

Minutes of the Eggington Parish Council
Meeting No.253
– held on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 6.30 pm

PRESENT: Eggington Parish Council – Chair Craig Ramsay, Councillors David Parkinson, Martine Tournay

CBC Ward Councillors –Nigel Carnell

1. Apologies

Ward Councillors Mark Versallion, Keven Pugh, David Bligh
Councillors Lee Hayes, Kerry Gorton, Vice Chair Simon King

2. Public

None

3.Ward Councillors

Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell updated the council with reference to the governance review. He has spoken with Brian Dunleavy and he was told that anybody can comment on this review from any Parish and that each comment will count towards the result. This was surprising because it was believed that you could only comment on your parish.

Councillor David Parkinson pointed out that at the end of the consultation form it does ask for your postal code and asked if the result takes this into account. Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell replied that all comments will be taken into consideration though it may sway the result if it shows the comments from within the Parish.

At the full LLTC council meeting last week Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell reported that the 3 Lib Dem Ward Councillors were asked to step aside by Councillor Steve Owen as they have a vested interest in the Parish. Which allowed to sway the outcome of that meeting and therefore question 3 was not asked which was 'do you agree with the governance or not'. Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell voted against incorporating Clipstone into LLTC.

Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell also reported that there is a proposed large housing development, with wind turbines at Heath and Reach and that the positioning of this will be directing it towards making it part of Leighton Buzzard. Outline planning will be February 2026 Councillor David Parkinson pointed out the fact that on the map it would be closer to Woburn than Leighton Buzzard.

CBC's outline budget is being presented on the 17th December. It cannot be finalised until CBC know what settlement they will get from the Government and Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell reported that there has been no input from the MP. The audit for year 24-25 has been signed off which was one of only 5 councils to have achieved that so far.

Councillor David Parkinson remarked that there is a lot of fly tipping in the Clipstone Lane. There have been favourable comments on the new system that since the Tidy Tip has been introduced there has been a decrease in waste going in but as Councillor David Parkinson pointed out, they have to now pay more to pick up from the fly tipping. There has been a report that since the booking system, waste has not

increased in the black bins or green bins, but Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell reported that fly tipping has increased.

4.Clipstone Estate

Councillor David Parkinson reported that a Clipstone resident has complained about an abandoned hire car in Ramsay Drive that has been parked there since June. Tracy White of CBC has been contacted but the land that the car is parked on still belongs Taylor Wimpy Wilson. Councillor David Parkinson has replied to the resident and has told him to make an official complaint to CBC. Ward Councillor Nigel Carnell stated that if it becomes untaxed and uninsured it becomes a police matter.

5. Planning

None

6. Clipstone Estate Allotments

Councillor David Parkinson has heard that the allotments will be available by the New Year but not usable until April, but with the Governance review, if the vote goes against Eggington should we be taking on that lease until the result of the consultation.

Chair Craig Ramsay asked how quickly after the end of the consultation will the results be available. The result would be 23rd April 2026 and then it will take another year to implement the result as they cannot technically change the ward councillors until the election in 2027 also it is the committee that has the ultimate decision, they will take into account the comments but they don't have to, as this is not a referendum.

Councillor David Parkinson proposes a poster with the information and a QR code directly to the consultation site, this will be tweaked and used for the Village and publicised on the Community Whats app Chair Craig Ramsay to make the residents of the village aware of what is happening and the consequences where the village could cease to have a Chair and merge with other Parishes as Eggington will be very small, the precept is likely to go up to £90-£199 and we would become a smaller part of a wider Parish and not have the ability to do what we can today.

7. Requests for Funding

None

8. Speed Data

To be added to the website.

9. Village Update

Nothing to report.

10. Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations:

None

11. Standing Orders

None

12. To confirm Minutes 252

Proposed Councillor David Parkinson

Seconded Councillor Martine Tournay

Unanimous

13. Any other Business

There will be lighting of the Christmas tree at 5.15pm Saturday 6th Dec and then at 5.30 pm drinks at the Eggington Pub.

Chair Craig Ramsay to sign the agreement with the Corinthians football club and charge a fee of £40 a morning and explain that they can request funding from the Solar Farm as this is helping the community and young children develop skills.

A Clerks pay rise was agreed at 5% increase for year 26/27

This was voted and agreed on.

Proposed Chair Craig Ramsay

Seconded Councillor Martine Tournay

Unanimous

Precept 26/27

Chair Craig Ramsay proposes that looking at the budget forecast we will have £78,000 in reserves including the Solar Farm Funds to set the precept at;

£12 per household for the year allowing the Council £16,584 for running costs.

14. Playground Health and Safety

Inspected and all safe and correct.

15. Current Financial Situation

Current Account Lloyds	£15128.86
Current Account Barclays	£0
Savings (Reserves) Account	£27853.15
Savings Barclays	£0.05

S106 Solar Farm Funds Balance £36,691.25

Invoices passed for payment

MW Agri Ltd £224.64

CAB Grant £500.00

Approved and voted unanimous

Chair Craig Ramsay reports that the Parish Council is in a good financial position and sitting on a high reserve which will enable the works on the village hall when the lease has been signed. Councillor Martine Tournay pointed out the chimney needs urgent attention. Chair Craig Ramsay replied, until the Parish Council is the lease holder this must be done under the present regime, but they can request some funding from the Solar farm funds.

Close of Parish Council Meeting 7.30 pm: Next Meeting 6th January 2025 7.30 pm

This is true and accurate record of the meeting

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:03/12/ 2025