

Minutes of the Eggington Parish Council
Meeting No.254
– held on Tuesday 6th January 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Eggington Parish Council – Chair Craig Ramsay, Vice Chair Simon King, Councillors David Parkinson, Sara Agnoletti, Lee Hayes, Kerry Gorton

CBC Ward Councillors –David Bligh

1. Apologies

Ward Councillors Mark Versallion, Keven Pugh, Nigel Carnell
Councillors Martine Tournay

2. Public

None

3.Ward Councillors

Ward Councillor David Bligh reminded the council there is a charity quiz on the 30th January.

He has no more information on the governance review, the consultation finishes on the 26th January and we should hear the decision by the end of April.

Councillor David Parkinson will be having flyers printed with a QR code to the consultation form, and they will be distributed door to door at Clipstone estate and Eggington Village and on face book and whats app, this will be financed by the Parish Council, and all councillors agreed unanimously.

Chair Craig Ramsay proposes to go to the meeting at CBC to speak on behalf of the Parish explaining the reasoning of staying as we are and proposes to pitch to the residents of Clipstone the cost on their council tax will be at least £200 with LLTC as opposed to our £12 per annum precept. Councillor David Parkinson stated there is more personal representation for the residents staying within Eggington, especially while the development is ongoing. It is proposed to track how many people vote via our website and if at least 500 people vote that would be a good outcome.

Ward Councillor David Bligh reported that Arnold White have brought forward their proposals to develop an estate at Heath and Reach, it's believed that this will take up to 25 years because they are still extracting aggregates.

The splash and playpark at Parsons Close is to be renovated with a new layout and features, and will be opened in May.

Chair Craig Ramsay asked about CBCs Budgets , Ward Councillor David Bligh reported that it was going to be a 17 million short fall and as CBC can only raise the council tax to 4.99% there will have to be cuts on various committees, there is also a campaign to stop the possible closure of the Library Theatre, this will be distributed on the community face books and whats app.

Councillor David Parkinson asked if there had been an update on the shop for Clipstone Estate as residents have pointed out one of their decisions on moving to the estate was the facility of a shop. Ward Councillor David Bligh replied that there was no news yet but potential revisions on the outline planning

may be made. It was also pointed out that when the nursery opens with parking facilities that may be an issue.

Ward Councillor David Bligh confirmed that the leisure centre was still on track to be finished and opening in the summer but no precise date yet but there will be an overlap period before Tiddenfoot leisure centre closes. Chair Craig Ramsay has suggested that we as a council put flyers and information out regarding membership March, April time. Vice Chair Simon King also suggested we alternate our venue for meetings at the leisure centre to enable the residents of Clipstone to have a chance to attend the meetings.

4.Clipstone Estate

Councillor Lee Hayes reported the dog waste bins were full, when this happens residents need to use their black bins. Councillor David Parkinson reported they have now been emptied. The fence at Briggington has now been fixed. Flyers will be printed off for the governance review consultations and distributed.

Vice Chair Simon King reported that complaints from a resident of Clipstone Estate, regarding a hire car, based on the estate has been raised with CBC and that the Parish Council have taken it up to the point where we have any influence.

Vice Chair Simon King has now got a monthly call back with the developers, Taylor Wilson, to raise issues on the estate. They were informed that CBC were going to send an enforcement letter, with reference to the allotments. The allotments have now been marked out; water pipes are in and there is a gravel path. They can pass the land over to us directly and a legal document will be sent to us very soon for our lawyer to have a look at. A final drawing will be given to the Parish Council and checks to be made. Councillor Kerry Gorton asked if there had been anybody interested in forming an association and it was suggested that if 6 volunteers form a committee, they will get plots regardless of where they are on the list, and online meetings can be arranged.

Chair Craig Ramsay asked what the rental of the plots should be set at, as it must be a nominal amount. LLTC set their plots as £25 for a half plot and £50 for a full plot, per annum. Draft agreements have already been set up. Chair Craig Ramsay proposes we set the charges at the next meeting.

Vice Chair Simon King reported that the developers are very keen to get everything up to spec on the estate a timeline has been set at 3 to 4 months so CBC can adopt.

Chair Craig Ramsay asked have we anything in writing from CBC regarding them committing to maintain the green space on the estate. Vice Chair Simon King replied, no only verbal which was a couple of years ago and until the Governance Review is completed CBC will not Commit.

5. Planning

None other than reconfiguration of bedrooms at Stockwell Farm. No objections.

6. Requests for Funding

None. Councillor David Parkinson remarks we have to be more proactive and give examples of the funding that the Parish Council will provide.

7. Speed Data

To be added to the website. 50mph was the highest in the village 82mph was the highest at Clipstone.

8. Village Update

Councillor Kerry Gorton to contact the clothes bin company as a resident has reported that it needs emptying.

Chair Craig Ramsay reported the Christmas Tree has now been removed and we should seek a quote to put the manhole cover on. A suggestion has been put forward to purchase a Nordic Fir to be planted at the spot permanently, but this will have to be maintained. Councillor Kerry Gorton to ask CBC if we need permission to plant the tree because of the conservation area. A 9 ft tree would be approximately £1350 and it needs to be planted by March. A few more quotes to be obtained.

Councillor Kerry Gorton has noticed that Mill Road has been shut even though works have been scheduled for April, a message will be put on the community whats app making residents aware of the closures.

9. Declarations of Interest and requests for dispensations:

None

10. Standing Orders

None

11. To confirm Minutes 253

Proposed Councillor Lee Hayes

Seconded Councillor David Parkinson

Unanimous

12. Any other Business

Sara Agnoletti was co-opted on as a councillor

Proposed Kerry Gorton

Seconded Lee Hayes

Vote was unanimous

Chair Craig Ramsay mentioned that no fee has been arranged with the Corinthians Football Club and that £12 an hour would be reasonable and also we could direct them to the website to the solar farm funding page to perhaps fund 50% of the charges as some of the footballers do live on the Clipstone Estate.

Vice Chair Simon King reported that there has been no response from CBC after requesting further documents regarding the lease on the village hall. They have been chased September, October and November. He has sent another email and copied all the councillors in. Ward Councillor David Bligh pointed out with the precarious financial situation assets are at risk.

13. Playground Health and Safety

Councillor David Parkinson has noted that the surface around the see saw is coming away and it is a trip hazard. Councillor Kerry Gorton will be contacting the company for them to rectify this.

14. Current Financial Situation

Current Account Lloyds	£13904.37
Current Account Barclays	£0
Savings (Reserves) Account	£27866.43
Savings Barclays	£0.05
 S106 Solar Farm Funds Balance	 £36,691.25
 Invoices passed for payment	
 Cloud Next	 £60.00

Approved and voted unanimous

Close of Parish Council Meeting 8.20 pm: Next Meeting 3rd February 2026 7.30 pm

This is true and accurate record of the meeting

Signed:

(Chairman)

Date:07/01/ 2026