

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough on Monday 1st April 2019 at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Baines, Cllr Willcock and Cllr Hardie

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

1027/19 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Avery and Cllr Bowler.

1028/19 To receive any Declaration of Interest in any items on the agenda

No Declarations of Interests received.

1029/19 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)

County Councillor Tracey Taylor reported on the following:

- The Parish Council's minutes had mixed up the funding scheme with relation to the comments on the resurfacing of Little Lane. The LIS funding is the one that the council has submitted its Community Orchard bid which is still being assessed and the Little Lane bid was part of the Highways Bids; which Cllr Taylor has put forward on our behalf for parking restrictions and resurfacing on Little Lane to provide safe passage for children going to school. (This error will be removed under the next agenda item).
- Via came back in house as from today and they have introduced a new County Cllr email address for Councillors to use to report highway problems
- Cllr Taylor has not been involved with the resurfacing of footpath No.1 but she is happy to make some enquiries for us.
- Children's centres services are also being brought back in house; the partnership contracts are not be renewed next year.

District Cllr Kath Sutton reported:

- Quite shortly the council car parks are going to have moneyless parking service is going to be introduced; which can be paid via a telephone app
- Recycling of rubbish – Bassetlaw is still terrible low on the list of people collecting the recycling and fourth lowest in the country and definitely the worst in the west midlands. The Brown bins are helping slightly and if anyone knows of a suitable area that bottle banks can be sited it would be appreciated if the District Council is informed.
- More information on what items can be recycled will be available as a lot of people are putting the wrong plastics in the blue bins.

- To celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim Father's the District Council is working with the Sherwood Forest Trust is donating oak trees for areas/villagers around Bassetlaw. Cllr Willcock has ordered two already.
- Cllr Sutton asked if residents could keep an eye on any vulnerable neighbours as it takes a long time for the quiet to speak up when they have a problem.
- Cllr Sutton was delighted to present the Clrborough & District WI for an Achievers Award which Cllr Baines received as a Member of the WI
- In conclusion; Cllr Kath Sutton thanked the Parish Council for being very hospitable to her when she has attended the Parish Council meeting which she has enjoyed over the last 17 years. (Cllr Sutton is stepping down at the May elections)

Mr Oates gave his footpath report and PCSO Airey gave his police report during the Annual Parish Meeting prior to the Council meeting.

1030/19 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 25th February 2019

After the last sentence of Cllr Taylor's report was removed due to a misinterpretation of the information given; Cllr Willcock proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 25th February 2019 as a true record, this was seconded by Cllr Hardie and resolved by the Council.

1031/19 To receive updates on any actions from previous meetings

- The Chair has been to look at the loose screws on the play area climbing wall and tightened where he can and suggested monitoring it for the time being
- The overhanging tree has been cut back around the lighting column in the village hall carpark
- The Smeath Lane hedge has been cut back
- The Chair went several times to check on the car parking situation at the OAP bungalow; only on 1 occasion there was a van restricting the entrance but he will keep checking
- Litter pick on 7th April 2019 – currently 10 people have indicated they will be attending; the Chair will be supplying bacon sandwiches

1032/19 To receive reports from any other meetings attended

No meetings attended.

1033/19 To receive play area inspection reports

Cllr Bowler submitted the play inspections up to the 31st March 2019; no actions listed.

1034/19 Finances – to approve payments and receive financial update

The Clerk circulates copies of the Finances as at the end of February, copy of bank statements and budget figures for the 31st March 2019.

Cllr Baines proposed to approve the following payments; this was seconded by Cllr Hardies and resolved by the Council.

March payments:

- a) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance – Feb grass cutting £334.30 (2107)
- b) Via East Midlands – 2 x bulk bags of salt £132.00 (2108)
- c) Clerk's March wage & exps £172.73 (2109)
- d) HMRC – p.a.y.e £40.60 (2110)

April Payments:

- e) P Gibson – litter picking exp £11.16 (2111)
- f) Information Commissioner Office – Data Protection fees £40.00 (2112)
- g) P Gregory – Jewson invoices for Allotment expenses £1266.92 (2113)
- h) P Gibson re imbursement for Smeath Lane hedge cutting £40.00 (2114)
- i) P Gibson – Chairman's allowance expenses £26.50 (2115)

1035/19 To consider quotes to have the beacon painted

The Council considered quotations for the painting of the beacon. Cllr Baines proposed to accept the quotation of £380.00; this was seconded by Cllr Willcock and resolved by the Council.

1036/19 To consider planning applications, note any planning correspondence and decisions

Planning applications for consideration:

Application: 19/00171 HSE – Arnovale, Main Street, Welham

Replace hipped bungalow roof with gabled roof and extensions to front and rear elevations with render finish

The Council had no objections to the above application.

Application: 19/00227/OUT – Orchard House, Big Lane, Clarborough

Outline application with some matters reserved (Approval being sought for access, layout and scale) to erect 3 two storey detached dwellings

The Council had no objections to the above application. However, the Council would like to comment that the application states that the development is more than 20 metres from a water course/beck. This is incorrect as the beck that runs along Little Lane would be closer than 20 metres and therefore a flood risk assessment would be needed. Also, there is no motorised access on Little Lane.

Application: 19/00239/COU – Land adjacent Lochaber, 1 Little Gringley Lane, Welham

Change of use of agriculture land (title No. NT236462) to domestic land for Lochabar

The Council had no objections to the above application.

