#### **CLAYWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

# Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting A meeting of the Clayworth Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015 at 8pm. Present were: Councillors J. Hunter Shaw, M. Booth, L. Clark, R. Clark, N. Fletcher and P. Fletcher. Also in attendance: C. Hollands (Clerk) **Public Session** 42 K. Sutton, District Councillor, updated the meeting on matters discussed at the recent Rural Conference. Rural isolation was one of the topics discussed. Lack of transport and village shops exacerbated the issue. It is felt that agencies within Bassetlaw are now starting to have dialogue between each other and this is bringing about new initiatives. One interesting development is the installation of vending machines for basic necessities, although there is a considerable cost of some £30K to supply this facility. There is a need to identify those that are isolated within individual communities. There was a a general discussion about local bus services and the County Council supported replacement service that serves Clayworth. K. Sutton offered to help in supporting any applications part of initiatives such as the District Councils' 'Wheels to work'. 43 Apologies for absence None **Declarations of interest** 44 None 45 Minutes It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015, having been circulated, be accepted as a true and correct record. The Council approved the minutes and the Chairman duly signed them. 46 Matters arising from the minutes Minute 33. The Clerk pointed out that the District Council has yet again asked for certain information following Councillors acceptance of office at the recent local elections. Those concerned will supply this information direct to the District Council. Minute 40. The Clerk read to the meeting a letter received from St Peters Church following a complaint made concerning the condition of the Cemetery. It would appear that the issues highlighted are being addressed. 47 Police and Crime update PCSO Airey updated the meeting on matters of local crime and interest. 1 crime was reported during the month of June. The theft of 2 garden seats and a water feature in New Wiseton. There were a number of other crimes in the Beat area involving the theft of gardening equipment, cycles and a quad bike. PCSO Airey reiterated the need to be particularly aware of this type of theft during the summer months and the need to ensure that homes and cars are not left unattended with windows open during the hot weather.

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## 48 Finance A report on the Bank balances was noted. a. The following payments were agreed. Cheque numbers in brackets. North Notts Landscapes Grass Cutting May 5<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> £110.40 (101174) NALC – Local Council Review Subscription £17 (101175) Sharpe Group – Design/Development of Website & Support £504 (101176) C. Hollands – Clerks Salary for 3 months to end June £554.16 (101177) C. Hollands – Clerks expenses for 3 months to end June £125.69 (101178) HMRC – PAYE on Clerks salary £138.54 (101179) The Chairman queried if there has been any progress on the reimbursement of website set up costs. The Clerk will look into this. 49 Correspondence 1. A letter from Daneshill Lakes Nature Reserve asking the Parish Council to consider a donation toward running costs. This to be circulated to Councillors for consideration. 2. A letter from the Local Government Boundary Commission concerning proposed changes. This to be circulated to Councillors for information. 3. A précis of the minutes from the recent North East Bassetlaw Forum Meeting. This to be circulated to Councillors for information. 4. The Parish Council agreed to note various other items of correspondence that together with the above items are to be circulated to Councillors for information. 50 Parish Website The Clerk updated the meeting with progress on the website. There was a general discussion as to how the website might be used to best effect. It was agreed that Councillor L. Clark will provide the link for information on Village events to the Clerk for inclusion on the website. 51 'Arena' proposal One of the proposals discussed at the recent North East Forum meeting was the possibility of setting up a Unitary Authority for that area. There was a general discussion as to 'first thoughts' on the idea. It was agreed that the Parish Council will need more information with regard to the experience of the existing Unitary authorities, Cumbria and Cornwall, before being able to make a balanced judgement. It was also pointed out that those two areas differ greatly in demographic terms from North East Bassetlaw. The Clerk will respond accordingly. 52 Any other business 1. Developments with the Play Area at the Memorial Hall were outlined. The Play Area passed a recent ROSPA inspection. The Memorial Hall Committee are looking to renew equipment via lottery or grant funding if possible. There is a question as to whether there are sufficient residents in the village to justify such a grant. The report will be circulated to Councillors for information. 53 Date and time of the next meeting It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 8<sup>h</sup> September 2015 in the Memorial Hall at 8pm. Councillors N. and P. Fletcher tended their apologies as they will not be present at the next meeting. The Chairman closed the meeting at 852pm.

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