

CLOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 15th. September 2011 in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors R Compton (Chairman) & S. Freeman, & the Clerk, G. Kimmerling
In attendance SCC Cllr. Bellfield and 2 members of the public.

The meeting commenced in Open Session.

SCC Cllr. Bellfield explained that SCC has made savings of £42.5m, the new Chief Executive’s salary will not exceed £160,000 & £11.7m has been granted from central Government for faster Broadband in Suffolk. Mobile libraries cost £590,000 per year which equates to £7.70 per user. There are 12 registered users in Clopton & 9 of these used the library in August. The proposal is to cut the number of mobile vans from 6 to 3 & to call every 4 weeks. They will not visit towns that have static libraries.

Cllr. Angwin arrives.

There is a SCC Budget Consultation asking the public which services matter the most and this will be followed by road shows.

Under SCDC, there is consultation on the Core Strategy. The Government is proposing that the presumption on planning applications should be positive in future. There is a meeting on this on 28th. September at the Riverside.

Cllr. Pennington arrives.

There are a lot of objections to the proposal from preservation groups and a lot of uncertainty. There is no mention of the District or Urban Councils role in the White Paper.

SCDC is carrying out a consultation on Car Park charges. There is a proposal to increase charges in towns, the first in 6 years, & to charge disabled badge holders for parking.

There is a site visit to the Snipe Vineyards by the Planning Committee on September 26th. The camping site has now been closed for the winter.

Police report. The Clerk read out a report from PC Dave Burrell – included in the Minutes folder.

Mrs. Dawson explained that the Village Hall Committee is planning to refurbish the toilets, to replace the windows at the back of the hall and to create a patio area. They are applying for grants & need a letter of support from the Parish Council and an indication of the level of financial support. They have had four quotes and have decided who they would like to carry out the work.

The Open Session concluded and the Parish Council meeting commenced.

SCC Cllr. Bellfield left the meeting.

Agenda Item	Discussion/Detail	Action
1. Apologies	P C Dave Burrell.	
2. Declarations of Interest	None	
3. Minutes		
Meeting held on Thursday 21 st . July 2011	Proposed by Cllr. Pennington, seconded by Cllr. Angwin & agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes as a true record. The Chairman signed the Minutes.	
4. Matters Outstanding from the Minutes		
a) Data protection	.Nothing to report	
b) Land Registry	Mr. Newson does not know of the whereabouts of the Village Hall deeds.	
c) Land adjacent to Shop Road	This land has been planted with winter wheat.	
5. Finance		
i.) Financial statement as at 15.09.11	Copies given to all Parish Councillors.	

ii.) Approve invoices for payment	G Kimmerling – Clerks salary £223.12 (tax £55.60) G. Kimmerling Clerk’s expenses £5.40 SCDC Uncontested election costs £100.00 Speedar Ltd for speedwatch calibration (VAT £12)£72.00 R Compton postage for speedwatch camera £15.45 PROPOSED Cllr. Angwin, seconded by Cllr. Pennington and agreed by the Parish Council. All cheques dated 15/09/11 & signed by Cllrs. Compton & Freeman.	
iii.) Village Hall Double Glazing – to approve funding	Phase two – to replace the windows on the far side of the village hall. The Village Hall Trustees will organise grants for this. PROPOSED by Cllr. Compton to donate £250.00 towards this project. Seconded by Cllr. Pennington and agreed by the Parish Council. Letter of support required by SCDC.	Clerk to write to Village Hall Trustees supporting the project and offering £250 in funding.
6. Planning		
i) Applications	C11/1718 Snipe Vineyards, Snipe Farm Road Change of use of Summer House to Holiday Accommodation C11/1719 Ditto Change of use of Annex to Holiday Accommodation C11/1720 Land on the S E side of Snipe Farm Road Retention of caravan hook up points. There are several breaches of planning regulations relating to these applications and the Parish Council was unable to make a decision until all concerns had been looked into. SCDC met on 14 th . September and have arranged a site visit for 26 th . September.	Clerk to ask for an update after the site meeting.
ii) Planning Decisions		
	C11/1344 Aspen Lodge, Charsfield lodge. Erection of single storey rear extensions. SCDC permission 2 conditions. C11/1158 land N W of Maple Tree Barn, Grundisburgh Road. Extend time limit on PP C08/0901. SCDC Permission 16 conditions. It appears that people are living in the mobile home as Maple Tree Barn has been sold.	Clerk to check the planning permission on C08/0901.
iii) Other Planning Issues		
	None received.	
7. Village Wildlife Event		
	Thursday October 13 th . has been booked from 6.30p.m. The event will run from 7 to 9 and refreshments will be available.	Clerk to make fliers.
8. Potash Corner Bus Stop		
	Cllr. Compton had met with the new owner of The Old Rectory and looked at the bus stop area. It was arranged that the owner would clear the bank, cut back the hedge and put down hard standing for the bus stop as he agreed that he was the owner of this land.	
9. Speedwatch		
	The camera has been re-calibrated and returned. Cllr. Compton has a meeting tomorrow with the Police and Speed watch contacts. They may look into taking photos of speeding vehicles on Polaroid. The co-ordinator is now Malcolm Gooch who is also helping to set up other groups. The other councils involved will be asked for financial contributions to cover future costs.	Clerk to write to the other councils for financial contributions.
10. SALC		
	Nothing to report	
11. SORR		
	SORR may change to an organisation which gives advice To other areas in future. There is at present, no Chairman.	
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12. Community Emergency Planning		
	Nothing to report. Cllr. Pennington is slowly getting peoples E-mail addresses.	
13. Correspondence		
	Cllr. Angwin had looked through the SCDC Consultation on Sustainability Appraisal of Core Strategy & development Management Polices. The final deadline for responses is 14 th . October. Invitation to Briefing on the Draft National Planning Policy Framework on 28 th . September at Farnham – Cllr. Compton & Clerk to attend. Mobile Libraries Consultation questionnaire – to be completed by Cllr. Freeman. SCDC Outdoor Playing Space – Clopton has £1206.12 available.	28 th . Sept. Meeting Cllr. Compton & the Clerk to attend.
15. Questions to Chairman		
	No questions. Cllr. Compton said Mr. John Pryke has agreed to join the Parish Council & Mr. Mike Williams is also considering this.	Agenda item for November – co-op onto the council.
Next Meeting	Thursday 17th November 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.	

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) Date _____