

Minutes of the Eggington Parish Council
Meeting No.251
– held on Tuesday 7th October 2025

PRESENT: Eggington Parish Council – Chair Craig Ramsay, Vice Chair Simon King, Martine Tournay and Lee Hayes

CBC Ward Councillors – Nigel Carnell

1. Apologies

CBC Ward Councillors – Kevin Pugh, Mark Versallion, David Bligh
Clerk, Josephine Allen
Councillors David Parkinson, Kerry Gorton

2. Public

A resident from Periwinkle High St, Eggington was present to discuss the Boundaries of his garden and the Playground. Vice Chair Simon King reported that the Legal search showed the parcel of land between the garden, and the playing field is not registered.

The resident pointed out that at a Parish meeting several years ago the matter of fencing off his garden from the Playing field was discussed and the liability of the ditch. It was concluded at that meeting that historically the owner of the fence is the owner of the ditch. The council paid for a digger to come in and clear the ditch, a fence was erected with a gate for access and that the responsibility of the ditch, fence and hedge would be the Parish Council. Unfortunately, the key to the gate was lost and so the resident has kept the gate closed for several years now.

The resident also pointed out that the ditch needs clearing, the hedge is overgrown, and several trees have died and need to be removed. It appears on the resident's deeds that his land is up to the fence but feels that it is the Council's responsibility to clear the ditch. Vice Chair Simon King told the resident that any discussions several years ago cannot be considered as there is no documented evidence of the meeting and to make it clear the resident requires the Council to take in consideration the residents' interpretation of the boundaries of the playing field which would include the hedge and the ditch and fence and all the maintenance.

3. CBC Ward Councillors

Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell reported that it is proposed to charge cafes for seating outside. The Ward Councillors will be opposing it. Vice Chair Simon King asked what it is the logic in charging and it is because of processing the licences you need to have for seating outside and that the fees will be upwards £500 for the 10 tables and £350 for 5 tables or less.

Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell reported also that the government will be introducing a redistributing of funds from local authorities which will mean that there will be a 26 million reduction to CBC and the government want the CBC to increase the council tax to 4.99% for April 2026. Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell pointed out

that Labour run authorities are looking at gains such as Luton who will be gaining 60 million. There will be several cuts because of this, and CBC will be opposing and asking the government to reconsider.

Labour Government has also announced development at MK east which will impact our area with more housing.

The Governance review papers will be out soon Chair Craig Ramsay has reported that more residents from Clipstone have requested to be part of Leighton Buzzard than against it.

4.Clipstone Estate

The developers of the estate have stopped responding to emails although the consortium is responding to things that need to be done like fixing fences and health and safety issues. Paul Hyams Clipstone Resident has complained about the trees and leaves though it is the season now for leaves to fall. Vice Chair Simon King to reply To Paul Hyams .

Vice Chair Simon King to email the consortium regarding the sign off for the clipstone playground.

Councillor David Parkinson replied to a resident who is selling and needed know when the roads will be adopted.

5. Planning

No Planning applications

6. Clipstone Estate Allotments

No updates, Vice Chair Simon King is emailing the enforcement officer for updates.

7. Requests for Funding

None

8. Speed Data

All data will be updated to the Website.

9. Village Update

Vice Chair Simon King updated the Parish Council on the Periwinkle Boundary legal findings. It is not registered with anybody. Vice Chair Simon King showed the Parish Council where the boundaries sit and where the no man's land is and as the resident feels that his land does include the ditch it has been concluded that we should keep the trees and hedges over hanging safe, for the public who use the playing field. If the fence line is the boundary as the resident feels it we can have this drawn up legally. A vote could not be held on this as there were insufficient councillors present.

Chair Vice Simon King reports that we have no response yet from CBC on the village lease. Chair Craig Ramsay feels that that we should go ahead and get works quoted for so we will be up and running. Councillor Martine Tournay is to take on the role of getting the quotes, project managing and has offered to take on the running of the village hall. Chair Craig Ramsay has offered support in getting a committee together and listing of things to do and Councillor Martine Tournay has offered to make curtains for the Village Hall.

Chair Craig Ramsay to order the Christmas tree and will contact the Horseshoes for drinks afterwards.

10. Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations:

Chair Craig Ramsay excused himself from discussion on village playground and recreation field boundary as his property borders this land. Councillor Martine Tournay excused herself on discussions on the village hall as she is on the Village Hall Committee.

11. Standing Orders

None were made.

12. To confirm Minutes 250

Proposed Councillor Lee Hayes

Seconded Councillor Martine Tournay

Unanimous

13. Any other Business

Local green spaces, as part of the local plan can be accessed via the CBC website.

A resident from Clipstone has asked to join the Parish Council, Vice Chair Simon King to contact her.

Adopting Village Telephone Box

At the moment the telephone is still operational and is free. To convert it the telephone has to be removed and as it still is used, do we get BT to decommission . Chair Craig Ramsay concludes that we ask BT regarding adopting it and then if the resident who proposed the idea would like to help run it she would be quite welcome. We will contact the resident regarding this.

14. Playground Health and Safety

Inspected and all safe and correct.

15. Current Financial Situation

Current Account Lloyds	£16923.35to
Current Account Barclays	£0
Savings (Reserves) Account	£27824.79
Savings Barclays	£0
S106 Solar Farm Funds Balance	£36,691.25

Close of Parish Council Meeting: Next Meeting 4th November 2025

This is true and accurate record of the meeting

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:09/10/ 2025