

CLAYPOLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd October 2011 at 7.00pm in the village hall.

Present: Councillors: T Allen, G Bignell, S Frayne, R Prabucki (chairman), D Revill, J Taylor and the Clerk. No members of the public attended and District Councillor Kerr was unable to attend and had sent his apologies.

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING COMMENTS

The chairman welcomed all to the meeting. The clerk advised that the vacancy on the council due to the resignation of Cllr Sharp had been advertised for fourteen working days on the noticeboard and in the newsletter. Jackie Halstead had expressed an interest in joining the Council and it was unanimously agreed that she be co-opted on to the Council.

2. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies had been received and accepted from Cllrs Clarke and Oakham.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared.

4. NOTES OF LAST PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 5/09/11.

The notes of the meetings held on 5th September were accepted as a true and accurate record and were duly signed by the Chairman- proposed Cllr Frayne, seconded Cllr Taylor.

5. CLERK'S & COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- 5.1 Community cleaner grant- No payment has yet been made to the cleaner.
- 5.2 Floodlights- Clerk advised these are only being used once a week- on a Wednesday from 8-9pm..

6. PLAYING FIELDS AND SPORTS/PLAY FACILITIES

a) Land at Osterfen Lane-

The clerk had contacted Mrs Kelly to determine the cause of the delay in this purchase. She advised that the residents consortium have to form a company to be able to hold this land under a number of names. Mr Shepherd (for the consortium) had been contacted and he did not think that the forming of the company was causing the delay, rather that it was the Council's query about being able to erect a pavilion. The clerk advised Mr Shepherd that the a pavilion could be built with a gross external floor area

of less than 2000 sq. feet and this would not trigger the overage clause. Mr Shepherd is to meet with residents and update the Council.

- b) ROSPA Inspection- The report had been received and items of a medium risk were considered by the Council:
 - Weeds etc will be sprayed with a weed killer already purchased.
 - Fencing- supports loose in the ground- it was felt that these would tighten up during the winter.
 - Log crossing- install bushes to prevent like metals rubbing- noted by the Council.
 - Storm multiplay- consideration to be given to level bars with firm grips and spacings. Clerk will contact Wicksteed with Rospa's comments.
 - Spring pelican- the remaining spring had been removed.
 - Swing bay- chain connectors notched- noted by Council.

7 VILLAGE HALL

A number of events have been arranged by the hall committee and a flier advertising these had been distributed to homes in the village. A new radiator is required in the library.

8. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) It was RESOLVED to pay
 - i) £30.00- P Shipley- village hall maintenance- August
 - ii) £314.96- C Clarke- salary and expenses July- Sept
 - iii) £500.00- Claypole Cricket Club- overhall of cricket square
 - iv) £78.00- ROSPA- inspection of play area
- b) Financial update- the budget for 2011/12 was circulated.

9. PLANNING MATTERS AND RESULTS

None to be considered.

Affordable Housing in Claypole- Mrs Kelly had been consulted regarding the possibility of a compulsory purchase order for access to the site. She advised that such an order could not be made. Reservations were made about the suitability of the site by Mrs Kelly and she thought that it was not a good idea to allow this application to get to the planning stage nor did she think a public meeting was a good idea. She advised that if the land was developed the Council would be entitled to a third of its development value. In view of the fact that the majority of Councillors think that this site is not in a suitable location Cllr Prabucki will contact the housing association to advise that this location is not supported by the Council. The Council is not opposed to the supply of affordable homes, in fact it is to be welcomed, but these must be in a suitable location and the glebe land opposite the school was not thought to be the best location.

10. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Pot holes on Main Street had been repaired by LCC, still waiting for the one at the junction of Back Lane and Main Street to be repaired.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Review of Polling Districts and Places- SKDC- noted

The 2013 Review of Parliamentary constituencies in England- Boundary Commission- noted

Declaration of Interest Forms- to be completed by Councillors- distributed to Cllrs

How to respond to planning applications- NALC- retained by clerk

12. **CLOSING COMMENTS**

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

Signed..... Date.....
Chairman