

# CLOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 20<sup>th</sup>. January 2011 in the Village Hall

**Present:** Councillors R Compton (Chairman), G. Boshier, S Christensen, S Freeman & L. Pennington & the Clerk, G. Kimmerling

**In attendance** SCC Cllr. Bellfield and 4 members of the public.

**The meeting commenced in Open Session.**

SCC Cllr. Bellfield reported that SCC must make savings of £110 m- £130m over the next 3 years - £40m on this year's budget. They have produced a new Strategic Direction & intend to outsource services but this will not make any savings until year 2. £70m has already been saved in previous years. Bury St Edmunds Park & Ride will close saving £200,000 per year. Libraries, Old Peoples Homes, parks etc. are all being considered to save money. Bus routes, including Clopton's 70 & 70a, are likely to have no services after the evening rush hour, no Sunday services & reductions on certain routes. It is necessary to save half the costs of subsidised transport.

SCDC must save 7% on their budget this year. Their collaboration with Waveney DC is helping to save money. Planning permissions are being eased to allow some building in small villages. Due to delivery problems, not all villages were asked how many houses they felt they needed.

If communities wish to take over their libraries, they must consult with the County Council.

Police Report.

The Clerk read out the police report – copy in the Minutes folder.

Oil had been stolen from the village hall tank on two occasions. This was not mentioned in the report.

Questions from members of the public.

Why was it necessary to have another notice board and why site it beside a dangerous road? Cllr.

Compton explained that he had received requests for a notice board on the Grundisburgh Road & one of the land-owners had offered his land for this with space to park.

The Parish Council were thanked for the web-site which was great for distributing news so notice boards were no longer needed. Cllr. Compton said not everyone had access to the web and it was a requirement by law to advertise Parish Council meetings in a prominent place.

Central Government has said that Council Tax should not rise this year so the precept should therefore not rise. Cllr. Compton said these views would be taken into consideration.

**The Open Session concluded and the Parish Council meeting commenced.**

Agenda Item	Discussion/Detail	Action
<b>1. Apologies</b>	Cllr. Taylor & Cllr. Angwin – another meeting & PC Burrell	
<b>2. Declarations of Interest</b>	None.	
<b>3. Minutes</b>		
Meeting held on Thursday September 16 <sup>th</sup> . 2010.	Proposed by Cllr. Boshier, seconded by Cllr. Christensen & agreed by the Parish Council to accept the Minutes as a true record. The Chairman signed the Minutes.	
<b>4. Matters Outstanding from the Minutes</b>		
a) Henderson Global Investors	Mr. Dawson completed the forms to remove himself from the Trustees. PROPOSED Cllr. Pennington, SECONDED Cllr. Boshier & agreed by the Parish Council that the Clerk, Sylvia Freeman & Roy Compton be the Trustees for Henderson Global Investors.	Clerk to complete forms and send off.
b) Rural Coffee Caravan	Cllrs. Freeman & Christensen felt this was not needed as there is already a monthly coffee morning at the village hall.	Clerk to advise RCC of the decision.
c) Bus Destination board	SCC Highways had changed the name of Clopton Corner to Clopton Green which caused confusion. Cllr. Freeman said the buses now show Clopton Corner.	
d) Traffic Mirror	This is now in place and an improvement on the previous one.	
e) Village sign	This has been painted, the post cleaned and the surrounding grass cut	
f) Remembrance Sunday report	Over 50 people attended the service led by Canon Hedges. Mr. & Mrs. Yallop were thanked for the excellent refreshments.	<b>Page 94</b>

