

CLARBOROUGH AND WELHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

A meeting of the Clarborough and Welham Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday, 3rd December 2012 at 7.00 p.m.

Present were: Councillor P. Gibson (Chairman, from 7.34); Councillor Mrs. A. Codling (Vice-Chairman, in the Chair until 7.34), Councillors Mrs. L. S. Baines, B. Codling, M. K. Collins, B. Grice, B. W. Robinson and Mrs. F. M. P. Robinson.

Also in attendance: County Councillor E. Yates (until 7.08); District Councillor Mrs. K. Sutton; J. E. Salmon (Clerk); D. Airey (PCSO) (from 7.47); seven members of the public.

Public Session 7.00-8.07 (not part of the formal minutes): (a) The County Councillor referred to proposed interactive speed signs for Smeath Lane and Little Gringley Lane and sought views on preferred locations. Also discussed were the recent highway issues at Smeath Lane; (b) Questions were raised by members of the public re noise and disturbance from the skate park. Members of the Parish Council agreed to take note of the comments. It was suggested by a member that use of the area be prohibited after dusk. Screening or sound-deadening material would also be considered, if practicable; (c) A member of the public raised an issue re flooding at Chapel Close / Howbeck Lane, and referred to difficulties contacting the County Council; (d) District Councillor John Ogle spoke about a petition opposing the proposed reduction in the concurrent grant from Bassetlaw District Council and encouraged the Council to obtain signatures; (e) The PCSO gave his report for October and November. M. K. Collins raised an issue re off-road motorcycles; (f) B. Codling referred to the public meeting about the ambulance service.

96. Apologies for absence - Nil

97. Declarations of Interest

B. Grice - Wheatley Energy Forum

98. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 22nd October, 2012

Upon a proposal by M. K. Collins which was seconded by B. Grice the Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 22nd October, 2012, having been circulated, be accepted as a true and correct record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

99. Matters arising from the Minutes

Minute 88vii - The salt had been delivered to Mr. Goacher and to the Chairman

Minute 88ix - The landlord of the King's Arms was happy for a location for a sign to be decided by the Parish Council. The Chairman will progress this matter.

Minute 93 - Stagecoach had been contacted and their reply was noted.

Minute 94i - A letter had been sent regarding the Parish Council's opposition to reductions in cover by the ambulance service, and an acknowledgement had been received.

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100. Skate Park issues

This item had been covered in the public session; the two letters from members of the public would be answered by the Clerk following discussion with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

101. Christmas arrangements

B. W. Robinson gave an update on the Welham Christmas lights which were now going ahead as a result of support from members of the public, to whom thanks would be conveyed. The lights are now on the Clarborough tree; the Chairman proposed acquiring new lights for 2013. The Vice-Chairman reported that all arrangements were in hand for Wednesday's event.

Mrs. L. S. Baines reported that 116 people would be attending the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party.

102. Planning Applications

There were two new planning applications:

12/01614/FUL - Mr. Pinner, King's Arms, Main Street - Conversion and extension of existing outbuilding into new general purpose shop and flat. Members had no objections. Comment - "Off-road parking only"

12/01643/COU - Mr. S. Darlington, Hillcrest Bungalow, Main Street - Change of use and refurbishment of existing detached outbuilding to form domestic annex. Members had no objections.

103. Reports of meetings

The Clerk reported on a NALC Area Committee meeting at which the main item had been a presentation by a member of the Chesterfield Canal Trust. The issue of data protection had also been raised, and further information was being obtained.

Mrs. L. S. Baines reported that she had attended the Remembrance service at Hayton and considered it an honour and a privilege to have represented the Parish Council.

B. Codling reported on the Annual General Meeting of the Clarborough & District Community Association (Village Hall Committee) held on 14th November. Bob Stockdale was now Chairman and George Armstrong Treasurer.

104. Finance

A report on the current financial position had been circulated with the notice of meeting.

(a) IT Group / Newsletter / Shared costs - following discussion, it was agreed that a final decision be taken at the next meeting.

(b) Members unanimously agreed to a request for the reimbursement of the cost of hiring a room in the Village Hall for a Village Plan meeting.

(c) Members considered a draft budget for 2013-2014 which had been prepared by the Clerk. Uncertainties remained in relation to the impact of changes to the Council Tax Benefit system and a likely reduction in the grant from Bassetlaw District Council. Following discussion, it was agreed that a final decision be taken following preparation of an updated version of the budget, which would be available at the next meeting.

(d) The following payments were approved (cheque numbers in brackets):

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Holmes Groundcare Maintenance - Grass Cutting, October (1634)	168.00
The Poppy Appeal - Wreaths and Donation (1635)	50.00
Society of Local Council Clerks - 2013 Subscription (1636)	75.00
Clarborough & District Community Association - Rent etc. (1637)	420.00
B. W. Robinson - Mulled Wine for Christmas event (1638)	55.86
P. Gibson - Donations from Chairman's Allowance reimbursed (1639)	14.98

105. Highway, bridge and dyke issues at Smeath Lane

Following an extensive discussion, it was agreed to write to the Canals & Rivers Trust at Newark with a copy to the County Council, enquiring whether they had carried out a structural survey on the bridge, whether it is considered fit for purpose and whether lorries should be banned until appropriate remedial work was complete.

106. Correspondence

A Bassetlaw Rural Conference would be held at Carlton-in-Lindrick on the 6th December.

The Isle of Axholme and North Nottinghamshire Water Level Management Board had given notice of entry onto the Parish Council's land at Gypsy Corner to carry out work.

The Council noted various other items of correspondence.

107. Dates and times of future Parish Council meetings

The next Parish Council meetings would be held on Mondays 21st January and 4th March 2013, at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.07 p.m.

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