

# CLOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.00pm  
on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at Clopton Village Hall

**Present:**

Cllr Raffell, Chair

**In Attendance:**

Cllr Bright, Cllr Gittoes, Cllr Lye, Cllr Pitt, Cllr Tiley-Nunn,  
D Gooch (Clerk), and 2 members of the public

**CPC APM 001/24 Apologies for absence** – Cllr Ashard, CC Bryce, DC Clery, and DC Hedgley.

**CPC APM 002/24 To Approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

The minutes were previously circulated via Clopton News and also displayed on the noticeboards. They were approved and signed as a true record. Proposer Cllr Pitt, Seconder Cllr Bright.

**CPC APM 003/24 Matters Arising**

The road safety issue raised by a parishioner, had been addressed by the Parish Council.

**CPC APM 004/24 Report from the Chairman of the Parish Council**

Cllr Raffell read his report, and highlighted:

- His thanks to:
  - each member of the Parish Council (PC) in particular to Cllr Gittoes who has decided to stand down from the PC but has helped improve liaison with the Village Hall Management committee by stepping in to the role of Secretary,
  - all the members of the events team for their hard work and fortitude over the last few years,
  - The Village Hall committee,
  - Clopton's County and District Councillors for their support to the Parish,
  - Communications officer Della Hughes who continues to run the Clopton eNews, assists with the village website and until very recently, managed the village hall bookings, all on a voluntary basis,
  - Councillor Bright for his work setting up the "First Responders within the village".
- There have been some improvements to Road Safety signage around the Manor Road / Shop Road junctions with the B1078, although Road Safety remains a major cause for concern, particularly the expected increase in traffic levels from the proposed use of the B1078 as a feeder route for workers to the Sizewell C construction site.

See full report: [Chairman's Report for 2023/24](#)

**CPC APM 005/24 [Summary of Parish Council Accounts 2023/24](#)**

See above link for full details. There were no questions about the accounts.

**CPC APM 006/24**

**Report from Suffolk County Council/East Suffolk Council**

**County Councillor's Report**

None.

**District Councillor's Report**

See: [DC Dan Clery's April Parish Report to Clopton Annual Parish Meeting](#), &  
[ESC Leader's Annual Report to Town and Parish Councils May 2024](#).

**CPC APM 007/24 Reports from Organisations** See links below:

- [Clopton Communications and Hobby Groups Report 2023/24](#)
- [Clopton Village Hall Report April 2024](#)
- [WJ Steel & Poor's Charity Report 2024](#)
- [2024 Annual Report of PCC St. Mary the Virgin, Clopton](#)

**CPC APM 008/24 Matters raised by Parishioners**

A concern was raised re the No 70 bus service for Clopton being ceased. The SCC consultation document on the Local Transport Plan for 2024 to 2040 promises improved bus services for rural communities, so the cut to Clopton's No 70 service, is completely opposite to the Local Transport Plan! The suggested alternative service for Clopton is to use the Coastal Access system, however, this doesn't serve the area although Clopton is nominally included in the community car arrangement., although However, this relies on volunteer drivers of whom there are very few and it prioritises hospital visits. Councillors shared the resident's feelings, although there was little they could do about it.

*Meeting closed at 7.45pm.*

Chairman: ..... Date: .....