

CLOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Clopton Village Hall
On Thursday 8th June 2023 at 7.30 pm.

<p>Present: Cllr Raffell (Elected Chair) Cllr Ashard Cllr Bright Cllr Gittoes Cllr Pitt Cllr Tiley-Nunn</p>	<p>In Attendance: Mr D Gooch (Clerk) 6 members of public</p>	<p>Apologies Cllr Lye</p>
--	---	--------------------------------------

<p>CPC064/23 Chairmans Welcome Cllr Raffell welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p>	
<p>CPC065/23 Declaration of Interests/Dispensation Applications Received There were no declarations of interest and no dispensation applications to consider in relation to this agenda.</p>	
<p>CPC066/23 Planning Matters To receive planning decisions.</p> <p>DC/23/1740/CLP Certificate of Lawful Use (Proposed) - Erection of three loading canopies. Debach Enterprises Debach Airfield Clopton Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 6QT Determination date 30/6/2023. No request for consultee comments. Application Permitted by East Suffolk Council (20 May 2023)</p> <p>DC/23/1124/FUL Erection of garage and carport, landscaping and alterations to parking area. 1 Cherry Tree Cottages, Grundisburgh Road, Clopton, Woodbridge, IP13 6QD Supported by Clopton PC. Application Permitted by East Suffolk Council.</p> <p>To consider planning applications. (Members of the public were also given the opportunity to put forward their comments/concerns on the applications.)</p> <p><u>DC/23/2012/FUL</u> Proposal: Use of land for stationing of 3 shepherds huts for holiday use together with office/store. Land At Manor Road, Clopton, Suffolk, IP13 6SH. (Expiry: 19th June)</p> <p>The Parish Council (PC) voted unanimously to object to this planning application based on ecological and environmental concerns, and a lack of detailed information: - The application needs to clarify how it's proposed to manage sewage. The Planning Application Form states that Foul Sewage is to be disposed of by "Other" means. The Planning Statement section 11, states that Foul Drainage is to be provided by means of a private treatment plant. Is a local treatment plant on site proposed? If so this may cause considerable disturbance to particularly sensitive wildlife during the installation and also during emptying.</p>	

<p>How will the proposed sewage cassettes be emptied? If they are to be emptied on site, how frequently is this likely to be required. Obviously, there are also concerns over potential smells during this process.</p> <p>- How are other utilities provided? For example, if the water supply is via tanks, the tanks are a potential eyesore, and how would the water be transported to site and at what frequency?</p> <p>Will electricity be provided on site and if so how will this be distributed around the site.</p> <p>- The Ecology Report notes the "the potential presence of protected species", including bats and breeding birds, claiming that the wildlife area will be fenced-off to minimise disturbance, but all periods of holiday use would cause disturbance while constructing the fencing would also be highly disruptive. It was also noted that the Site/ Location Plan appears to show an outline of several more potential bases for shepherds' huts and/or Workshop/office bases compared to the Proposed Block / Layout Plan, although it's possible that the additional blocks may not be part of a future proposal for expansion, but are existing concrete hard standing that were apparently created as the bases for wartime Nissen huts?</p> <p>DC/23/1047/FUL 32 solar panels to be fitted in an array of 4 rows of 8 panels, mounted on low-level, steel frames sunk into the ground. Amendments: new site plan. (Expiry: 21st June) (Previous application supported by Clopton PC.)</p> <p>The PC agreed to support this application. The applicants were present at the meeting, and said that the original plan didn't show the hedge, hence was re-submitted. It is understood that the solar panel array is unchanged in the re-submission, and that consultant input was provided to ensure that a traditional hedge would be planted in keeping with the surrounding area. Assurances were also provided that an adjacent water supply would be used to feed the hedge, and that the hedging would be re-planted in the next growing season, if the hedging died.</p>	<p>Clerk to submit response objecting to the application.</p> <p>Clerk to submit response supporting the application.</p>
<p>CPC067/23 Website Accessibility Review Results</p> <p>Cllr Raffell & Clerk Gooch noted that it's a mandatory requirement that all local government organisations allow people with visual impairment to easily access their websites. At the May meeting the PC had agreed (CPC059/23) to engage One Suffolk to review Clopton PC's webpages against the international WCAG 2.1 AA accessibility standard. The results from CAS IT Services were:</p> <p>"The site is now "red" error free and the vast majority of "yellow" alerts have also been removed from the site. This should now make you compliant. Generally speaking we found a mostly compliant site with only a few red errors that made it uncompliant before our checks. There were considerable "yellow advisory" alerts and most of these have been removed and the information around these and how to combat them in the future is listed below.</p> <p>Please also note that PDF and Word Documents used on the site may still remain uncompliant. This has been addressed in your Accessibility Statement which should ensure compliance. PDF and Word Documents sit outside the realms of the website and are not included in our scans (addressed by the Accessibility Statement)."</p> <p>The PC agreed payment of the invoice for £108 inc VAT (INV-2564).</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>CPC068/23 Dates of future meetings.</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th July 2023, 7.30pm, Village Hall, Parish Council Meeting 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Meeting closed at 8:15pm</i> 	
Chairman:	
Date:	