

# CLOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held at Clopton Village Hall  
On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30 pm.

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<b>CPC003/25 Public Forum/Open Session</b> <b>County Councillor's Report</b> See <a href="#">CC Bryce's Carlford Division December 2024 Parish Newsletter</a> which had been distributed prior to the meeting. <b>District Councillor's Report</b> <a href="#">DC Hedgley's January report</a> , and DC Clery's <a href="#">ESC GLI Group December 2024 report</a> had been distributed prior to the meeting. DC Clery highlighted the 'East Suffolk's Amazing' initiative including the support available to local communities. Cllr Tiley-Nunn asked if any funding was available for maintenance of play equipment; DC Clery suggested asking the County Councillor as they may have funds available. <b>Village Hall</b> JD said that a dinner dance had raised ~£600 and 100% of this profit would go towards Village Hall improvements. JD also said the next Village Hall committee meeting (a public meeting), was next Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> January. <b>Other items</b> None. (At this point DC Clery apologised for having to leave to attend another meeting.)							
<b>CPC004/25 Declaration of Interests/Dispensation Applications Received</b> None.							
<b>CPC005/25 Minutes</b> The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 were approved. Proposer Cllr Lye, Seconder Cllr Raffell.							
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NB. Re DC/23/0267/P3Q (the Prior notification application for Moat Hall Barn), SCC Highways had recommended rejecting the application based on access from Martins Lane onto B1078. ESC said that this was a holding objection while Highways requested further information, re the need for a further speed survey which the applicant had provided during the under DC/23/0267/P3Q. SCC Highways subsequently decided that they would not pursue a further speed survey.

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Clerk was asked to resubmit all the PC's objections, and also challenge ESC on their lack of adherence to their own policy in that the updated drawings should be a resubmission.

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From the consultee responses:

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Public Rights of Way and Green Access recommends a HOLDING OBJECTION as there's a public right of way (PROW) Otley Footpath 035 within the site (not shown in the drawings) and this appears to run through the proposed development.

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council objected mainly re safety to the local road network re HGVs maneuvering. Otley PC didn't object but raised a series of concerns including suitability of the roads for HGVs.

The clerk noted that when checked, there were 24 public responses, all objecting to the proposal.

The PC discussed the application (whose deadline for comments had passed), and the need for liaison between neighbouring parishes which are also impacted due to increased traffic, or in this case HGVs, on the surrounding road network. The Chair agreed to contact neighbouring parishes to suggest this liaison.

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#### **Planning Applications received after the agenda was produced -**

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(The survey seeks to identify if residents' children et al were able to find housing or have a housing need (now or in the future), and/or residents who were looking to downsize.)

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