

CLOPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Clopton Village Hall
On Wednesday 22nd July 2026 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Cllr Ian Tiley-Nunn, Cllr John Bailey, Cllr Gary Bright, Cllr Susana Blois, Cllr Amanda Pitt, Cllr Nikki Cole.	In Attendance: County Cllr Elaine Bryce, S Charalambous (Clerk) and 5 members of the public.	Apologies Cllr Maria Elia.
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CPC024/33 Chairman’s Welcome Cllr John Bailey chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.													
CPC025/34 Apologies Cllr Maria Elia sends her apologies.													
CPC026/35 Public Forum/Open Session County and District Councillor’s Reports <u>District councillor Colin Hedgley’s Report</u> <u>County Councillor Elaine Hedgley’s Report</u> County Councillor Elaine Bryce spoke of the Westerfield Quarry which will be discussed by the Committee Officer at Suffolk Highways on the 1st September 2026. Stop The Quarry campaigners will be marching outside of Endeavour House in Ipswich where Elaine Bryce will be speaking. Elaine is still working alongside community members to help Stop the Deben Solar. Elaine will follow up the current approved 40mph road speed restriction with Josh White at Suffolk Highways, as Paul West is no longer a cabinet member. Elaine has written to the new officer and will welcome an update of when it will be delivered. Elaine assured the Parish Councilor’s that she will see this through. The Councillors expressed their concerns about the disorganised waste and recycling collections and the lack of it being rectified.													
CPC027/36 Declaration of Interests/Dispensation Applications Received None.													
CPC028/37 Minutes The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on <u>Wednesday 20th May 2026</u> were approved and signed.													
CPC029/38 Matters arising from the minutes None.													
CPC030/39 Minutes The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on <u>Wednesday 18th March 2026</u> were approved.													
CPC031/40 Matters arising from the minutes. None.													
CPC032/41 Finance Bank Balances as of 21/07/2026 <table><tr><td>Community Account</td><td>£2,200.47</td></tr><tr><td>Business Account</td><td>£7,887.87</td></tr><tr><td>Bombers Account</td><td>£189.83</td></tr></table> To receive and approve payments since last meeting and authorise payments. <table><tr><td>23.06.26</td><td>SALC Annual Membership</td><td>£204.36</td></tr><tr><td>23.06.26</td><td>S Charalambous Clerk April/May Payslip</td><td>£577.86</td></tr></table>	Community Account	£2,200.47	Business Account	£7,887.87	Bombers Account	£189.83	23.06.26	SALC Annual Membership	£204.36	23.06.26	S Charalambous Clerk April/May Payslip	£577.86	Clerk : To remove payees from bank accounts who no longer require access, and request new login for each approver.
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• Bank reconciliation check This was approved by the Parish Councillors. • Mandate/Payment Authorisation • Thriving Community Fund – Village Hall boiler, footpath and terrace. The Vitality & Attractiveness of Local Centres scheme will open for application submissions again in August 2026. If funds are awarded, this would need to be spent before March 2027.	Clerk: To contact District Cllr Coiln Hedgley to seek advice
CPC033/42 Planning matters None.	
CPC034/43 Governance 9.1 To review the <u>General Privacy Notice</u> This was distributed to the Parish Councillors prior to the meeting and was approved with the new amendments thanks to Cllr Nikki Cole.	
CPC035/44 Representative's Reports 10.1 Village Hall Report – Boiler A 4th quote was received for the replacement boiler with amounts ranging from £4,250 including VAT and upwards. They are looking into air conditioning and heater options. The Parish Councillors informed the VH Committee to investigate the cost and bring it to the next PC meeting in September. Peter Raffell spoke on behalf of the Village Hall Committee and spoke of the following: ▪ They are grateful for the Summer Fete. ▪ They thanked Adrian for the grass cutting. ▪ The taps in the women's toilets will be changed. ▪ 6 swift boxes have been donated to the village hall with intermittent bird calls to encourage nesting. ▪ They are looking into a shipping container being placed in the car park in future. The Parish Councillors agreed that this would need to be discussed and approved beforehand. ▪ Noted that the glass recycling units are still be used by villagers, although the bins are no longer emptied. The VH Committee have contacted East Suffolk Council numerous times to remove them. The ROSPA inspection of the playground is due in September 2026. A request was made for funding to support the VH maintenance jobs. The reason for this was due to the PC being able to receive lower fees and being able to claim back VAT which will be financially beneficial. The Cllr's voted unanimously in agreement with this, subject to a written agreement provided by Peter Raffell and the VH Committee, which is to be approved at the next PC meeting. ▪ The Cllr's discussed the possibility of security cameras at the village hall. The VH committee are to look into this. 10.2 Summer Fete – This was a great success and was financially rewarding. The Parish Council will discuss future events for the community. The cash funds received will be used for the float at the pub night later in the year. 10.3 Cllr Nikki Cole attended the SALC AGM which was very informative. 10.4. War Memorial - The war memorial was inspected by Cllr John Bailey who noted that it requires new flags. The Cllrs approved the use of funds from the Bombers Bank Account to fund this in time for Remembrance Sunday.	Clerk: To find the fete float from 2023 and add to the current funds, to total £500 as agreed by the Parish Cllr's.
CPC036/45 Village Fete Committee The village fete took place on Saturday 18th July which raised a total of £1,981.35 including £330.80 donation from the Village Fete Committee.	
CPC036/46 Correspondence (for information) 11.1 Internal Audit	Cllrs to respond to clerk by Friday 24th

The internal audit has been submitted to Heelis & Lodge; however we are still awaiting an outcome. 11.2 East Suffolk Local Plan Consultation The Parish Councillors agreed to give a response online.	July with response to questions for the ESC Local Plan.
CPC036/47 Matters to be brought to the attention of the Council for the next meeting Cllr Nikki Cole has resigned from her position at Clopton Parish Council.	Clerk: To remove Cllr Nikki Cole from the Register of Interests to notify ESC of the Cllr vacancy.
CPC036/51 Dates of future Parish Council meetings: 23rd September 2026, 25th November 2026. At 7.30pm in the Village Hall	
<i>Meeting closed at 8:42pm</i>	
Chairman: Date:	