

Minutes of the Clipstone Parish Council Public Consultation held on 5 July 2017 in the Drill Hall, Clipstone Social Club (Clipstone Welfare), Mansfield Road, Clipstone, Nottinghamshire.

Members Present	Members Present	Members Absent
Cllr K Beresford		Cllr G Adams
Cllr R Clarey		Cllr T Kay
Cllr C Wigman		Cllr D Thompson
Cllr JC Wigman		

In attendance: Cllr B Brownley, Cllr MG Whittard

Also present: Cllr P Peacock, Cllr J Peck, approx. 50 members of the public

1. The Public Meeting was opened by Cllr K Beresford. Cllr Beresford formally introduced himself and fellow Cllr's and proceeded to give a powerpoint presentation of the meeting objectives
(Presentation slides appended)
2. Cllr Beresford welcomed Cllr Paul Peacock from Newark and Sherwood District Council.
(Cllr P Peacock gave an oral presentation on "Neighbourhood Plans" to the Council and Members of the Public).
3. Cllrs received questions from Members of the Public.
4. *Q. If extra houses were to be built between Kingsway and Newlands School, would there be extra roads put in to accommodate the extra traffic?*
 - a. **Cllr Beresford stated that Clipstone Parish Council have no control over highways.**
5. *Q. Can the shopping area regeneration be in the Neighbourhood Plan?*
 - a. **Cllr Beresford yes, it can encompass an area that the village would like to remain retail space.**
 - b. **Cllr Peacock – Planning Officers of the Local Authority would work alongside those involved in the Neighbourhood Plan, to help steer the planning process for development. If a Neighbourhood Plan is not in place, people could end up with housing developments that they do not want.**
6. *Q. Lots of people have been discussing the old doctor's surgery. Whose idea was it, and why wasn't there a consultation before it was bought? How much was it?*
 - a. **Cllr Beresford – believe it was £147,000. I was not on the Council when it was purchased, This meeting was called to get ideas on what the village wants us to do with it, even if you don't want it. If you don't tell us, then we will can only offer forward our own proposals and we want you to decide its future.**
7. *Q – if we'd had this discussion before it was bought, would have said no as we already have three places in the village for the community, we don't need another one.*

- a. **Cllr MG Whittard – I raised the acquisition at the time of the old doctor’s surgery on First Avenue, I stand by the acquisition, and am happy to have a full and direct discussion about that at the end of the meeting. My post about that has been on Facebook for around 6 months. The purchase prevented unsuitable housing, which the village would have petitioned to the Parish Council to oppose, but which the District Council would have had to say yes to. I congratulate the Parish Council for preventing more unsuitable housing that village doesn’t want.**
8. *Q – What about something for the kids or the elderly?*
 - a. **Cllr Beresford – That’s exactly why we’re asking you tonight**
9. *Q. The Localism Act came in in 2011, why has it taken 6 years for you to have a meeting like this about the neighbourhood?*
 - a. **Cllr Peacock – in Newark and Sherwood District, 4-5 villages have put in a Neighbourhood Plan to the Local Authority. The Act is also about supporting charities, community voluntary sector, environment and lots of other things, but Parish Councils are only recently picking up on it. It is up to Parish Councils to initiate, and Clipstone would be the first colliery village in the district to do this.**
10. *Q. Could the old doctor’s surgery be converted into a meeting place for the elderly or the young?*
 - a. **Cllr Beresford - The building could be used for a number of things, which is why we are asking what you think that the village wants and needs.**
11. *Q. The potholes in some of the roads are causing springs to go in numerous cars in the village. If they are not dealt with, it could affect tourism amongst other things.*
 - a. **Cllr Beresford - We are aware of it, but it is not under the remit of the Parish Council. The only reason Forest Road was resurfaced was because Cllr Peck kept pushing for it. County Councils have had their budgets cut. Roads are resurfaced in order of priority, we do not know exactly how the priority is calculated. Forest Road and Kings Clipstone have recently had resurfacing done, so there is no reason to believe that we will not have more done**
12. *Q. It is not just about the roads, buildings like the Welfare are being left to rot.*
 - a. **Cllr Beresford - This is a community resource. This Club finances the Football Club, the youth team, the youth centre, the cricket club, the bowls club, the friendship club, helps out with the British Legion, the Army cadet band, Sherwood Brass band, but it needs you, the public, to frequent it, in order to stay in business.**
13. *Q. Why can’t we pull together as a community and make it better? We can contribute towards it, and we’ll volunteer to help.*
 - a. **Cllr Beresford – We will happily accept your offer of help. The more volunteers and participants the better**
14. *Q. Silverbirds committee have asked for help towards uniform and doing a village carnival amongst other events held across the country. Although they have received help from Clipstone Welfare, they keep getting knocked back by people on Clipstone Community News Facebook page.*

