

Minutes of the Eggington Parish Council
Meeting No.238– held on Wednesday 3rd July 2024

PRESENT: Chair Craig Ramsay, Vice Chair Simon King, Councillors Martine Tournay, Paul Hyams, Kerry Gorton, David Parkinson
Ward Councillors Kevin Pughe, David Bligh, Nigel Carnell

1. Apologies

Ward Councillor Mark Versallion

2. Public

Resident Martin Smith has once again remarked on the new bus timetable that was brought up at the last meeting and the fact you now have to wait 4 hours in Leighton Buzzard for the bus back and is concerned for the elderly from further afield on the bus route. Ward Councillor David Bligh, since the last meeting has contacted CBC but so far there has been no response.

Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell asked Martin Smith if he had completed the transport survey which has been widely circulated. He replied that he hadn't. Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell believes it is still open and advises the resident and any other users of the bus route to submit their responses as the way consultations work is a numbers game so the more who respond the better.

Chair Craig Ramsay responded that we have no ability as a Parish Council to influence what CBC does directly, but we can pass on your concerns, and we will publish the consultation link on the Parish Council Website.

Resident Martin Smith was also concerned the Church gates have been sawn down, Councillor Martine Tournay assured him that it because there are new gates being fitted.

3. Planning

CB/24/01576/RM Clipstone park land south of Vandyke and north of Stanbridge Rd. Outline application for mixed urban expansion.

The Parish Council have no objection. Councillor David Parkinson remarked that this includes the 5 aside football tarmac area and basketball and table tennis. Once this is approved the Parish Council can go ahead and buy the equipment that totals £16000.

Councillor David Parkinson also brought the matter of the refused planning for the caravan park but noted that the caravans are still in situ.

4. Ward Councillors update

Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell reported that a few of the councillors including our representative Councillor Paul Hyams had visited the Rose Care Home and all were of the opinion that it had a good feel with all the latest technology, and it does deliver for anyone going in for long term or respite. The Care Home is very keen to engage with the community and get people involved such as coffee mornings. The first residents will be moving in shortly but at the moment they have room for community groups to hire allowing the care home to promote and to get involved with the neighbourhood as their future custom will come from the area. Councillor Paul Hyams remarked that the construction and gardens are very good.

Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell advised to look out for all the consultations from CBC because the more the community contribute with their opinions it will be of great value and hopefully get things done.

Ward Councillor David Bligh reported that the neighbourhood plan is underway and that they are now talking to Local organisations.

5. Clipstone

Vice Chair Simon King reported that there has been a call with First Port who are the administrators of the management company. Some of the residents on Clipstone have houses that have to pay a management fee. There have been lots of complaints, Vice Chair Simon King talked to the directors, and they agreed to a call to explain who they are and what the management company is, but only the Vice chair Simon King and 2 other residents joined the call. A recording of the call is now available on the community face book.

Councillor David Parkinson remarked that there have been speeding complaints from new residents who live at the top end of Briggington this is not in the Parish but lies in Leighton Linlade Land. Ward Councillor David Bligh replied that is an unadopted road and nobody has control of it. Councillor David Parkinson pointed out that there is now an order from highways that it can now be policed. Ward Councillor David Bligh will raise the matter with highways at a meeting at the end of the month.

Councillor David Parkinson reported that there is no excessive speeding in the village but there is a recording of a car speeding at 95mph in Briggington South, 91mph at Fraiser Fields South and 85mph at Fraiser Fields north. The initial survey for this road showed that it should be narrower though the highways said no they wanted it wider. Vice Chair Simon King has repeatedly asked for residents on the estate to volunteer for speed watch but no response.

Chair Craig Ramsay brought up the problem a resident has with the speed indicators and that the lighting is affecting her autistic child. Vice Chair Simon King has emailed the resident and replied it can be moved.

6. Allotments

Vice Chair Simon King reported no progress with allotments even though they were promised for April this year and there has been no progress with licence. The developers are now saying that they haven't hit the number of houses built to be able to provide the allotments. Chair Craig Ramsay has asked if the Parish Council can send a block email to all the applicants to explain everything. Council David Parkinson to import a CSV to notify the residents. Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell explained with the downturn in house sales the stock is higher than the developers would like. The houses may be built but not sold and that's why they are holding back.

7. Requests for Funding

No funding requests.

8. Speed Data

To be provided separately on the website.

9. Village Update

A resident in the village has emailed the council with a request to have more dog waste bins and to have the drains cleared. It was pointed out at the meeting that if the dog waste bins are full, it must be bagged up and put in the black bin. Councillor Kerry Gorton to request another dog bin from CBC. Chair Craig

Ramsay asked if Councillor Kerry Gorton could also ask about when the next cleaning of the drains will be. Ward Councillor David Bligh advised to use Fix My Street with a photo of the problem, and they will issue a reference number and will get back to you. Parish Clerk to email the resident and explain everything.

Chair Craig Ramsay to contact fix my street with the damaged manhole in front of his house.

Councillor Paul Hyams asked if we could get a concrete base in the ground for the Christmas tree. The problem is that it is the highway land. Councillor Kerry Gorton to contact the highways regarding this.

10. Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations:

None were made.

11 Standing Orders

None were made.

12. To confirm Minutes of Meeting 237

Proposer Vice Chair Simon King

Seconder Councillor Kerry Gorton

13. Any other Business

Current Financial Situation

Community Account £16456.05

Savings Account £53272.70

Invoices to paid Royal Mail £424.20

 MW Agri £324.48

Chair Craig Ramsay reported that getting a mandate for the Clerk and himself has proved difficult and recommend that we get a new bank account. Vice Chair Simon King proposed LLoyds Bank with the branch still being in Leighton Buzzard and will visit them as soon as he can.

Close of Parish Council Meeting: Next Meeting September 4th, 2024

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 8.15 pm

This is true and accurate record of the meeting

Signed:

(chairman)

Date: 9th July 2024