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CLYMPING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

Location Date/Time	Wednesday 19 th August 2026 commencing at 7.00 pm at the Church Hall, Clymping		
Present Cllrs: Colin Humphris (Chairman), Tim Hibbert, (Vice Chairman), David Miranda, Anne Miller and Jane Mules		Also Present: Nadine Phibbs (Clerk to Council).	
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081/26	Welcome – The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Extraordinary Meeting of Council.		
082/26	Apologies for Absence – Apologies were received from Councillor Des Johnston. The apologies were accepted.		
083/26	Declarations of Interest – There were no declarations of interest.		
084/26	Public Opportunity - There were no public questions.		
085/26	Horsemere Green Lane Pond Clymping Parish Council is looking to desilt the pond in HGL now that it has dried out during the current drought. The exceptionally dry conditions provide an ideal opportunity to undertake this overdue work. The pond is an important part of the lane’s drainage system, and desilting would help to restore its drainage capacity. It is estimated that there could be up to 300 cubic metres of silt in the pond, together with significant reed growth. The work is anticipated to take approximately one week and would involve the removal of silt and reeds, together with associated HGV movements for collection and disposal. This is likely to require access to both sides of the lane adjacent to the pond. 1. Quotations Councillor Colin Humphris obtained three quotations for the proposed desilting works. Following careful consideration of the three quotations, the Council agreed to proceed with Primavera Landcare Ltd. The quotation is based on the following: • Grab & Tip: 18/20-tonne lorry loads. • An estimated 300m³ of silt would equate to approximately 15–18 lorry loads, at £360 per load: ◦ 15 loads: £5,400 ◦ 18 loads: £6,480 • The contractor advised that it would be surprising if the full 300m³ of silt were removed and, accordingly, the Council would only be charged for the actual number of lorry loads required. • Machinery and labour: £4,975, including machine hire/use, labour, signage, fuel and insurance. 2. Council Decision The Council unanimously approved proceeding with the desilting works as a matter of urgency, taking advantage of the current dry conditions while the pond remains dry. The above was RESOLVED by Full Council.		
086/26	Next Scheduled Meeting of Council: Council noted the next meeting is 15 th September 2026 starting at 7.30pm. Keep an eye on our website for the agenda which is published 3 Days before the Meeting http://www.clymping.org.uk/ .		
087/26	Close of meeting: The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.05pm.		

Dated	
Signed by the Chairman	