

# 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, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 at 2.00 p.m.

Present were: Councillors P. Gibson (Chairman), 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 E. Yates; District Councillor Mrs. K. Sutton; Jan Pauley & colleague (NCC); Alan Birt (NCC); D. Airey (PCSO); J. E. Salmon (Clerk); three members of the public.

67. Jan Pauley, Nottinghamshire County Council

Jan Pauley gave an update on the signs. The remaining new double-sided sign would be installed near Bone Mill Lane. An e-mail would be sent to the Parish Council giving the required values for insurance purposes.

68. Alan Birt, Nottinghamshire County Highways

Alan Birt answered members' questions in relation to Little Gringley Lane. Two extra lighting columns would produce an automatic extension to the 30mph limit without the need for a Traffic Regulation Order. Alan Birt would check the visibility at the Little Gringley Lane / Leverton Road junction from all directions. He would also check on reported drainage problems.

The drains between Clarborough and Retford (A620) are all blocked. Alan Birt explained that this work would be included in the programme but, being an 'A' road, it needed to be carried out under full 'traffic management'.

Members discussed the locations of the 30mph signs on the A620.

Issues with the interactive speed signs were raised.

Issues relating to Smeath Lane were discussed including the proposed weight limit, which vehicles would be affected and how it would be policed. Hedges were also noted to be a hazard.

69. PCSO's Report

Dave Airey gave details of police reports and crimes for the last two months, and members reported various issues which would be followed up.

70. Apologies for absence - Nil

71. Declarations of Interest

B. Grice - Wheatley Energy Forum

72. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 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, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2012, having been circulated, be accepted as a true and correct record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

73. Matters arising from the Minutes

Pedestrian Crossing: B. Grice, Liz Yates and Kath Sutton would meet with Ian Parker. An issue re a footpath from Big Lane would also be raised.

Minute 58 - The Chairman had reported the various highways items as previously discussed. The hedge at Chapel Close had been dealt with.

Minute 62i - the gate had been repaired.

The brick wall was about to be repaired.

Welham Realignment Group - the Chairman had arranged for meeting dates to be reported to the relevant members.

The grids had been reported.

At Gill Green, the weeds and the sides of the hedge had been dealt with, but not the tops.

The Chairman had e-mailed Laura Summers. Some work had been done but further work was needed.

74. Code of Conduct and Revised Register of Members' Interests

Members returned their completed forms, one copy of which would be forwarded by the Clerk to Bassetlaw District Council.

75. Christmas arrangements

B. W. Robinson reported on possible lights for Welham. A sample set would be obtained. If after inspection the sample set was found to be suitable, he was given authority to purchase. There would then be the possibility of using both previous sets at Clarborough. The Welham 'box' would be checked out.

Mrs. A. Codling gave an update on the Christmas Tree Lighting event, on Wednesday 5th December (tree lighting 5.45, Rev Mark Cantrill to switch on, other details as previously minuted, hall is booked).

76. Planning Applications and Determinations

Planning Application 12/01209/CDM re extensions at the school had, in effect, been considered previously by members. Accordingly, no objections or comments had been submitted to Bassetlaw District Council by the August deadline.

Members had reported concerns that a coffee shop at the farm shop had not been the subject of any planning application seen by the Parish Council. Whilst members were supportive of this venture there were concerns that appropriate procedures may not have been followed. No specific action would be taken, but the situation would be kept under review as members did not wish the owner to fall foul of planning requirements.

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Bob Stockdale had raised various items with the Clerk, to which the Parish Council responded as follows:

- (i) Concern had been expressed about the wall; repairs had subsequently been completed.
- (ii) A perceived lack of consultation with the CDCA had been indicated in relation to the proposed footpath across the field. It was noted that a CDCA representative participated in a site meeting in August 2008, the overall plan having already been agreed in principle under the previous Council prior to May 2008.
- (iii) A lack of storage space may lead to a possible future plan to extend the village hall, perhaps by 'squaring off'. Members were generally supportive of this proposal.
- (iv) Provision of a cash deposit box inside the office door had been suggested. Members were somewhat sceptical and reluctant to go along with this proposal, citing concerns about whether the necessary level of security would in fact be achievable, and whether such a facility was actually necessary.

77. Highway issues

An offer of free grit etc. by the County Council was noted. The Chairman would speak to John Goacher and appropriate action would be taken.

Ann Rimmer on behalf of Clarborough Village Ventures had enquired whether sponsorship up to £250 could be given for bulb planting. Members agreed, subject to the inclusion of areas around signs in Welham.

Wood and rubble needed to be removed from Gypsy Corner. The Chairman would deal with this matter.

78. Footpath, bridleway and rights-of-way issues

The canal bank was noted to be overgrown. It was suggested that contact should be made with the Canal and River Trust - [Lucie.Hoelmer@BritishWaterways.co.uk](mailto:Lucie.Hoelmer@BritishWaterways.co.uk) - and/or the Chesterfield Canal Partnership.

79. Reports of meetings

The Clerk reported on a NALC area committee meeting held on the 20th August. Superfast broadband had been discussed, and Liz Yates gave an update.

80. Playing field and play areas

Mrs. A. Codling reported that the skate park was now complete, and had opened unofficially two weeks ago. £22,700 had come from WREN with the remainder from the County Council, the total cost being £40,000. County Councillor Richard Butler would officially open the facility. Members discussed the provision of facilities for young people.

81. Finance

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

The appointment of a new external auditor, Grant Thornton UK LLP, was noted.

A letter from Paul Harpham, PCC Treasurer, was noted and members approved a contribution. Liz Yates reported on the LIP scheme proposal for the churchyard access (£60,000) which is too much to be approved under that scheme, and which was difficult to progress until the landowner could be identified. Liz Yates would talk to the Rural Funding Officer, Karen Tarburton.

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

	£
Clarborough & District WI - Contribution, Senior Citizens' Party 10th December (1624)	300.00
A. Codling - Expenses re skate park (1625)	11.85
Holmes Groundcare Maintenance - Grass Cutting, August (1626)	168.00
Clarborough PCC - Grant (1628)	520.00

82. Correspondence

A request had been received for the bottle bank to be removed. Thanks would be conveyed to the garage for looking after it, and a new location would be sought at the Kings Arms or the Farm Shop.

The Council noted various other items of correspondence.

83. Dates and times of future Parish Council meetings

The next Parish Council meetings would be held on Mondays 22nd October and 3rd December at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 4.36 p.m.

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