



Claypole Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 5th February in the village hall at 7.00pm.

20/14	Present Gillian Bignell (GB), John Briggs (JB), John Freeman (JF), Paddy Furey (PF), Martin Round (MR), Claire Simmonds (CS, Chair) and Mark Sweet (MS). The clerk did not attend this meeting due to holiday commitments. County Councillor Alexander Maughan and District Councillor Paul Wood also attended. There were 8 members of the public in attendance.	
20/15	Apologies and Reasons for Absence There were no apologies for absence.	
20/16	Declarations of Interest Cllr Simmonds declared a personal interest in all items involving the village hall as she is on the village hall committee. Cllr Freeman declared an interest in the proposed housing development by Larkfleet as he lives adjacent to the site.	
20/17	Notes of the last Parish Council Meeting The notes of the meeting held on 8 th January required one amendment and will be signed at the next meeting.	
20/18	Clerk's and Councillors' Reports	
20/18-1	Co-option to fill vacancy- there are two people interested in the vacancy. The process to co-opt will be discussed at the March meeting.	JF
20/18-2	Larkfleet application- may go to SKDC committee April/May with a recommendation it is refused.	
20/18-3	Growth Liaison meeting with N&SDC- clerk will contact Matt Lamb again about a meeting.	Clerk
20/18-4	CCTV coverage- still being explored.	Clerk
20/18-5	Tree planting on Moore Close- LCC will make the final decision about this after a visit from the LCC Tree Officer at the request of a local resident. CS also attended as an observer.	
20/18-6	Litter pick- scheduled for Sunday March 15 th . A budget of £200 was agreed to provide refreshments to volunteers in conjunction with the Side House Coffee Shop. In response to a question about insurance for volunteers, it was confirmed that the Parish Council would take on the overall responsibility for the litter pick and oversee the safe organisation of the event. A request will be made to SKDC to litter pick to the county border, noting that NSDC pick litter their side.	CS
20/18-7	Clerk will ask Richard King to trim the hedge back at the allotments to improve safety for the volunteers during the litter pick.	
20/18-8	Annual Parish meeting- agreed a date of Sunday May 3 rd . Detailed planning is required for this and it was agreed to end the March meeting at 8.45pm with 15 minutes set aside after the meeting for this purpose.	
20/18-9	Draft policy on Grants and Donations policy was formally adopted. Clarity needed on who is picking up Complaints/Equal Opportunities/Safeguarding policy reviews.	
20/18-10	Community Award - application will be considered for 2021. A local	Clerk



	resident has volunteered to help with the application; a Councillor will take the lead.	All
20/19	Claypole Community Park	
20/19-1	MUGA- a local resident had written to the PC expressing concern about the surface of the MUGA. JF will respond accordingly.	JF
20/19-2	JF will continue to source funding.	JF
20/19-3	Installation of showers- nothing further to report on this matter, weather has been holding up ground works to the cricket square.	
20/19-4	Signage at the park to deter dogs. Further investigation to take place to carry this forward.	Clerk
20/19-5	Glebe land- it was agreed to investigate the costs of laying a parking mesh in order to provide further parking and alleviate problems of on street parking	JF
20/19-6	JB has additional trees whips to plant and offered to stake the new trees planted.	JB
20/19-7	A new padlock has been put on the container and users provided with keys.	
20/20	Village Hall	
20/20-1	A grant of £500 has been secured from InvestSK to celebrate the Village Hall with an Open Weekend on 7-8 th March with various activities and village groups. Everyone welcome! Work is underway on an expanded events schedule. Bookings are looking healthy with several weddings planned in and a new regular craft class.	
20/20-2	New volunteer has come forward with experience of funding/bid writing.	
20/20-3	Provision of a new kitchen - CS is to provide MS with sketches of plans.	CS
20/21	Cemetery	
20/21-1	Area where spoil was - clerk had received one quote to reseed the area and was waiting for others. It was agreed not to go ahead until further quotations had been received for both reseeding and also turfing. The Garden Team and others will be asked to quote.	Clerk
20/21-2	Instances of dog- fouling had been reported. Agreed to provide a general notice on procedures for cemetery.	JB
20/22	Financial Matters	
20/22-1	The TSB account is still live although the balance is nil- PF to check. VAT reclaim for £963.09 has been submitted. £25k has been transferred to the savings account.	PF
20/23	Planning Matters	
	Applications	
20/23-1	Notice received from LCC for the reclassification of Hough Lane for vehicle access-noted.	
20/23-2	Drive through coffee shop at Marston- County Cllr Maughan advised that this would not be supported by LCC due to road safety concerns. PC agreed that it could not support this application and MS volunteered to write to SKDC with PC's objections.	MS



20/23-3	<p>CS to forward AM's email with details of the AM's objection.</p> <p>Results None received.</p>	CS
<p>20/24</p> <p>20/24-1</p> <p>20/24-2</p> <p>20/24-3</p> <p>20/24-4</p> <p>20/24-5</p>	<p>Highway and Footpath Matters</p> <p>Tree at River Bridge- Cllr Maughan to re- check which tree is causing a visibility problem to drivers.</p> <p>Buttress wall on River Bridge- County Cllr Maughan acknowledged that the bridge was subject to cracking but was currently not a significant risk. Works will be undertaken in the coming months.</p> <p>Area adjacent to River Bridge with ornaments and a 'Private Property' sign. Cllr Maughan confirmed this area belongs to LCC and there could be a liability issue if the land became damaged. He suggested PC contact the resident informally first asking them to remove the Private land signage and pots.</p> <p>Cllr Maughan confirmed that the public consultation on parking restrictions on Main St, School Lane and Rectory Lane would take place imminently.</p> <p>Parking problems had also been reported at the church when various events/services are being held. PC will write to churchwardens, Gill's and the school requesting better traffic/parking management with a reminder that parking is available at the village hall. A parking monitor at the church during events would also be useful to keep the village safe.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
20/25	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Messages on FB had been answered promptly.</p> <p>A number of e mails had been received about parking, LCC consultation and Fen Farm access.</p> <p>Concerns had also been expressed about church parking and football parking. See Highways section.</p>	
20/26	<p>Chairperson's closing statement</p> <p>Cllr Simmonds thanked all for attending the meeting.</p> <p>Signed.....</p> <p>Chairperson</p> <p>Date.....</p>	

County Councillor Alexander Maughan.

Councillor Maughan gave an update on the budgets going forward. 500 million had been set aside but 44m of that budget was at risk.

He suggested 14m of possible savings had been identified and a 3.5% rise in Council tax may alleviate these.

12m of reserves can be used with 4m going to Highway Improvements across the county with a further 2m on drainage.



500k was to be set aside to encourage walking to school by increasing quality of footways.

Finally 350k had been set aside for the green master plan and reducing carbon emissions.

District Councillor Paul Wood

Councillor Wood gave an update on SKDC budgets. He highlighted that the budget had not been approved but a further meeting was to be held 2nd March to discuss further. Possible outcomes were a 3% increase on Band D Council Tax.

120K had been set aside for the climate agenda, Car Parking charges are to be reviewed in light of the climate agenda.

Planning - The Local Plan had been approved.

Chief executive - Karen Bradford had been appointed and will be leaving her role at Gedling Borough Council