<i>SCC Cllr. Bellfield left the meeting.</i>		
<b>5. Finance</b>		
a) Financial statement as at 20/01/11	Copies given to all Parish Councillors.	.
b) Approve invoices for payment	Invoices paid on 7.10.10 Schoolscapes Ltd. for play equipment £3055.00 Invoices paid on 16.12.10 G Kimmerling – Clerk’s salary £278.72 K Garrod – Village sign repairs £200.00 R Compton –wreath (137 payt.) £16.50 Invoices paid 19.01.11 Schoolscapes Ltd – balance for play equipment £3055.00 Invoices for 20.01.11 G Kimmerling – Clerks salary £278.72, expenses £17.62 Clopton Village Hall for hire of hall for Speedwatch £15.00 E Jacobs & Sons Ltd for goal posts £1997.50(to be held until work completed satisfactorily) Clopton Home & Garden for erection of mirror £154.24 PROPOSED Cllr. Christensen, seconded Cllr. Boshier and agreed by the Parish Council.	
c) Clerk’s salary review 2011/12	<i>The Clerk left the room</i> It was agreed by the Parish Council to review the Clerk’s salary once NALC had agreed the new salary scales. <i>The Clerk returned to the meeting.</i>	
d) Precept for 2011/12	The Clerk had prepared figures for consultation. It was felt it may be necessary to review the donation to the churchyard in future. PROPOSED Cllr. Christensen, SECONDED Cllr. Boshier & agreed by the Parish Council to keep the precept at £3500. Breakdown in Minutes folder.	Clerk to advise of precept requirements.
e) Insurance	The insurance document had been updated recently and was found to be up-to-date and in order.	
<b>6. Planning</b>		
<b>i) Planning Decisions</b>	C10/1954 The Rectory, Birds Hill. Erection of detached garage/car port SCDC permission with 2 conditions	
<b>ii) Planning Applications</b>		
	C11/0019 Field End, Grundisburgh Road Erection of single-storey side extension. APPROVED	
<b>iii) Other Planning Issues</b>		
	SCDC Planning department had agreed various recommendations following the Scrutiny Department investigations. Parish Councils will be told why decisions had been made against their recommendations; they will be informed if an application goes to a sub-committee; they will be notified of changes by the client to applications; they will be notified of delays & will be given the change to take part in early discussions on large applications. Enforcement is still a problem area.	
<b>7. Dates for Parish Council meetings in 2011</b>		
PROPOSED by Cllr. Christensen, SECONDED by Cllr. Boshier & agreed by the Parish Council to set the following dates for 2011;- March 17; May 19 (APM & APCM); July 21; Sept. 15; Nov. 17.		Clerk to advertise
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<b>8. Village Maintenance</b>	Cllr. Compton had received comments on lack of gritting, bad state of hedges, lack of grass-cutting, flooding in Manor Road etc. Today he had received many phone calls re the road-works on the B1078 at Crown Hill as vehicles were using Manor Road, Birds Hill & Snipe Farm Road as diversions & damaging the grass verges. There was a lack of diversion routes sign-posted. It was agreed to write to Anglian Water, the Police & Highways re this problem Damage had also occurred to the verges in Shop Road. The Clerk had written to SHHA & will copy letter to Highways & the Post Office as the relief postman parks on the verges. Cllr. Compton had requested information on the Community Service Scheme for offenders. They undertake community work for free as part of their sentence. Cllr. Bosher was not in favour & Cllr. Christensen felt it might be appropriate away from build-up areas. It was agreed to put the suggestion on the web-site for comments.	Clerk to write to Anglian Water, the Police, Highways & the Post Office. Cllr. Pennington to put Community Service Scheme on the web-site for comments.
<b>9. Additional Notice-board</b>	A notice-board had been requested by some residents of Grundisburgh Road and Mr. Collier at Clopton Hall had offered land at the entrance to his property. After discussion, it was felt the expense was not justified and this was rejected.	
<b>10. Land Registry</b>	The land by the Village Hall is not registered. The Deeds are needed & Cllr. Compton will find out who has these. He will also find out who owns the land by the War Memorial. The Clerk will find out the fees for Land Registry.	Cllr. Compton to find who has deeds to Village Hall land & who owns War Memorial land. Clerk to find out costs of registering land.
<b>11. Purchase of play equipment</b>	The Play Trail is completed and paid for. The Goal Posts should be in place next week.	
<b>12. Parish Plan</b>		
	The Clerk had provided a synopsis of the main questionnaire. Sfk. ACRE require a Results and Action Plan. Cllr. Pennington will do the Children's one & Cllr. Angwin will be asked to complete the main one.	Cllr. Pennington to do Children's results. Cllr. Compton to ask Cllr. Angwin to complete main results.
<b>13. W J Steel and Poors Charity</b>		
	Cllr. Compton is consulting the Charity Commission on help with amalgamating with the Suffolk Foundation.	
<b>14. RBL Poppy Party</b>		
	The RBL is asking Parish Councils to have a Poppy Party on the weekend of 10,11 & 12 th. June to celebrate their 90 <sup>th</sup> . birthday & to raise funds. This will be on the next agenda.	Clerk to forward information & put on March agenda
<b>15. Conservation, Hedges &amp; Footpaths</b>		
	Cllr. Bosher had nothing to report.	
<b>16. Speed-watch Update</b>		
	Cllr. Compton said the weather had been too bad to carry out any speed-watch sessions.	
<b>17. SALC</b>		
	No report.	
<b>18. SORR</b>		
	No report.	
<b>19. Community Emergency Planning</b>		
	Cllr. Pennington said she had only received a few questionnaires back & only one vulnerable person had been identified. Lots of people had ladders. She will liaise with Cllr. Angwin.	

<b>20. Website</b>		
	Cllr. Pennington said not much information was forthcoming for inclusion on the web-site. She will advertise more on the notice-boards.	Cllr. Pennington to advertise web-site again.
<b>21. Correspondence</b>		
	SCDC Parish Council elections on May 5 <sup>th</sup> . SCDC & Waveney DC invitation to liaison meetings – 7 <sup>th</sup> . March at SCDC.	
<b>22 Questions to Chairman</b>		
	None.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.</b>	

**Meeting closed at 10.10pm.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman) Date \_\_\_\_\_