

Minutes of the Eggington Parish Council
Meeting No.245– held on Wednesday 2nd April 2025

PRESENT: Eggington Parish Council – Chair Craig Ramsay, Councillors David Parkinson & Kerry Gorton, Martine Tournay, Paul Hyams

Ward Councillors – David Bligh

1.Apologies

Eggington Parish Council – Vice Chair Simon King

Ward Councillors – Kevin Pugh, Nigel Carnell, Mark Versallion

2.Public

None in attendance

3. Ward Councillors

Ward Councillor David Bligh reported there is an issue on flooding at the leisure centre building site. There are drains covers that seem to be full of cement, Councillor David Parkinson stated that there is the problem on the estate, and there have been surveyors out but there are pockets of clay that doesn't drain away.

Ward Councillor David Bligh will report back to the Parish Council on these issues.

Councillor Kerry Gorton remarked that there is flooding on Clipstone but the water pressure in the houses at certain times of the day is very low. It was discussed that while liaison with the water board on this issue was outside of our purview residents should be encouraged to raise the issue via normal reporting channels to the utility operator.

Ward Councillor David Bligh brought up the planning on the Garden Centre and that it has now gone to the Planning Inspectorate, and he feels that if the decision goes against CBC's decision, they (CBC) will not fight it. Councillor David Parkinson added that with the new government's policy on building it will more than likely pass.

Chair Craig Ramsay stated that we have already issued our point of view to the planning, and we will await to see if the garden centre approaches the Parish Council for further support.

Councillor David Parkinson to contact the Planning Inspectorate and ensure our last correspondence is included.

Ward councillor David Bligh reported that a new head of grounds has been appointed by LTC, and he will forward contact details to the council.

Councillor David Parkinson asked the question if there had been any update on the boundary changes. Ward Councillor David Bligh answered he hadn't heard anything and as a town council they are not interested in pursuing the matter.

Councillor Paul Hyams asked if the new care home was up and running, Ward Councillor replied that they are moving 2 people a week in.

Chair Craig Ramsay brought up the subject regarding the Lib Dems face book statement that Vice Chair Simon King commented on at the last meeting, where there was no mention of the Parish Council efforts

on the things that had been achieved. Ward Councillor David Bligh has mentioned this to the Lib Dem councillors, and he apologises that nothing has been amended. Chair Craig Ramsay says that the Parish Council will put something on face book regarding this matter.

Councillor Paul Hyams asked the question regarding the amount of traffic through the town at peak times. Ward Councillor David Bligh replied that the problem is the road closures at Wing Road and Hockcliffe Road and the problem at Tesco roundabout and that there is only one road bridge crossing the canal. Councillor Kerry Gorton suggested that perhaps a push button traffic lights would be better and time it so there is 4 mins between each crossing, that could be possible, but would people wait.

4. Planning

Tudor House single story extension. No objections

Curry House Extension No objections

Reserve matters on the Clipstone shop and nursery to be placed on the waste ground at Wallis Drive have added limitations of noise level and times they can load and unload. No consultation needs to be submitted to residents as this has already been approved in 2016.

5. Clipstone

Councillor Paul Hyams raised the concerns of licencing hours on the proposed new shop, rubbish levels lighting, and parking. Councillor David Parkinson pointed these are on the plans already. Chair Craig Ramsay stated that when the detailed plans come, we could speak to the developers and ask the residents to come forward with their issues. Chair Craig Ramsay stated that as a Parish Council we do not have any remit to complain against the alcohol licencing of the new shop.

Chair Craig Ramsay put it to the vote if the council would object to the licencing hours and request alcohol to be sold only till 9pm. Majority agreed. Councillor Paul Hyams to come back after speaking to the licencing authorities. Councillor David Parkinson reminded the group that we should ensure we remain driven by comments from the residents on the shop and so far, there have been no groundswell of challenges regarding the development.

Ward Councillor David Bligh feedback that when the shop reserved matters application came up there would be a further opportunity to review and discuss the specific plans with the developer and CBC.

