

CLENCHWARTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes 7th June 2018

Present: Cllrs James, Swietonowski, Winter, Mallett, Smith, Howlett and Pell

There were 20 members of the public

1. To receive apologies for absence, Cllrs Mace, Gipp, Tordoff, Impey and Hunter
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda and any application for dispensation, none.
3. To approve the minutes of a meeting held 3rd May 2018. The minutes of the meeting were approved as a true record
4. To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors. Borough Cllr Whitby reported that Roy Harding CE of County Council was reducing his hours. He reported on go-carting in Hunstanton, Spring Watch and that there would be a Kings Lynn transport consultation, it appears the buses are not being used. Cllr Smith commented that his wife had waited for a bus that failed to turn up at all, no one appears to know when they are actually running. Cllr Whitby enquired as to who was responsible for cutting grass in Bailey Lane. It was thought to be the responsibility of the Borough Council. Residents complained about speeding vehicles in Clapper Lane. A resident requested a timer to be placed on the streetlight in the Linford Estate.

County Cllr Kemp gave an update on meetings regarding the proposed power station, concerns regarding the visual impact, cumulative impact of emissions had been raised. She reported on the progress of the work being undertaken by probation, the reeds in the dykes in Clapper Lane had already started to grow back again, she would contact Freebridge. Busses were not turning up on time or not at all on some occasions. Agreed to write to Stagecoach. Regarding the transport consultation she had suggested a park and ride scheme. Foster parents were still needed in the county. Andrew Proctor is the new leader of the County Council.

Cllr Pell reported on trees in Clapper Lane obscuring vision for drivers on a blind corner, Cllr Whitby would request them to be cut back.

Cllr Swietonowski proposed the clerk write to highways regarding the possibility of installing of speed humps for Clapper Lane.

5. Open Forum: 15 minutes during which time residents may speak. A resident who had also emailed the council (email circulated to Councillors) requested information regarding funding for the new community centre. Cllr Pell answered questions. A resident (who had also sent an email which had been circulated to councillors) queried the council's decision to place signs in the playing field requesting dog to be kept on leads and cleaned up after. She also requested information regarding staffing matters. The chair explained that there had always been signs and they had been renewed due to an increased in dogs fouling the playing fields. The chair stated that the council would not comment on staffing matters. A resident commented that on google earth the playing field was called a park. The chairman explained that the land has never been known as a park and was purchased as a playing field. A resident stated that both fields were purchased for sports fields. A resident commented on fly tipping on the football field.
6. Finance: to approve the monthly payments, finance report circulated by the RFO.

The monthly payments of £7711.50 and transfer of £4500.00 were agreed

7. Clerks report: The grass cutting had been a bit of an issue due to a wet start to the season and contract delays. The grass area at the top of Station Road/Old Main Road would be added to the contract free of charge. A resident had reported regular dog fouling in Wynnes Lane, vehicle details had been obtained and dog fouling signs erected in the area. Cllr Howlett had taken the mower to Mr Ian Fendley who had very kindly undertaken the work free of charge for the parish. It was agreed the clerk to write and thank him. Our groundsman had removed another child cradle swing which had been damaged. Repairs had taken place to the fence in children's play area. Cllr Howlett and the groundsman had fitted a new metal top over a drain near the pavilion. An email had been received from Mr Eaton who was no longer able to tend the Memorial Garden. The clerk had thanked him for all his hard work on behalf of the Council. The clerk reported on emails received and commented on during the Open Forum. The Vicar had emailed regarding the grass cutting in the closed church yard. The clerk had replied explaining the issues P/C had had regarding the late contract and weather conditions.
8. To consider new bank signatory. It was resolved that Cllr Howlett would become a signatory.
9. To consider appointing a member as an internal audit control officer to work with the RFO. Cllr Pell proposed Cllr Swietonowski. Agreed
10. To consider the purchase of a second SAM2. Cllr Pell. It was resolved to agenda for the July meeting to allow Cllr Mallett to download the data. Clerk to contact Westcotec regarding the possibility of placing the existing one on a post in Hall Road.
11. Planning: to make observations on planning applications received and circulated. There were no planning applications for consideration. The Chairman reported on a letter she had received from Henry Bellingham MP stating that AWA were willing to revisit the pumping station project as long as they feel they have a lot of community support. Resolved to write back stating that the Council could not make comment until they have had sight of an application. The MP also requested an update on the Fosters Field planning application. The Council are not aware of any new application for Fosters Field. As agreed at the May meeting, the clerk had circulated a draft letter to the Sec of State regarding the proposed variation to the power station for the Willows site. It was resolved to send the letter.
12. To receive updates from committees: community centre working party committee: Cllr Pell reported on the plans for the forthcoming Fun Day. Clerk asked if the police, BC events license etc were in place. Cllr Mallett stated that everything was in place. RFO stated that the insurance was in place with the new company.
13. To receive updates from outside bodies: Memorial Hall, Cllr Howlett. It was reported that new lights had been fitted. Kevin Puddephatt had kindly offered to take over as treasurer for the M H committee. Their next meeting is 11th June.
14. To receive items for the 5th July meeting. None
15. To resolved on whether the council should move into closed session for the discussion of the following agenda items on the grounds of confidentiality (details of the discussion not for publication by virtue of section 100 (a) para 4 of the Local Government Act 1972)

This part of the meeting closed at 8.15pm