

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held 30th April 2018 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough

Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Avery, Cllr Baines, Cllr Bowler & Cllr Willcock

Others: Mrs Davies (Clerk), District Cllr Kath Sutton, PCSO Airey, Mr Oates (Footpath Warden) and members of the public

837/18 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr George and Cllr Hardie.

838/18 To receive any Declarations of Interests in any items on the agenda

No Declarations of Interests received.

839/18 To suspend the meeting for open session for members of the public to speak and to receive reports from the District & County Councillors, PCSO Airey and Mr Oates Footpath warden

The meeting was suspended and the following reports were received:

Mr Oates gave the following Footpath Warden report:

A little bit like the weather, it's been a mixed year for the Public Rights of Way network, with progress in some areas but not in others.

Ploughing and Cropping Surveys were carried out in the Spring and Autumn and I am pleased to say that in the main, landowners fulfilled their obligations to keep the footpaths well marked out and clear of obstructions.

The maintenance of way markers and stiles continues, but some further work will be required this coming year.

In conjunction with the Rights of Way Officer in Nottingham, some of the issues affecting Bridleway No 3 have been addressed.

It has been established that the erection of a fence at the Main St end was legal but that the parking of vehicles on the bridleway constituted an offence. The respective owners of both these matters have been advised accordingly.

A barrier has been erected on Byway No 22 [Market Hill] with the objective of prohibiting vehicles during the period 1st Nov to 31st April and thereby helping to prevent further erosion. This action was partially successful until the locks were vandalised allowing 4 x 4 joyriders to travel along the byway. Further damage to the fragile surface has been caused as a result.

Notts CC is reviewing this problem as the incidents increase across the county There are several national bodies lobbying government with a view to changing legislation and thereby curtailing irresponsible behaviour.

It is regrettable that this approach has been tried a few years ago but died a death before reaching Parliament because of very strong representation from various motoring organisations.

District Cllr Kath Sutton gave her annual report as follows:

Cllr Sutton detailed the recipients of the Community Grant. Clarborough and Welham had received grants for the Christmas party which is catered for by the W.I and also for help towards planting the Parish Pasture.

She outlined her work on the Committees on which she serves which are Licensing, Overview and Scrutiny, the Introductory Tenancies Appeal Board and the Stuart Goodwin Charities. Her Ward work mainly dealt with concerns over local planning issues and commented how fortunate she was to be in a Ward where the constituents appeared so settled and happy.

Reference was made to her detailed information given in the last Village newsletter but wished to add her concern over the Revised National Planning Policy 20 per cent of new housing had to be on smaller sites which could impact on the views expressed in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Sutton finished by reiterating her thanks to the Parish Council for all their hard work, both in the meetings and the many hours they spend in their spare time; and also acknowledged that it had been a particularly hard working and successful year.

County Cllr Tracy Taylor sent her apologies and submitted the following report:

The works to extend and enhance Clarborough School are ongoing.

Local Improvement Scheme bids were being reviewed today; so community groups who made bids for funding will shortly whether they have been successful.

840/18 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 26th March 2018

Cllr Baines proposed to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting held 26th March 2018; this was seconded by Cllr Avery and resolved by the Council.

841/18 To receive updates on any actions from the previous meetings

Min 829/18 – it was noted that Cllr Hardie is also a member of the Development Committee

Min 834/18 – the Hedge on Smeath Lane has now been cut back and the faulty street light at Welham has now be repaired. The fly tipping on Howbeck Lane has been reported.

Min 835/18 – The Village Ventures has asked if they can display a scarecrow on the village hall drive way – there were no objections to this request.

842/18 To receive reports from any other meetings attended

No other meetings attended.

843/18 To receive play area inspections reports

Cllr Bowler submitted his play area inspection reports with no additional actions. The bottom step on the climbing frame has been adjusted but still needs tweaking; the Clerk will inform the independent inspection person so that he can have a look when he comes.

844/18 To consider planning applications, note any planning correspondence and decisions

Application: 18/00415/RSB

Location: The Corner Barn

Proposal: Erect single storey extension with modifications to existing window and door openings, external wall insulation to North Gable, replacement windows to be UPVC wood effect Chartwell Green (Resubmission of PA 17/00824/HSE)

The Council considered the above application and Cllr Avery proposed not to make any objections; this was seconded by Cllr Bowler and resolved by the Council.

845/18 Finances – to approve payments and receive financial update

The Clerk circulated copies of the finances up to 31st March 2018, bank statement and budget figures for the councillors to view.

- a) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance – March grass cutting £167.15 (2022)
- b) Moneysoft – payroll software £78.00 (2023)
- c) Parish Clerk – wage £150.39 (2024)
- d) HMRC – p.a.y.e £37.40 (2025)
- e) John Edgar Agricultural Services Ltd – Spraying of land £300.00 (2026)
- f) B K Hogg & Son – bark chippings for allotments £126.00 (2027)
- g) Muddy Fork – Hedge Planting £50.00 (2028)
- h) 2029 – void
- i) Information Commissioner Office – Data Protection registration £35.00 (2030)

The Clerk went through the end of year budget figures and after discussion Cllr Willcock proposed to earmark the unspent future development amount of £8380 to use on the ongoing project of the Parish Pasture, allotments and proposed dropped kerbs for the village hall driveway; this was seconded by Cllr Avery and resolved by the Council.