Finally - a resident on the Clipstone estate had problems with the flooding and has ruined the tarmac drive but Taylor Wimpy stated that as it is over the 2-year period it is not their responsibility. The parish directed the resident to the NHBC for arbitration as it was not strictly a parish matter, but noted that there is a tangible link to the known flooding issues discussed in point 3.

6. Allotments

Councillor David Parkinson reported we are still waiting for the consortium to come back for the Parish Council to take ownership of the land.

7. Requests for Funding

Eggington Hog Roast £2500. Please see later minute points for discussion on the matter.

8. Speed Data

To Be Added to the Website.

108 mph max on Fraserfields North (average is 32mph)

87mph max on Fraserfields South
53mph through the village
Noted that 110000 cars a month are now going through Fraiser fields

It was noted that all speeds below 40MPH are in the 99 percentiles.

9. Village Update

Councillor Martine Tournay to request a quote from the local contractor for some maintenance on the playground and benches in the village. Councillor Kerry Gorton has an estimate for new benches of approx. £600 each, but the positioning of the benches has yet to be decided. Chair Craig Ramsay to have a look for the best place to position them in the park.

Chair Craig Ramsay stated that there had been interest on exercise equipment in the park and would Clipstone benefit from this equipment. Councillor David Parkinson replied that his observation is a lot of money is spent on them, but nobody uses them.

New See Saw has been installed in the park and the certificate of acceptance is to be signed by the clerk and paid from the reserves.

Councillor Kerry Gorton has asked for a No Mow May for the verges and will contact our contractor regarding this.

Councillor Kerry Gorton to contact CBC for equipment for litter picking free of charge and then ask the community to arrange for volunteers for the litter picking.

10. Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations:

Councillor Martine Tournay is on the committee for the Hog Roast and excused herself for any vote on the matter.

11 Standing Orders

None were made.

12. To confirm Minutes of Meeting 245

Proposed Councillor Martine Tournay
Seconded Councillor David Parkinson
Vote Unanimous

13. Any other Business

Councillor Paul Hyams has decided to step down from the Parish Council for the new year. The Chair and Councillors would like to thank him for his service.

Hog Roast Funding Request

Councillor Martine Tournay read out a statement from Suzie Garrigue that Suzie and her husband are opening their gardens and marquee for a hog roast event and inviting the Parish community for a subsidised fee to enjoy a hog roast, bar, music, archery, games access to the gardens, and to enable it to be a success we have in the past had a donation from the Parish Council which has been very much appreciated for the event to be successful and serve the community bring old and new friends together. If any profit is made it will go towards the upkeep of St Micheals Church of Eggington.

After reviewing the parish policy on funding and in alignment with section 137 a discussion was held with regards to the best way the parish could support the event.

The outcome was:

- 1 – In order for the parish to support the event could not be ticketed to allow fair and equitable opportunity for all residents to attend
- 2 – There were funding elements that were “event infrastructure” that the parish could entertain as without these elements the event could not take place
- 3 – The organisers were going to look at the funding and ensure elements requested matched these requirements
- 4 – The organisers were going to look at the activities that could be chargeable but not stop the event going ahead such as charging for the hog roast sandwiches, table charges and monies from sales (cakes etc)
- 5 – Once this was completed, they would bring the numbers back to the parish for review and approval in line with section 137 guidelines.

Chair Craig Ramsay proposes that an exceptional meeting be held to vote on any funding request put forward

Playground Health and Safety

Councillor Kerry Gorton confirmed that all safe and correct.

Current Financial Situation

Current Account Lloyds	£2263.71
Current Account Barclays	£636.00
Savings (Reserves) Account	£33256.01
S106 Solar Farm Funds Balance	£36691.25
Savings Barclays	£41.00

Invoice to Pay MW AGRI £164.24
Proposed Councillor David Parkinson
Seconded Chair Craig Ramsay
Vote Unanimous

Chair Craig Ramsay stated that the last payment on the Solar Farm fund will be 2040 and that will give a balance of £141691.00, and his view would be to use the fund for a budget for possible upkeep of the village hall if this Parish Council chooses.

Close of Parish Council Meeting: Next Meeting 2025

This is true and accurate record of the meeting

Signed:

(chairman)

Date: 7th April 2025