

Minutes of the Eggington Parish Council
Meeting No.252
– held on Tuesday 4th November 2025 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Eggington Parish Council – Vice Chair Simon King, Martine Tournay, David Parkinson, Kerry Gorton.

CBC Ward Councillors – Nigel Carnell, David Bligh

1. Apologies

CBC Ward Councillors – Kevin Pugh, Mark Versallion,
Councillors Lee Hayes
Chair Craig Ramsay

2. Public

Sarah from Clipstone Estate introduced herself and explained that she would like to be considered as a councillor as she would really like to help the community. Her occupation is in marketing and feels this would help the Parish Council considerably. She is well acquainted with some of the councillors.

Vice Chair Simon King explained that we as a Parish Council are not Political. The politics comes in at CBC level. There are 3 Ward councillors, 2 Lib Dems and one Conservative that attend most of the meetings and they keep us up to date with CBC. We work together as councillors for Clipstone Estate and the village, also with the consortium in Clipstone with issues that arise on the estate such as flooding, litter, dog waste disposal bins, speeding issues, the delivery of the allotments and trying to work out when everything will be adopted by CBC. The Parish Council welcome an extra councillor as the Parish Council will also be taking on the lease of the village hall and try to have it used more widely, with Sarah's expertise with marketing that would be very useful.

Vice Chair Simon King stated that as there is a spare vacancy on the council Sarah can be co-opted and voted on, this can be carried out at the next meeting.

3. CBC Ward Councillors

Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell reported that an update of the governance consultation on moving the boundary of Clipstone, into LLTC has gone out and finishes early January 2027. Warned it does need to be read carefully because it has been worded cleverly to achieve the result that they require, it is a very lengthy process to get to a short survey. It is for the councillors to encourage as many residents as possible to respond and especially to ask residents to submit their genuine views.

Councillor Kerry Gorton asked if the postcode is required as there could be many people in that household. Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell replied that yes and agrees that is not as clean as the previous consultation as people had then to submit their address but now anybody in the country could respond and he find this quite concerning and not democratic.

Vice Chair Simon King added that we could assume a high percentage of Clipstone residents will respond in favour of staying in Eggington, but we don't know how the village will respond.

Councillor Kerry Gorton asked the question will we be able to see who voted. Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell replied that they will reveal the number of responses which they will make their judgement on as they did last consultation.

Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell reported that independents, Labour and Ward Councillor Mark Versallion support this consultation. Vice Chairman Simon King did ask Ward Councillor Mark Versallion his rationale and he did reply in an email that residents should be able to voice their opinion.

It was concluded that the consultation should be put on social media and the Parish Website with a link, to allow the residents to respond.

Ward Councillor David Bligh announced that there is to be a Charity Quiz night on the 30th January 2027 at the Rugby Club.

4.Clipstone Estate

Vice Chair Simon King reported that TWB have been ignoring any emails. There is now a resident Tom Slater on the estate who was the understudy of one of the directors, who has now gone to a different position, and he has agreed to speak the last Friday of each month just before the Parish Council meetings, regarding the issues of the estate. It still has 18 months till the housing development is finished and CBC will not engage with the developers whilst there are still works going on and will not adopt until it is up to spec.

Councillor David Parkinson stated that the councillors need to agree the walk around the estate with Andrew Cundy and one of the Ward Councillors to outline the issues on the estate.

5. Planning

No Planning applications

Councillor David Parkinson reported that there had been discharge of conditions for the leisure centre. Approvals for the slate roof to St Micheals, Claridge's farm has not be approved yet for car parking and 4 Leighton Rd has been approved for a single storey rear extension.

Vice Chair Simon King remarked that an empty field on the clipstone estate that the developers accidentally got planning permission on and it was then proved that they hadn't bought the land and this summer a developer received outlining planning for 35 houses on the Elms.

6. Clipstone Estate Allotments

Vice Chair Simon King has noticed in the last few days there has been a digger on the allotments and a Portaloo and looks like there are works commencing, this has happened after the enforcement letter had been sent.

Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell asked if as the allotments are now progressing is the Parish Council working alongside the allotment association. Vice Chair Simon King replied that once we have a set date we will invite 3 or 4 people who are interested in taken a plot to form a plots holders association and to make them aware of the solar farms funds for them to apply for anything they require on the allotment such a toilet, sheds ect.

7. Requests for Funding

None, Vice Chair Simon King pointed that with the Solar funds, we must make people aware that any community club that is associated with any residents can apply.

8. Speed Data

All data will be updated to the Website.

Councillor David Parkinson reported that because of the traffic lights on Fraserfields is has calmed the speeding down.

9. Village Update

Councillor Kerry Gorton reported a water leak at Charity Lane end of the village; emergency works has closed the road.

Councillor Kerry Gorton also reported that Leighton Corinthians under 10s are now using the playing field for football matches from 9am to 12pm. No complaints from the residents. Leighton Corinthians will be removing some concrete and metal that is by one of the goal posts.

Vice Chair Simon King reported that regarding the village hall we are not getting any response from CBC. The Heads of the Agreement have been received but our legal advisor has advised we need to see the draft lease, but CBC have not responded for the last 3 months. Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell replied that CBC are very stretched and under resourced at the moment and to send him an email and it will be referred to the head of assets.

Councillor David Parkinson referred to our extraordinary meeting where the public turned up. There was a positive reaction to the Parish Council taking on the Lease of the Hall and to renovate and include WIFI.

Vice Chair Simon King has had a meeting with the resident of Periwinkle, Eggington High St regarding the the boundary. The resident would like the Parish Council to agree that his boundary to go up to the fence to include the ditch. Land registry will not allow us to come to an agreement with the resident without having some logic where the lines are drawn, a surveyor will survey the property and give the Parish Council an opinion where the no man's lands sits. The resident wants a proper boundary drawn up to show if and when he ever sells the property.

10. Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations:

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 David Parkinson
Seconded Councillor Martine Tournay

Unanimous

13. Any other Business

Governance review

Vice Chair Simon King will post the link for the governance review survey on face book and encourage residents to respond.

The Parish Council needs to agree the statement we put out to the estate and the village and to emphasise what the councillors have done so far and that we have engaged with the developers, CBC and the consortium on the issues of the estate and that the residents have a direct line through the Parish Councillors more so than they would have if the boundary was moved.

Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell advised to make the residents realise that councillor per head of population on the estate is significantly smaller so they will have a louder voice.

Vice Chair Simon Kings said that the response when he posted on face book regarding the possibility of a boundary, most residents preferred for it not to change, some because of the extra expense of the council tax. Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell pointed out in the future with the allotments and cemetery maintenance the Parish Councils precept will have to increase and with CBC financial constraints they are looking to off load some of their responsibilities to Parish and Town Councils.

Vice Chair Simon King proposes that a message should be put out to the village to reassure the residents, and for them to come attend a meeting to ask questions. If the verdict that there is no boundary move, equally it makes sense if all of Clipstone to be in Eggington. Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell pointed out that with a growing development a review can be done every 2 years and residents can request a boundary review. A message to be sent to Chair Craig Ramsay to agree a statement to be put out and to use funds for campaigning.

Draft Budget

A cash flow was presented to the councillors showing the balance at 31/03/27 in credit £2487 prediction of funds to be c/fwd. because of things that now won't be spent and a VAT refund, we will have a surplus of £5000- £7000.

A draft budget was presented to the councillors Vice Chair Simon King agreed that the budget accounted for everything, but with the allotments nearly finalised, the budget may have to be increased. It will be shared with Chair Craig Ramsay and voted on next meeting.

14. Playground Health and Safety

Inspected and all safe and correct.

15. Current Financial Situation

Current Account Lloyds	£15976.15
Current Account Barclays	£0
Savings (Reserves) Account	£27,838.51
Savings Barclays	£0

S106 Solar Farm Funds Balance £36,691.25

MW Agri Ltd Invoice passed for payment £224.64

Unanimous

Close of Parish Council Meeting 8.55 pm: Next Meeting 2nd December 2025 6.30pm

This is true and accurate record of the meeting

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:06/11/ 2025