

# 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, 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2013 at 7.00 p.m.

Present were: Councillor P. Gibson (Chairman); Councillors Mrs. L. S. Baines, Mrs. A. Codling, B. Codling, M. K. Collins, B. Grice, B. W. Robinson and Mrs. F. M. P. Robinson.

Also in attendance: County Councillor Mrs. E. Yates; J. E. Salmon (Clerk); five members of the public. PC 3258 J. Fellows and PCSO 8139 D. Airey were in attendance from 7.55.

Public Session 7.00-7.21 (not part of the formal minutes): (a) Pedestrian Crossing/attendant: the current position was not known. Liz Yates would follow up. A survey was understood to have been carried out. (b) Skate park: the Chairman reported on the position with regard to the SSSI. (c) There had been reports of anti-social behaviour; it was noted that the PCSO would shortly be back to covering just his own area. (d) An update was given by the County Councillor in respect of the weight and speed limits at Smeath Lane. (e) The County Councillor referred to the "Switch & Save" initiative.

Public Session resumed at 8.06. The PCSO gave his report and the new PC introduced himself; the PCSO gave an example of a sign which should encourage drivers to slow down in 30 limits. Contact could be made with Dave Langmead in respect of the signs etc.

### 118. Apologies for absence

District Councillor Mrs. K. Sutton

### 119. Declarations of Interest

B. Grice - Wheatley Energy Forum; IT Group.  
Mrs. L. S. Baines - Clerk Vacancy

### 120. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2013

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, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2013, having been circulated, be accepted as a true and correct record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

### 121. Matters arising from the Minutes

Minute 111a - Chairman will deal with the proposed bottle bank sign at the King's Arms.

Minute 116a - Post Office - this item would be referred to under Reports of Meetings.

Minute 115c - The school had been notified of the withdrawal of the £5,000 funding for the previously-proposed footpath. It was noted that contractors were using the car park during work at the school; members did not consider that this would create any problems.

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122. Play Areas

B. Codling reported on play area inspections. A further discussion took place re soundproofing or the provision of a soil bank or tree planting involving the users of the skate park; Mrs. Codling would contact Ross Marshall again. Upon a proposal by M. K. Collins which was seconded by B. Codling, it was agreed to set aside £500 of the existing £2,000 for tree planting; the Chairman would progress the purchase.

123. Highway/rights-of-way issues

Further letters would be sent to all parties with regard to maintenance of the paths between Pear Tree Close and the Village Hall Car Park, and between Pear Tree Close and Gill Green Walk. Work appeared to have been carried out on paths which were not used, but not on the ones where it was needed.

124. Planning Applications

46/11/35 - Maumhill Wind Farm - see Reports of Meetings.

13/180/HSE - Front extension and pitched roof to dormer, 35 St. John's Drive - members had no objections or comments.

13/189/FUL - Extensions, alterations and conversions to living accommodation and change of use to menage on adjoining land, Welham Villa, Main Street, Welham - members reported that the work had already been done. Detailed consideration of this application was deferred, and would be considered at an additional meeting to be held on the 18th March.

125. Reports of meetings

B. Codling reported on the meeting of the Clarbrough & District Community Association held on the 5th February. Bob Stockdale had resigned as Chairman. The Post Office facility would be in the Halford Room. The Parish Council agreed that a letter should be sent to Bob and Jenny Stockdale thanking them for everything they had done for the village.

B. Grice reported on the Maumhill Wind Farm Planning Meeting held on the previous Wednesday. The application had been rejected by the District Council's Planning Committee, but it was noted that EDF had six months to submit an appeal.

126. Agreement with IT Group

Relevant issues were explained by Greg Herdman. Members agreed to await the outcome of ongoing discussions between the IT Group and potential funders.

127. Finance

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

	£
G. Palfreyman - Beacon Rent (1647)	5.00
Clarbrough & Welham IT Group - final instalment of grant re newsletter (1648)	100.00
J. E. Salmon - Postages and Stationery (1649)	9.99
Clarbrough & District Scouts - February Litter Pick (1650)	60.00

Upon a proposal by P. Gibson which was seconded by Mrs. L. S. Baines, it was agreed that the Council would accept the quotation from Holmes Groundcare Maintenance for grass cutting for the coming season at a price of £73.15 per cut (increased from £70.00).

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128. Correspondence

Members noted receipt of three letters from Village Ventures, and approved the actions taken by the Chairman and Clerk in respect of the first two. Annual accounts would be requested in respect of the more recent letter.

A reply from the Canal & River trust in respect of Smeath Lane bridge was noted.

A letter from BT relating to the end of the current contract period was noted. The Chairman would make further investigations.

A letter relating to the state of the footpath at Clarborough Hill was noted. The Chairman would also attend to this matter.

The Council noted various other items of correspondence.

129. Dates and times of future Parish Council meetings

Members considered a list of future meeting dates drawn up by the Chairman.

It was agreed that Parish Council meetings would be held on the following Mondays at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall:

Firm dates: 15th April (Annual Public Meeting followed by ordinary Parish Council meeting), and 20th May (Annual Meeting of the Parish Council),

Dates for further discussion: 1st July, 5th August (optional, to be decided in July, as the Council does not normally meet in August), 16th September, 28th October, 2nd December, 13th January and 24th February.

The Chairman closed the meeting to the press and public at 9.08 pm owing to the confidential nature of the remaining agenda item.

130. Vacancy - Clerk of the Parish Council

A Committee consisting of the Chairman, B. W. Robinson and the Clerk would meet with Mrs. W. E. Davies at 10.00 am on Monday 11th March and would submit a recommendation to the April meeting. A CV would be requested.

Any appointment would be initially for a six-month trial period. In the event of an appointment being made, the current Clerk would continue in post to include the meeting of 20th May.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.32 p.m.

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