

Minutes of the Eggington Parish Council
Meeting No.226– held on Wednesday 5th July 2023 at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Chairman Craig Ramsay
Vice Chairman Simon King
Councillors Martine Tournay, Kerry Gorton,

GUESTS: Ward Councillors Nigel Carnell, David Bligh, Mark Versallion. PC Lisa Pollard

CLERK: Josie Allen

1. To receive apologies

Councillor David Parkinson, Ward Councillor Kevin Pughe

2. Members of the public

Paul Hyams thanked the councillors for the bus stops on the Clipstone Estate but is very concerned regarding the ongoing construction with roads constantly being dug up and the dust from the new dementia home being built. Vice Chairman Simon King has been in touch with the site office, and they have assured him that the dust problem will be addressed. A rubber ramp has been installed at the entrance to the site until the authorisation from CBC for a dropped curb.

The application for a Tescos and Nursery is unpopular because of the location, parking facilities and that a nursery is already established opposite the planned construction. Paul Hyams stated that when he moved to the estate it was to be a community centre. Chairman Craig Ramsay assured Paul Hyams that the councillors have raised objections. Paul Hyams has showed also an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor.

Parishioners raised concerns over the speeding along the High St in the village especially when there was a road closure on Hockliffe Road and asked regarding traffic calming. It was mentioned SIDs have been purchased and are to be installed very soon in the village and data from these SIDs will be analysed by CBC. It was also established that we have speed guns and some volunteers from the village have been trained to use them. Ward Councillor Nigel Cornell has stated that speed watch signs must be erected at either end of the village beforehand and hi-vis to be worn. Councillor Martine Tournay to confirm who has been trained and locate the speed guns. A letter will be sent to anyone speeding by speed watch. The part of the village that sees most of the speeding is Leighton Road end. PC Lisa Pollard assured the Parishioners that the police will be doing their own speed watch in the next month. The time when most speeding occurs is the school run. 30mph Signs will be made more visible and the purchase of more signs and a sign for the safety of the ducks. Councillor Kerry Gorton to take action on this. This was agreed by the councillors.

Chairman Craig Ramsay would like the parishioners to be made aware that over hanging hedges should be trimmed back away from the pathways.

Chairman Craig Ramsey would like more participation from the parishioners on how they would like their funds allocated.

The gun advertising was raised as a concern They are illegal, and Highways are aware of this. PC Pollard assured everyone that it is very difficult to buy a gun and the shop is very secure.

3. Ward Councillor Mark Versallion

Mark Versallion informed us with the election the control of the council has now changed with conservatives and independents and the capital investments are being reviewed, examples of that are the future of the schools from a 3 tier to a 2 tier which a majority of the schools want to do will now not be financed. Councillor Mark Versallion is lobbying for this, Vice Councillor Simon King receives many complaints regarding catchment area. It was advised to write to New Portfolio for Childrens services, stating that we are very disappointed with their decision to stop the future of the schools and also pass on the details to residents of Clipstone for them to air their grievances.

The garden Centre has not had a determination on it yet, but Councillor Mark Versallion and MP Andrew Selous have been working on this matter Ward Councillor Mark Versallion feels it is going to be very hard for CBC to refuse permission on the grounds of the objections.

Councillor Mark Versallion has put a request into CBC for a pathway along Mill Road and re-route a path to the town from Eggington. Councillor Nigel Cornell pointed out that a pathway that has dual purpose for cycles and pedestrians has more chance of being passed.

Councillor Mark Versallion will send information on his surgery dates by email.

4. Ward Councillors David Bligh, Nigel Cornell

Ward councillors introduced themselves, they were elected to CBC at the last election. They are both Lib Dems and sit on Leighton Linlade Council and therefore feel they have full knowledge on any aspect that will affect Clipstone Area.

There be open surgeries every 1st Saturday of the month 10-12pm at the Library Theatre, Leighton Buzzard and will welcome open dialogue. Ward Councillor Nigel Cornell extended an invitation to a parish councillor to attend 1 in 3 meetings at a surgery. They will write an invite when there is a slot.

Ward Councillor David Bligh commented there are some big issues to address, and policing is one of them.