- a. **Cllr Beresford – There are grants available to help groups such as yours. If you tell us what you want we can arrange some help with the applications**
15. Q. *The village needs more events including a music venue.*
- a. **Cllr Beresford – We could encompass such things in the village hall but you are actually sitting in one such venue tonight (Old Village Hall at Club)**
16. Q. *It would be great if Clipstone Welfare started doing food again.*
- a. **Cllr Beresford – The club is about to re-introduce a food offering**
17. Q. *Can we have another Public Consultation? It was done years ago, but nothing further was said or done. These types of meetings are ideal*
- a. **Cllr Beresford – We intend to carry out such meetings in future when we have something to say, offer or tell you**
18. Q. *Parish Council meetings are not well advertised. Meetings like this, where everyone can have their say are much better.*
- a. **Cllr Beresford – Parish Council meetings are open to the public, held monthly (except August) and are advertised on PC website and village notice boards**
- b. **Cllr Peacock – This is a really useful forum which can also deal with rumours as well as possible opportunities.**
- c. **Cllr JC Wigman – Put these ideas down in the questionnaire.**
19. Q. *Are there any plans for further infrastructure?*
- a. **Cllr Peacock – 106 monies for education, roads, health centres etc are added as further housing is added. The money is built up in stages. Not sure what stage Clipstone is at, but Cllr Peck has already been helping push for road resurfacing and bus shelters. It isn't cut and dry**
20. Q. *More houses have been built in Ollerton, and people come through Clipstone to get there. Is this being addressed?*
- a. **Cllr Peacock – Kings Clipstone have the same problem. Cllr Peck keeps asking for the roads to be updated or a bypass to be put in. Making the Ollerton bypass larger would cost about £5.6 million. As money is proportionate to housing, and budgets have been cut, there is no easy answer.**
21. Q. *Are there any plans for the Ritz?*
- a. **Cllr Beresford – The Ritz is privately owned and no planning application has been received to date. CPC has no control over the building**
- b. **Cllr Peacock – there have been rumours, but no planning submitted.**
22. Q. *Can pressure be put on the owners? Fed up of people coming in from the outside and taking over like with the Squinting Cat.*
- a. **– left unanswered due to barrage of outbursts**
23. Q. *Villagers shouldn't have to go out of the area for recreational facilities.*
- a. **Cllr Beresford – Agreed, we could look to add to the ones already here**
24. Q. *Police have been informed about the amount of speeding around the village.*
- a. **Cllr Whittard – Paddy Tipping, the Police Commissioner, does not believe that Forest Road is suitable for a response speed camera, but with training and high viz jackets, hand held devices are possible. Advisory letters could be sent to the culprits.**

25. Q. *Police won't go down Greendale because of it's previous reputation, however there are some good people down there. (Statement)*
26. Q. *Something needs to be done about the quad bikes, scooters and uninsured cars racing around on private land.*
- a. **Cllr Beresford - The police need to be called by the public en-masse if something serious happens**
 - b. **Cllr Brownley – A police officer could be invited to the next Public Consultation.**
27. Q. *More CCTV would be good around the village.*
- a. **Cllr Beresford – It would to some extent help but the cost of provision & maintenance is somewhat prohibitive**
28. Q. *What about a skatepark?.*
- a. **Cllr Beresford – If you don't mind, I think your question will be answered by my last slides**
29. Q. *Has the Parish Council got any ideas, or is it up to the public?*
- a. **Cllr Beresford – we have, but rather than inflict our ideas on the public we believe, an informed decision made together would be better. (Much Public Agreement)**
30. Q. *How much is the old doctor's surgery costing at the moment?*
- a. **Cllr Beresford – The insurance is not much, the main problem is that the electrics need looking at, the boiler is broken and the roof has been vandalised. The non-domestic rates are £930/month whether it is empty or in use.**
31. Q. *Bungalows for old people or younger new starts would be a good idea.*
- a. **Cllr Beresford – bungalows or flats could be a possibility.**
32. Q. *50% owned, 50% government affordable housing would be good.*
- a. **Cllr Beresford – that is shared ownership. Houses in Clipstone are currently below the national average therefore much of what is classed as affordable housing doesn't apply here however affordable rental stock would work.**
33. Cllr Beresford presents the Clipstone Social Club (Welfare)'s new facility plan.- (Last presentation slide – also answering p.28 above)
34. Cllr Clarey explains where the new facility will be and what will be on it.
35. Q. *What can be done if trouble makers vandalize it?*
- a. **Cllr Clarey - It will have CCTV, and it will be discussed with the community. The teenagers of the village need somewhere, so hopefully they will adopt the new facility and want to help look after it. The troublemakers are a small minority.**
36. Q. *Cllr Whittard – Won't the floodlights be too bright for the bungalows?*
- a. **Cllr Clarey – they are already in situ, facing towards the Club so as not to affect the residents.**
37. Cllr Beresford thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at approximately 20:30