

# 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, 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2012 at 6.30 p.m.

Present were: Councillors P. Gibson (Chairman), Mrs. L. S. Baines, Mrs. A. Codling, B. Codling, B. Grice and Mrs. F. M. P. Robinson, plus two additional co-opted members from 7.00 pm (see below).

Also in attendance from 7.00 pm: County Councillor Mrs. E. Yates; District Councillor Mrs. K. Sutton; D. Airey (PCSO); J. E. Salmon (Clerk); three members of the public.

(6.30) Upon a proposal by Mrs. L. S. Baines which was seconded by B.Codling, it was unanimously agreed that the Press and Public be excluded from the first part of the meeting, as the matter to be discussed included personal confidential information.

33. Apologies for absence - Nil

34. Declarations of Interest

B. Grice - Wheatley Energy Forum

Mrs. F. M. P. Robinson - Vacancies on the Parish Council

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Mrs. Baines asked for it to be recorded in the minutes that she found the Chairman's opening remarks offensive.

In relation to co-options, submissions had been made by Ann Cobb (not specifically asking for co-option), Maurice Collins and Brian Robinson. Members considered the submissions and reviewed the options open to them.

Upon a proposal by P. Gibson which was seconded by B. Codling, it was agreed unanimously (other than one member who had declared an interest) to co-opt B. W. Robinson to serve on the Parish Council.

Upon a proposal by P. Gibson which was seconded by Mrs. A. Codling, it was agreed with one abstention to co-opt M. K. Collins to serve on the Parish Council.

Members agreed to leave the third vacancy unfilled at the present time.

SIGNED.....CHAIRMAN

(7.00) The press and public were admitted to the meeting. The newly-co-opted members M. K. Collins and B. W. Robinson joined the Council.

Public session (not part of the formal minutes):

Liz Yates reported on highway issues (Smeath Lane and bypass; Little Gringley Lane).

The Chesterfield Canal Partnership was now being progressed via Chesterfield Borough Council for two years.

Kath Sutton indicated that the Rural Officer issue was effectively in abeyance.

The meeting agreed that no further action was required from the Clerk on the two previous issues (Canal Partnership and Rural Officer).

Former PPP issues were discussed and Liz Yates would contact appropriate County Council officers.

The PCSO gave a report.

Liz Yates gave an update on the old school site.

36. Playing field and play areas

Richard Bunn attended from the school for this item in respect of the proposed footpath from the car park to the school via the playing field. Assistance was sought towards the funding. Upon a proposal by B. Codling which was seconded by Mrs. F. M. P. Robinson it was unanimously agreed to contribute £5,000 (including approximately £2,000 from balances).

Mrs. A. Codling reported on the current status of the skate park project. Nothing further (beyond the £2,497 already paid to Waste Recycling Group Ltd.) will be required from the current year's budget. The expected start date was the 13th August 2012.

B. Codling reported on the weekly play inspections and on actions taken and required.

37. Footpaths and bridleways

The Clerk reported on recent letters and e-mails on two separate issues relating to Little Lane, one from Mr. K. Durham and the other from NCC Planning Enforcement.

M. K. Collins reported on a footpath issue, which the Chairman agreed to follow up.

38. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2012

Upon a proposal by Mrs. A. Codling which was seconded by B. Grice the Council resolved that the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2012, having been circulated, be accepted as a true and correct record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

SIGNED.....CHAIRMAN

39. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Public item (g) - The Chairman reported on the grids.

Public item (h) - The Chairman indicated that he had reported the pile of trees on Little Lane.

Minute 25ii - A letter of thanks would be sent to Village Ventures for their significant contribution to the success of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

Minute 25i - the revised design for the village sign, including hops, had been received. Members indicated a requirement for Clarborough to appear on one side of the sign and Welham on the other side (not Clarborough & Welham on both sides). With this amendment, the revised design was approved. An enquiry would be made about progress on adding trees and/or flowers to the Welham sign.

Minute 25iii - the dog bin for Big Lane had been purchased and installed, and arrangements for its emptying had been made.

Minute 30ii - The County Council had confirmed that the application for Local Improvement Scheme funding for access to Clarborough Churchyard for disabled people had been unsuccessful.

40. Highway issues

A report from a Welham Re-alignment Group meeting was given. There was a proposal for 7.5t limit on the Smeath but there would have to be an exemption for high vehicles, so traffic calming / road markings would have to be used as a deterrent. The Parish Council would formally request the group to permit a representative of the Parish Council's Road Safety Committee to attend their meetings.

The lack of highway grass and hedge cutting, especially along Smeath Lane, would be reported to the County Council.

41. Reports of meetings

B. Codling reported on the annual meeting of Clarborough & District Community Association.

42. Planning Applications and Determinations

No new applications had been received.

Two decision notices had been received:

1/10/12/1 - Mr & Mrs Brook, Rutland Lodge, Main Street - Pitched roof and conservatory - approved with standard conditions.

1/10/12/3 - Mr McDonald, Field Cottage, Main Street - Alterations and extension - *refused* by District Council - incongruous and dominating, detrimental impact on appearance of area.

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43. Finance

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

|  | £      |
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| Nottinghamshire ALC - "Local Council Review" (1613)  | 15.50  |
| Glasdon UK Ltd. - Dog Bin (1614)   | 108.28 |
| Isle of Axholme & North Notts WLMB - Drainage Rates (1615)   | 1.96   |
| Holmes Groundcare Maintenance - Grass Cutting, May (1616)  | 168.00 |
| Broker Network Limited - Insurance Premium (1617)  | 866.67 |
| Village Ventures - Reimbursement of costs relating to diamond jubilee celebrations (proposed by Mrs. L. S. Baines, seconded by B. Grice and approved unanimously) (1618) | 640.33 |
| Clarborough & Welham IT Group - Grant for Community Newsletter (1619)  | 200.00 |

44. Correspondence

The Clerk reported on an enquiry from Kate Garton about the 1953 Coronation celebrations in Clarborough.

Members agreed to a request from Sure Start for permission to deliver free play sessions during the summer holidays.

Members agreed to a request from Elizabeth Kitchin for permission to use the playing field for a birthday party.

A consultation letter about future external audit arrangements was noted.

The Council noted various other items of correspondence.

45. Dates and times of future Parish Council meetings

The next Parish Council meetings would be held on Mondays 30<sup>th</sup> July (7.00 pm) and 10<sup>th</sup> September (2.00 pm) in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.23 p.m.

SIGNED.....CHAIRMAN