5. PC Lisa Pollard

PC Lisa Pollard provided a breakdown of antisocial behaviour and crimes committed from 03/5/22-05/07/23

Anti-social behaviour categorised under the following;

Breach of civil injunction

Environmental

Nuisance

Personal

Police Dispersal

There are three main categories for antisocial behaviour, depending on how many people are affected;

Personal antisocial behaviour is when a person targets a specific individual or group.

Nuisance antisocial behaviour is when a person causes trouble, annoyance or suffering to a community.

Environmental antisocial behaviour is when a person's actions affect the wider environment, such as public spaces or buildings.

Under these main headings antisocial behaviour falls into one of 13 different types;

1. Vehicle abandoned

2. Vehicle nuisance or inappropriate use

3. Rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour

4. Rowdy or nuisance neighbours

5. Littering or drugs paraphernalia

6. Animal problems

7. Trespassing

8. Nuisance calls

9. Street Drinking

10. Prostitution related activity

11. Nuisance noise

12. Begging

13. Misuse of fireworks

Crimes committed;

5. Theft of motor vehicles, 1 attempt and one theft without the owner's consent

4 Thefts from vehicle interference

4 Unclassified thefts

3 Shoplifting

2 Domestic burglary, 1 community business

PC Lisa Pollard has stated crimes need to be reported constantly.

6. Solar farm

Chairman Craig Ramsay and councillor David Parkinson have taken action on how you can access funds from the solar farm and has spoken to Rob Jefferis on the whereabouts of the file for the constitution of the solar farm. There has not been a committee meeting on the solar farm for 3 years. A new committee to form with Vice Councillor Simon King, or Chairman Craig Ramsay to chair, up to 2 members of the Parish Council, 2 members of the public¹ from Eggington and 1 from Clipstone . 1 representative from the solar farm. Chairman Craig Ramsay to create a flow chart that the council can review and a one-page form for councillors to submit any needs they identify for funds either from the solar farm if it meets the criteria or from Parish council funds and CBC funds. The public who require funds need to attend the meeting. Councillor Nigel Carnell to provide some guidance notes for reviewing applications.

7. Village Matters

Councillor Kerry Gorton has brochures and details of signs for the village but feels they are very expensive but will keep looking for cheaper quotes. It was agreed that they are too expensive.

Apologies to be sent to Kevin Pughe for the charity meal.

The public have access to the accounts on the website and boards, but no one has reviewed.

Councillor Martine Tourney to raise invoice for back dated rent totalling £432.00.

P O box needs to be changed from Robs address to Chairman Craig Ramsays.

Parish Council meeting form from PCC to be filled in with preferred dates and Councillors to email back to PCC.

Update from Councillor Kerry Gorton, we have bus timetables and asked if the village requires a link to Dunstable, but the times are not preferable for the care workers in the village who would use this service.

8. Clipstone

Councillor David Parkinson and Vice Chairman Simon King are pushing developers to complete the allotments and then hand over to parish council ahead of the S106 legally obligates developers to do so. No firm timeline for completion and handover, looking more likely to be early 2024.

Ward councillor Nigel Cornell pointed out that the Bus services 1-5 for Clipstone is a trial service and can be adjusted for school hours and advised to write into CBC for this adjustment.

Councillor David Parkinson and Vice Chairman Simon King had a meeting with MP Andrew Selous and the developers of Clipstone and CBC highways. Points were raised regarding the adoption of the road and time element and that police have no ability to enforce the law on the roads, gritting is not provided in the winter, speeding can't be addressed. MP Andrew Selous has asked to be copied into all emails to ensure that any blocking of the legal issues to be removed.

Councillor David Parkinson and Vice Chairman Simon King have invited highways to address the no safe access to crossing the road.

Developers could pass a traffic regulation order to the police so they can enforce the speed limit.

9. Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations:

None.

10. Standing Orders:

None were made.

11. To confirm Minutes of Meeting 225

Agreed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Vice Chairman Simon King and seconded by Councillor Martine Tournay.

12. Financial Report

(a) Current financial situation;

Current Account	£ 11971.59
Deposit Account	£ 52552.18
Total	£ 64523.77

(b) Payments approved to be paid before next month

b) MW Agri Ltd	£428.64
c) Royal Mail PO BOX	£396.00

Close of Parish Council Meeting: Next meeting 2nd August 2023

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 9.07 pm
This is true and accurate record of the meeting

Signed:

(chairman)

Date: 10th July 2023