

CLOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 21st. January 2010 in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors R Compton (Chairman), S Christensen, S Freeman, C. Angwin & L. Pennington

In attendance: Clerk G.Kimmerling.

The meeting commenced in Open Session.

The Chairman read out a report on SCC. from Cllr. Bellfield (included in the Minutes folder) and a report from the Police.

There were no other reports.

The Open Session concluded and the Parish Council meeting commenced.

Agenda Item	Discussion/Detail	Action
1. Apologies	Received from Cllr. Boshier – on a course, SCC Cllr. Bellfield, CSPO Chattenbury and Mr. Richard Taylor.	
2. Declarations of Interest	None.	
3. Minutes		
19 th . November 2009	Cllr. Angwin referred to item 6iii, page 77. The wording was amended to ‘Proposed by Cllr. Angwin to increase the precept by £3 per household ,to make the total precept £3500.’ It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 th November 2009 be approved. Proposed by Cllr. Angwin, seconded by Cllr. Pennington and agreed by the Parish Council. The Minutes were then signed.	
4. Matters Outstanding from the Minutes		
a)Community Speed Watch	This had not taken place during the snow. An average of four people are caught exceeding the speed limit on each occasion the speed gun is used. The next session is planed for the end of January.	
b) Clopton Commercial Park	SCC had inspected the site and felt there was not a great deal wrong with it. This was disputed. Cllr. Compton suggested another visit to the site to get photographic evidence at the end of February.	Cllrs. to visit the site at the end of February.
5. Co-option of new Parish Councillor.	Mr. Richard Taylor was the only candidate. He had been a Parish Councillor previously. It was proposed by Cllr. Freeman, seconded by Cllr. Christensen and agreed by the Parish Council to co-opt Mr. Taylor onto the Parish Council. He had expressed an interest in representing the Village Hall.	Cllr. Compton to advise Mr. Taylor of his appointment. The Clerk to advise SCDC as required.
6. Finance		
i) Financial statement at 21/01/10	The Clerk reported the current position of receipts and payments.	
ii) Approve invoices for payment.	RESOLVED to approve payments as follows:- G Kimmerling for Clerk’s salary £278.82 Clopton Village Hall for hire of hall 09/08 to 11/09 £80.00 Proposed by Cllr. Pennington, seconded by Cllr. Angwin and approved by the Parish Council. The hire charges for the hall will increase from Jan. 1 st .2010 to £15.00 per session.	
iii) Update Asset Register and Insurance.	The Clerk will send copies of the Asset Register to all councillors. This will be updated at the next meeting.	Clerk to send copies to all councillors.
7. Planning		
i) Planning Decisions	None received	
ii) Planning Applications	C09/1899 Unit 14, Grove Farm, Drabbs Lane, Clopton Application for Lawful Development Certificate for use of building for storage purposes. Approved.	

iii) Other Planning Issues	<p>Cllr. Compton reported that there was unhappiness about the way SCDC Planning department is working i.e. conditions were waived, enforcement not followed up. There had been problems at Hill Farm, Gressingham Foods, & Debach Enterprises. SORR had advised other Parish Councils about issues such as the Biogas project at Bentwaters, which SCDC had failed to do.</p> <p>A large number of Parish Councils are dissatisfied with the Service from SCDC Planning. Grundisburgh had issued a 'Vote Of No Confidence' two years ago. RESOLVED to send a Vote of no Confidence to SCDC Planning Department. Proposed by Cllr. Christensen, seconded by Cllr. Freeman and agreed by the Parish Council.</p>	Cllr Compton & the Clerk to compose a letter.
8. Parish Plan		
	Suffolk ACRE is to print the following Parish Plan questionnaires – 153 individual, 50 youth & 80 business at a cost of £657 (£97.85 VAT). They should be ready in March.	
9. Road Safety Mirror		
	<p>All Councillors had viewed various road safety mirrors. Cllr. Christensen proposed buying a 1000x800mm mirror for £325 from 'Safety Mirrors'. This was seconded by Cllr. Pennington and agreed by the Parish Council.</p> <p>SCC Highways and the Police are gathering information on the problems associated with the B1078/Shop Road junction. Any 'Gateways' must be approved of and erected by Highways and cost from £800 each. It was agreed to ask SALC for support in traffic calming measures here.</p> <p>Cllr. Christensen will check if the 30m.p.h. sign in Shop Road has been replaced.</p>	<p>Clerk to order mirror and claim funds from insurance.</p> <p>Clerk to contact SALC.</p> <p>Cllr. Christensen to check sign.</p>
10. Schedule of meetings for 2010		
	The following dates were suggested to the meeting:- March 18; May 20 (APM & APCM); July 15; September 16 and November 18 (or December 2 nd . if the Clerk is away). It was proposed by Cllr. Angwin, seconded by Cllr. Pennington and agreed by the Parish Council to approve of these dates.	Clerk to advertise dates on notice-boards.
11. Village sign and Notice-boards		
	Mr. Sherman, who made the notice-boards is unwell and unable to work. Mr. Ken Garrod can rub down the notice-boards and re-varnish them for £20 when the weather improves. He will also inspect the Village sign. Cllr. Compton proposed that Mr. Garrod be asked to undertake the work. This was seconded by Cllr. Pennington and agreed by the Parish Council.	Cllr. Compton to contact Mr. Garrod.
12. Village Hall Goal Posts		
	Cllr. Christensen explained that the Village Hall committee wants to install 5 aside goal posts at a cost of £1700. They are movable and will be parallel to the hall, between the hall and the beacon. It was proposed by Cllr. Pennington, seconded by Cllr. Angwin and agreed by the Parish Council to approve the installation of goal posts.	Clerk to write to the Village Hall committee.
13. SALC Report	No recent meetings. The next will be in March. Cllr. Compton suggested that Parish Councillors could take it in turns to attend SALC meetings and this was agreed.	
14. SORR Report	Debach Enterprises and Gressingham Foods had applied for Lawful Development Certificates. Coddenham continues to have problems with HGVs travelling through the village. Everyone is asked to support the Incident Reporting scheme for HGVs. The Green Burial site at Tuddenham has been refused.	

15. Community Emergency planning	Cllr. Freeman said the grit bin by Rouse Hall was not used in the recent snow and ice although the road was very bad. If the Parish Council had the name of a volunteer willing to use the grit bin on record, they would be covered by insurance. It was agreed to ask for volunteers via the notice-board. There is a gritting lorry permanently parked on the concrete road. Cllr. Pennington gave details of the web-site for Parish Councils. She will circulate the Terms & Conditions and, if these are agreed, she will set up a web-site for Clopton. The site is www.onesuffolk.co.uk –parish council option.	Clerk to ask for grit bin volunteers on notice-board. Cllr. Pennington to set up web-site once terms and conditions have been approved.
16. Local Government Review in Suffolk	Still ongoing. District Councils are considering an appeal to the Supreme Court.	
17. Get to Know Clopton	Nothing to report.	
18. Correspondence	Nothing to report.	
19. Questions to Chairman		
	None.	
Next Meeting	Thursday 18 th . March 2010.	

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) Date _____