Application: 19/00253/HSE – Laurels, Main Street, Clarborough

Erect a detached open fronted steel frames outbuilding to rear garden.

The Council had no objections to the above application.

Cllr Baines proposed to approve the considerations for the above planning applications; this was seconded by Cllr Hardie and resolved by the Council.

A letter has been received from EDF Energy regarding West Burton C – application for a proposed gas-fired power station of up to 299MW on land to the North of the existing West Burton B Power Station new Gainsborough. EDF are informing the Council that they are looking to submit their application for development consent in quarter 2 2019. It will be up to the Secretary of State to decide whether or not to accept the application.

1037/19 To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Willcock gave the following report:

It is 2 years and 2 months less 1 day that the Parish NP was 'made' i.e. passed at the Referendum - ***What has been achieved in that time?***

Allotments - The Allotment Association was formed and 22 allotments were created on 1 acre of land in March 2018. Despite the long hot summer most allotment holders had a successful first crop. They are already hard at work for their second year.

Parish Pasture - March 2018 saw 90 metres of new hedging planted. Much land work in May of 2018 saw wildflower scrapes being formed, the land cultivated and harrowed and seeded in September of that year.

Also in May a new footpath line, to reflect the legal line, was established and topped with wood chippings. It had been hoped to lay a limestone surfaced path but this has not yet been possible due to funding problems.

In November 5 memorial oak trees were planted to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the Great War. Since that time some 19 large trees and 20 smaller trees have been planted. Tree planting is almost finished on the land.

Housing Development - The land is sold subject to Planning Permission being granted. The Parish Council/NP Working Group have met the developers and established the context of the NP. The original developer plans were altered. In January 2019 an access proposal was put to BDC for Planning Permission but has yet to be resolved.

The progress in 24 months has shown how the NP is working to improve the Parish.

1038/19 To receive update on the Housing Development

No further information has been received since the last council meeting.

1039/19 To receive update from the Parish Pasture Group and consider/approve associated expenses

Land Work -Some tree planting from whips supplied by the Woodland Trust last year plus 3 larger specimen Birch trees with white bark to be done.

The area around the existing large ash tree is being turned into a deciduous 'wild' woodland with various tree species being planted.

Hedge - Following completion of the hedge laying on 27 February there was 80 m of hedge pruning. An attempt at a diy chipping of this was aborted and Fenton Forestry called in

with their commercial chipper. Even so it took 5 hours for 4 people plus the Fenton Forestry workers to chip the whole of this. The chippings are being laid as mulch around tree plantings and to renew the footpath. Thanks to all who helped with this.

Public Footpath - A meeting in West Bridgeford on 7 March proved to be abortive! Following discussion we were told that the Footpaths division only had finance to tackle health and safety issues on footpaths in Nottinghamshire.

We will now seek grant funding for the laying of a limestone surface to enable the footpath to be used all year round by all residents of the Parish.

Community Orchard - There has been no information back about the LIS Bid submitted by Cllr Avery; but I have heard that some grants have been notified.

Land Transfer – At the meeting the Clerk reported that she has this afternoon received the draft contract and documents for the transfer of the land.

1040/19 To receive update from the Allotment Association and consider/approve associated expenses

Cllr Hardie reported the following:

- The Association has planned to meet every three months unless there is any reason to meet earlier
- The allotment holders have agreed to pay a £35 membership fee and the rental rate has stayed the same
- One full size plot and one half plot have now been taken; these leaves just Cllr Hardie's own plot which he is giving up due to moving out of the area
- The actions from the last allotment inspection have all now been carried out.

The Chair proposed that due to the time required in going through the land transfer document; that the next allotment inspection is carried out after the election rather than before as previously suggested – the rest of the councillor were happy to do this.

1041/19 To receive update on the Flood Prevention and Flood Management Strategy

No further reports received.

1042/19 To report any Highways/Rights of Way or Service Faults

- The litter bin next to the bench on Main Street is being filled up with domestic rubbish – this has been happening for some time. The Council may consider to either leaving the situation as it is or removing the bin. It was suggested that an alternative style of bin could be installed; the Chair will contact the District Council
- The dog fouling bin on Little Lane at the South View Drive end smells quite badly. Unfortunately, residents are using the bin to dispose of their own dog poo; when the bin is for dog walkers only. This situation will be monitored.
- The Chair will continue to monitor that parking situation near the OAP bungalows

- PCSO Airey to be informed of a car and trailer parked on Big Lane with flat tyres(possible used as storage)
- A resident contacted PCSO Airey regarding a car parked for sale on grass behind the bus stop on Notts C C Land; this was moved later
- A good job has been carried out on a section of the Big Lane dyke
- An ash tree has blown down on Pinfold Lane – the Chair will have a look

1043/19 To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items

- Notts County Council has sent a letter for Councils to check that farmers are re-instating right of way paths across their fields following their ploughing and seeding of new crows etc
- The WI group asked if they can do a litter pick in September around the village; the Chair passed on information for them to contact the Village Clean up team at B.D.C
- The WI is still waiting for a cheque book for their new bank account; their finance report will follow in due course
- On the 15th April the curling group will start again; anyone interested can come along for a taster session on the 15th in the Village Hall

1044/19 Time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Council held on the 13th May 2019 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.