

**CLAYWORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

<b>Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting</b>	
	<p>A Meeting of Clayworth Parish Council was held in the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 8pm.  Present were: Councillors M. Booth (Chair), C. Myers and J. Booth.  Also in attendance: K. Sutton (District Councillor) and C. Hollands (Clerk)</p>
102	<p>Public Session  District Councillor K. Sutton informed the Meeting that the practice of 'fly posting' has become a contentious issue. The District Council is in the process of producing some general rules on the subject that will shortly be distributed to Parish Clerks.</p>
103	<p>Apologies for absence  Councillor J Hunter Shaw and County Councillor T. Taylor</p>
104	<p>Declarations of interest  None</p>
105	<p>Minutes  It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017, having been circulated, be accepted as a true and correct record. The Council approved the minutes and the Deputy Chairman duly signed them.</p>
106	<p>Matters arising from the minutes  None</p>
107	<p>Finance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A report on the Bank balances was noted.</li> <li>b. The following payments were agreed. Cheque numbers in brackets.  North Notts Landscapes – Grass Cutting £63.60 (101272)  C. Hollands – Clerks quarterly salary £564.96 (101273)  C. Hollands – Clerks expenses for the quarter £110.62 (101274)  HMRC – Paye on Clerks salary £141.24 (101275)</li> <li>c. Grant Application by Five Villages First Responders  The Chair read a letter received from Five Villages First Responders to the Meeting that outlined the work that has, and will continue to be, undertaken. Councillor M. Booth (Chair) declared an interest in this item and this was duly noted. After discussion it was agreed that a Grant of £300 be awarded. The cheque will be signed at the next Parish Council meeting.</li> <li>d. Grass Cutting Contract  The Clerk explained to the meeting that a quote has been obtained from the existing Contractor, North Notts Landscapes, to fulfil the Grass Cutting Contract in 2018 of £55 per cut. This represents an increase of £2 per cut against the 2017 figure. If for no other reason than price comparison, the Clerk has obtained a quote from MKS Groundcare based in Gainsborough to undertake the contract. MKS has quoted £44 per cut. The Clerk asked for details of Insurance held and for references to be supplied. These items have been forthcoming and appear satisfactory. After much discussion it was agreed that the Contract be awarded to North Notts Landscapes again this year. It was felt by all that North Notts Landscapes have fulfilled the contract well and been reliable. Problems have been encountered in the past when changing Contractor to obtain a competitive price.</li> </ol>

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	<p>These Arrangements have proved to be short lived and leave the Council in a difficult position in finding alternatives part way through the year. The Parish Council may look to undertake a full tender exercise for 2019.</p> <p>e. Budget 2018/2019.</p> <p>The Clerk advised the meeting that the Memorial Hall Committee has submitted a letter outlining projects and costs that they seek financial assistance with. These include the replacement of a fire exit door at £850, the addition of picnic benches to the outdoor area at £400 and replacement of internal heaters at £2515. These cost are estimates. After a full discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council will look to fund the replacement of the fire exit door and provision of picnic benches in full during the current financial year. Further that a contribution of some 50% toward replacing the heating system will be made in the 2018/9 financial year. These awards will be subject to firm quotes being obtained and sight of receipts when the works are completed. Further applications to be made when these figures are obtained. The Clerk will advise Rebecca Galley, the Memorial Hall Chairperson accordingly.</p>
108	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Clerk and Councils Direct publication.</li> <li>2. The 'Cuckoo' magazine.</li> <li>3. A report from PCSO Airey on matters of local crime and interest for December.</li> <li>4. It was agreed that these and various other items of correspondence will be circulated to Councillors for their attention and information.</li> </ol>
109	<p>Village Gateways</p> <p>Literature concerning Village Gateways has been circulated to Councillors for consideration. After a full discussion it was agreed that the Council will not proceed with these items at the present time. It was felt that the Gateways would not fit visually with the existing Village signs and that they may pose a problem with grass cutting in those areas. In all the benefits were considered doubtful. The decision will be re examined 6 months hence.</p>
110	<p>Planning Applications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 17/01710/CAT. Orchard Croft, St Peters Lane, Clayworth. Fell five Leylandii Trees and replace with a Walnut sapling.</li> <li>2. 17/01645/HSE. Manor House Farm, Town Street, Clayworth. Renovation and extension of Barn.</li> </ol> <p>After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council has no objections to the proposals and no comment to make.</p>
111	<p>Any other business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. There are two mattresses discarded in the dyke on Church Lane, close to the bench at the Gringley Road end. The Clerk will liaise with the District Council to have these items removed.</li> <li>2. Councillor Myers raised the subject of accidents that occurred on Wheatley road on Sunday 7 January. Three separate incidents involving 2 cars and a minibus losing control on black ice. The minibus contained children and came to a halt on its roof. Ways to tackle the problem of alerting drivers to the dangers on this particular stretch of road and bend were discussed. It was agreed that the Parish Council will purchase a grit bin and contents to be placed on the grass verge close to the bend in question. The Clerk will progress this purchase. Further that some form of awareness signs are desirable and information about the 3 recent incidents will be passed to the Clerk with a view to obtaining support from both Wheatley Parish Council and the County Council</li> </ol>

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	to progress this item.
112	Date and time of the next meeting It was agreed that the next Parish Council meeting would be held on Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2018 in the Memorial Hall at 8pm. The Deputy Chairman closed the meeting at 850pm.

Signed .....(Chairman).....Date