

CLARBOROUGH AND WELHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Monday, 16th May, 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

Present were: Councillor P. Gibson (Chairman), Councillors Mrs. L. S. Baines, Mrs. A. Codling, M. K. Collins, B. Grice, A. Hardie, Mrs. V. Lilley, Mrs. F. M. P. Robinson and A. Winfrow, District Councillor Mrs. K. Sutton, County Councillor Mrs. E. Yates, D. Airey (PCSO), J. E. Salmon (Clerk), nine members of the public.

1 Apologies for Absence

Nil

2. Declarations of Interest

Wheatley Energy Forum: B.Grice
Village Hall: Mrs. V. Lilley
Village Ventures: A. Hardie, A. Winfrow

3. Minutes of previous meeting held on Monday, 24th May, 2010

Upon a proposal by A. Winfrow which was seconded by M. K. Collins, the meeting agreed that the minutes of the previous annual public meeting held on Monday, 24th May, 2010 be accepted as a true and correct record.

4. Matters Arising

A further discussion took place on the proposed wind farm (see also below) and on the 50mph speed limit.

5. PCSO's Report

The April report included no local items of note, with a small number in neighbouring villages. A report of an incident in Welham would be included in the May report.

Totals for year to March had also been compiled and a summary was given.

6. Reports from Village Organisations

IT Group (G. Herdman)
WI (Mrs. L. S. Baines)
Village Ventures (A. Hardie)
Village Hall (Mrs. V. Lilley)
Table Tennis
School (Mrs. Anna Sewell/Richard Bunn, read by Clerk)

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Church (Mrs. L. Keating)
Gardening Club (B. Grice)
Parish Council (P. Gibson)
District Councillor (Mrs. K. Sutton)

7. Post Office

B. Grice reported that the Post Office had wanted to continue in the shop but the owner had been unwilling. An approach had been made to the post office via Michael Carnell but they could only provide a presence via a retail outlet. At a meeting held on the 15th April it had been noted that the village is too large for a mobile post office. Accordingly an alternative had been considered in the form of a presence in the Village Hall ("Post Office Local", which would be commission-based with no salary) but following this line would prevent any transfer back to a shop in the future. Accordingly the current best strategy appeared to be to await developments, but an endeavour would be made to keep the situation 'open'. It was not considered appropriate to contact the MP at the present time.

8. Wind Farm

B. Grice reported, declaring himself to be 'anti-wind-farms'. G. Herdman challenged some of the assertions in the report and asked whether the fundamental objection was visual - he was happy to consider objections on that basis, but not to the concept. Others added comments. In summary, the Chairman noted the varying views and the situation would be kept under review.

9. Disposal of former school playing field

B. Grice reported on this item. Previous correspondence from the Parish Council to the County Council was read to the meeting. The contents were noted and it was agreed that the existing position would be maintained. A request would be made for the site to be properly maintained, as it was reported that the grounds were overgrown and dangerous.

10. Notice Boards

The boards at Smeath Lane and Little Lane needed refurbishing. In response to the question "do we need them?" a member of the public indicated "yes".

11. Other matters raised by members of the public

G. Herdman referred to speeding in the village.

B. Robinson referred to correspondence re adjustments to the speed limits. Various highway issues would be followed up as per the April Parish Council Minutes.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.32 p.m.

SIGNED.....CHAIRMAN