Cllr Baines proposed to approve the above payments and earmarked amount; this was seconded by Cllr Willcock and resolved by the Council.

The Clerk reported that the receipts and payments for the year ending 31st March 2018 were below the £25,000 level which allowed the Parish Council to be exempt from sending the annual return to the external auditor. All the usual end of year procedures will since take place so long as everything is put on the website. Cllr Avery proposed to exempt the council; this was seconded by Cllr Bowler and resolved by the Council.

846/18

To receive update from the Parish Pasture Group and consider/approve associated expenses

Cllr Willcock gave the following report:-

Land Transfer to PC

The Solicitor is chasing the District Council regarding the transfer.

Mrs Debra Hindle from the NP Steering Group has agreed to represent the NP on the Development Committee.

Planting

800 Snowdrops (approx.) were planted in the 2 weeks immediately after the last PC meeting. More recently 50 Cowslips, 62 primroses, and a further 40 bluebells have also been planted. The snowdrops and cowslips were donated by a friend of mine. The rest were purchased from the Councillor grant money given by BDC Cllr Sutton. 40 primroses were purchased from a grant of £100 given by Notts Wildlife Trust to help pollinator insects. All the plants and bulbs have been planted among the existing and new trees.

There have also been 9 Silver Birch whips planted in the existing self-set copse of Silver Birch. One gap in the existing hedge has been filled by hedging whips.

Ash die back disease

We have had confirmation that the suspected disease is indeed as suspected. All the diseased saplings have been removed and most burnt. Some remain to be burnt. The upside of this is that it has opened up this area of the land.

Spraying

On 16 April the Community Orchard area and the major section of the open green space was sprayed with glyphosphate total weed killer. The action of the spraying is now evident. The public right of way was closed at our request by NCC footpaths officer for 5 days. It actually only remained closed for 2 days. A total of 23 signs were displayed before, during and after the spraying. Even so people walked along the footpath before it was re-opened!

Next stage

The process of producing the wildflower scrapes is likely to be carried out in mid-May, followed by ploughing and harrowing the soil. At this stage the new line of the footpath will be marked in. Due to use of heavy machinery the footpath will again need to be closed.

Finance

- a) The £500 from the Canal & River Trust has been received recently

- b) Our grant bid to Greggs Foundation for £2,000 in order to fence the two new hedges was unsuccessful
- c) The result of the Local Improvement Scheme bid to NCC for £6,000 will be notified in May
- d) Our bid for £100 to NWT for pollinator plants was successful and has largely been spent
- e) Grant in kind has been received from Strawson Developments in that they have allowed us to remove about 30 tonne of wood chippings from land being developed at Canal Turn opposite the Hop Pole. The value if bought in bulk would be well in excess of £350. We have paid a local farmer £105 + VAT to cart it for us.
- f) We intend to purchase a strimmer to control the grass in amongst the trees, from the grant given by NCC Cllr Taylor as this requires detailed control due to all the planting. This will be £229 inc VAT.
- g) I reported at the last meeting that the arrangement with a local farmer to carry out the various processes on the land had fallen through; another farmer has now quoted for the work and he has been most helpful. We are also talking with a second farmer who is offering advice about the processes required on the land.

830/18 To receive update from the Allotment Group and consider/approve associated expenses

Cllr Willcock reported that 11 allotments are now up and running, 40% of being worked on; the others have been paid for but not yet started working on them.

The Allotment Association are working towards arranging for a water supply to the allotments.

832/18 To receive any updates on the WW1 Commemoration event

Cllr Bowler met with the working party to discuss the event. The national event is starting at 7pm and it was proposed to sound the Last Post at 6.55pm, light the beacon at 7pm and the church bells to ring a 7.05pm. Feelers need to be put out to find someone to sound the Last Post.

During the day the normal church service will be at 11am; followed by the planting of an oak tree on the Parish Pasture 12 noon-12.30 and then refreshments at the village hall.

Suggestions were put forward - to have a school competition for the planting of the tree; the hiring a coach to take the people up to the field for the lighting of the beacon due to the dark; having a plaque made with the names of the people killed from Clarborough and Welham and asking any relatives to help plant the tree.

More volunteers are required to get involved and help with the event.

833/18 To receive information on the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR)

The Clerk and Cllr Bowler gave an outline of the new Data Protection Regulations that comes into force on the 25th May 2018. The Clerk is currently preparing policies and

procedures required for the compliance of the regulations; these will be adopted at the May meeting.

834/18 To receive any updates on the Flood Prevention and Flood Management Strategy

Cllr Avery reported that a meeting is required to organise a working group to look at the course of the water and make a plan of all the problem areas; as well has talk to residents whose properties have been affected by the flooding.

835/18 To report any Highways/Right of Way or Service faults

- The chains have been defected again
- The flashing speed sign is still not working correctly
- A rut on Smeath Lane – the Chair will investigate

836/18 To receive any correspondence for information and future agenda items

No items of correspondence were put forward for the next agenda.

837/18 Time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the **Parish Council** will be held on Monday 14th May at 7.00pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm.