

Meeting of Clayworth Parish Council

Minutes of **Clayworth Parish Council Meeting** held on the 14th Sep 2023 at Clayworth Memorial Hall, the meeting commenced at 6:30pm.

Council Members & Officer Present:	Cllr Edwin Rose	Chairman
	Cllr Eve Moralee	Vice-Chair
	Cllr Sarah Brack	
	Ed Knox Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer	
Also, Present	1	Members of the Public
	County Cllr	Tracey Taylor
	Dist Cllr	Fraser McFarland

38/23 To Approve Apologies for Absence

After discussion, Cllr Rose **Proposed**, Cllr Moralee **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllr Wilkinson.

39/23 To Record Declarations of Interest in any items to be discussed

None.

40/23 To Approve the previous meeting Minutes

After discussion, Cllr Rose **Proposed**, Cllr Moralee **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to accept the minutes. The chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting.

41/23 To Receive District & County Councillors Reports

Dist Cllr McFarland: Dist Cllr McFarland provided an update on County Council matters to the Council which included:

- RAAC concrete is not believed to be in any social housing in Bassetlaw.
- Cllr McFarland has joined the planning committee at Bassetlaw.
- The inspector of the Bassetlaw Local Plan has asked for minor adjustments.

County Cllr Taylor: Cllr Taylor provided an update on County Council matters to the Council which included:

- The CEO has been appointed for the new D2N2 structure with Mayoral elections planned for May 2024.
- The request for speed monitoring in the parish has been submitted.
- Sutton/Lound ash consultation has closed and more technical information has been requested from the applicant.
- FCC plan at Lound has had a challenge lodged to the EA by the applicant.
- Igas at Misson remediation begins next week.

➤ Adjournment – (10 Minute max) Public Forum

A member of the public gave their views on the changes of the Parliamentary boundary after the next election which will result in Clayworth coming under the Newark Constituency and wondered if this will affect the level of service/ease of access to the MP and asked of it affects in any way the boundaries of the County & Dist Cllrs, Cllr Taylor confirmed it doesn't affect those boundaries.

A member of public was concerned about the nature/length of the tenancies for the land owned by Henry Smith Charity, Cllr Rose explained the member of the public should raise the concerns directly with the Charity secretary as it isn't in the remit of the Parish Council. However, should the land in question ever receive any further planning applications, for solar or other uses the Parish Council would be consulted and consider appropriate responses at that time.

42/23 To note progress on registration of the Wharf and the Green with HM Land Registry and its future valuation/use.

After discussion, Cllr Rose **Proposed**, Cllr Moralee **Seconded** and the council **resolved 1)** to not proceed with the Green registration because it will be a costly exercise and there would be no benefit to the PC to do so. **2)** Proceed to attempt to register 50% of the Wharf land, as there are potential benefits to the Council if it can register ownership. The Solicitors have asked that the Council accesses the correspondence file and the minute books covering 1894 to 1967, currently residing at Notts County Archives to ascertain whether there is any historic ownership and maintenance of the land mentioned in these, which may strengthen the registration the success of the registration of the Land. Cllr Moralee has offered to visit the archives on 4th October to see what is recorded. **3)** Cllr Moralee will produce a summary of what the land may be suitable for future use.

43/23 Finance:

Monthly Income & Expenditure

After discussion of the Financial Information, circulated by email before the meeting, the council unanimously **resolved** to accept them as a true and accurate record.

1. To Approve Payments:

The Council **approved** the following: -

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
North Notts Landscapes Ltd	July Grass Cuts	£187.20
North Notts Landscapes Ltd	Aug Grass Cuts	£374.40
Jones & Co	Legal Fees re Land	£384.60
Total Payments		<u>£946.20</u>

2. Receipts:

<u>From</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
None		
Total Receipts		<u>£0.00</u>
<u>Bank Balances</u>		
The Current Account Balance		<u>£17,519.91#</u>
Direct Debits and Standing Orders for staff salaries including PAYE and Pension, all approved unanimously.		
#£10,000 ring-fenced as reserves.		

44/23 To Note any Planning Responses by the Scheme of Delegation

Since the previous meeting the parish council responded via the scheme of delegation as follows (italics from National Grid) and also discussed the following at today's meeting:

- **23/00884/HSE Two Storey Side Extension and Detached Outbuilding and New Wall Teal Cottage Wheatley Road** - The Council resolved to support the application, the extension and the wall, look to be in keeping with neighbouring houses and materials, however, the PC would ask that the plans are redrawn for the large outbuilding which doesn't appear to be in keeping with the other properties in the local area."
- **23/00977/CAT Carry Out Works to Trees Within a Conservation Area - Remove an Ornamental Cherry Tree the Cottage Town Street** - The Council resolved to "Support the application because the PC does not consider that it will harm the visual amenities or character of the conservation area. It doesn't appear to be visible to the public and the PC has no objections as long as the Bassetlaw Tree Officer supports the application."
- **23/01055/CAT & 23/01056/CAT - Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Honey Locust Tree (Approx 12-15 m height) Removal of Split Branches Works to Trees in a Conservation Area - Walnut Tree- Remove Lower Branch the Croft Town Street Clayworth** - The Council resolved to "Support the applications and has no concerns or objections as long as the Bassetlaw Tree Officer supports both applications."

45/23 To Discuss the Lengthsman Scheme

The previous meeting agreed to appoint a Lengthsman via the self-employed contract on the basis of £15ph, for an average of 6hrs per week for 47 weeks per year paid on provision of a monthly invoice. The Council have had interest from a potentially suitable candidate who is a Lengthsman at another parish, and lives locally. After discussion, Cllr Rose **Proposed**, Cllr Moralee **Seconded** and the council **resolved** to ask the interested party a selection of dates when they are available so that 2 Cllrs can interview them with a view to start as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 7:15pm.