. To approve the Bank Reconciliation Statement for year ending 2024/2025. Approved. To note SECTION 137 SPENDING LIMIT - The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has confirmed an increase in the Section 137 expenditure limit for parish and town councils in England for the 2025/26 financial year. The new limit is £11.10 per elector, up from £10.81 in 2024/25. Noted 			
b)	It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments for April 2025			
	PC Expenditure April 2025		£	
	Clerk salary March 2025		401.80	LGA 1972, s112
	HMRC PAYE month 12		95.00	LGA 1972 s112
	E.ON Energy Solutions Limited ref: 6018800813		42.00	Highways Act 1980 s301
	E.ON Energy Solutions Limited ref: 6018802676 quarterly street lighting maintenance		240.00	Highways Act 1980 s301
	Clipston Recreation Ground (Grant for annual insurance)		1578.43	Open Spaces Act 1906 ss.9 and 10
	Clipston Village Hall (Grant for annual insurance)		911.87	LGA 1972 s.133
		Total	3269.10	
474/25	IT Website and email Update on website development and progress with email set up. – No further updates stil not working.			



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<p>475/25</p>	<p>CORRESPONDENCE</p> <p>There are several consultations for comment. Open consultations can be found via link: West Northants Consultation Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please see various consultations via: https://westnorthants.citizenspace.com/ • Government Planning and Infrastructure Bill, has had its first reading in the House of Commons. NCalc are watching the progress of the Bill closely and will be identifying the impact and opportunities for parish and town councils. For all the details, please see https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/3946 . • Town and Parish Briefing a link to the latest edition of the Town & Parish Briefing • The annual subscription charge for the fortnightly service from April 2025 to the end of March 2026 is £60 per bin and can be done online: www.westnorthants.gov.uk/gardenwaste • West Northamptonshire Health and Wellbeing Board have produced a draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment (PNA) report and is seeking feedback before it is finalised. : Have your say on the draft Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment. This consultation closes midnight 1 May 2025.- Cllr Price offered to review.
<p>476/25</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS (for discussion only no items can become decisions)</p> <p>Next Meeting Wednesday 7th May 2025.</p> <p>Door on noticeboard</p> <p>Meeting Closed at 20:16hrs.</p>