

CLOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on 21st. July 2011 in the Village Hall

Present: Councillors R Compton (Chairman), C. Angwin, S. Freeman, & the Clerk, G. Kimmerling
In attendance SCC Cllr. Bellfield and 1 member of the public.

The meeting commenced in Open Session.

SCC Cllr. Bellfield said the new leader of the SCC is Mark Bee. No libraries are to close but mobile libraries may be reduced to one visit per month. School Crossing Patrols are to remain in most places. An interim Chief Executive is to be chosen next week to replace Andrea Hill. A £10m bid has been offered by SCC to improve Broadband in Suffolk.

The new SCDC Councillors are in place after the elections. There is a meeting next week to vote on the Local Development Framework policy.

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

John Dawson had looked at the Parish Plan results and felt that the figures and comments told a different story. He felt there had been weaknesses in the questionnaire. He said that road safety appeared to be a major issue in the village.

The Open Session concluded and the Parish Council meeting commenced.

SCC Cllr. Bellfield left the meeting.

Agenda Item	Discussion/Detail	Action
1. Apologies	Cllr. Pennington – on holiday & P C Dave Burrell.	
2. Declarations of Interest	Item 5iv. Funding for Village Hall double glazing. Cllr. Freeman – member of the Village Hall committee.	
3. Minutes		
Meeting held on Thursday 19 th . May 2011	Proposed by Cllr. Angwin, seconded by Cllr. Freeman & 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) Henderson Global Investors	The transfer of the investment is now complete. The new Unitholders are – R. Compton, S. Freeman & G. Kimmerling (Clerk). Cllr. Compton said the war memorial and area is kept in good condition by Mr. Yallop for free.	
b) Data protection	Nothing to report.	
c) Land Registry	The Deeds to the Hall & the Lease appear to be missing. The Clerk to write to Mr. Newson to ask if he has knowledge of their whereabouts. Cllr. Freeman has unsigned copy of the lease.	Clerk to write to Mr. Newson.
5. Finance		
i.) Financial statement as at 21.07.11	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 £19.35 R Compton – fee for transfer of Henderson Units £10.00 PROPOSED Cllr. Angwin, seconded Cllr. Freeman and agreed by the Parish Council.	
iii.) Ear-marked funds – to consider reallocating funds.	It was agreed that £650 from the Parish Plan monies should go into the general fund, keeping £500 for carrying out PP projects. The £500 under Bus shelter/ footway should go towards improvements to the bus stop by Potash Corner.	
iv.) Village Hall Double Glazing – to approve funding	Mr. Taylor had requested that the Parish Council pay the invoice for the Village Hall double glazing. The funds would be provided by the hall committee. 3 quotes had been presented. PROPOSED Cllr. Compton, seconded Cllr.	Clerk to E-mail David Hayhow for funds and invoice. Page 103

	Angwin and agreed by the Parish Council to pay the invoice and reclaim the VAT.	Clerk to get copy of insurance showing play equipment cover.
6. Planning		
i) Applications	Approved C11/1342 Moat Hall, Martins Lane Extension of existing stables & creation of riding area. Approved C11/1344 Aspen lodge, Charsfield Road Erection of single storey rear extensions.	
ii) Planning Decisions		
	C11/1158 Land NW of Maple Tree Barn, Grundisburgh Road Extend time limit on C08/0901. Permission 16 conditions.	
iii) Other Planning Issues		
	None received.	
7. Parish Plan		
	An evening with the Sfk. Wildlife Trust has been organised for Thursday October 13 th . to consider ways of encouraging wildlife in the village. The RSPB will also be invited.	Clerk to contact RSPB.
8. Land adjacent to Shop Road		
	The land known as The Piggeries has been ploughed up after several years as set-aside & a farm building removed. There were orchids & barn owls on the site. DEFRA are looking into this as there could be a breach of regulations if the land had been set-aside for more than 15 years.	
9. Website		
	No report. Regular e-mails on village activities are received.	
10. Speedwatch		
	Clopton's scheme has been highly praised by the Police & is the no.1 scheme in Suffolk. The organiser is helping with schemes in other areas. More operators are needed here. The camera has to be sent away for calibration. More funds will be needed from other councillors next year.	Cllr. Compton to send camera away.
11. SALC		
	Nothing to report	
12. SORR		
	Mr. & Mrs. Gipp have moved away & Mr. Fryatt has resigned as he is now the SCDC Cllr. for Grundisburgh. There is a new secretary. Cllr. Compton felt that the local SORR group should offer advice to other groups but not get involved in other areas.	
13. Community Emergency Planning		
	Nothing to report	
14. Correspondence		
	No correspondence to report	
15. Questions to Chairman		
	Cllr. Compton attended a workshop on Community Activities.	
Next Meeting	Thursday 15th September 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.	

Meeting closed at 9.10pm.

Signed _____ (Chairman) Date _____