

CLARBOROUGH AND WELHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough on Monday 17th December 2018 at 7pm

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

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

974/18 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Avery and Cllr Willcock

975/18 To receive any Declaration of Interest in any items on the agenda

No Declarations of Interests received.

976/18 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)

District Cllr Kath Sutton reported that the County Council has postponed the unitary system.

County Cllr Tracey Taylor also gave an update on the postponed Unitary Council due to the lack of consultation with other councils. The government has delayed its financial settlement to the County and District Councils last week pending the Brexit's proposed new agreement.

There is also a concern over re-organisation of local governments which could put a burden on parish councils to deliver some extra services; but without receiving any funding to carry them out.

Mr Oates (Footpath Warden) reported that no problems have been reported this month. During January, he will be discussing maintenance matters with Notts county Council in readiness for the 2019/2010 budget.

PCSO Airey gave his crimes of interest report for the beat area and also thanks the Parish Council and residents for their support over the year.

It was also noted by Mr Herdman (I.T Group) that following a press release regarding fibre broadband in the parish and correspondence over the incorrect postcodes; this has now been revised and information will be put in the newsletter informing residents of how to apply for the faster broadband service. Mr Herdman also checked the broadband speeds and the down loads have increased by 10 times faster; but the upload speeds at the time hadn't changed.

977/18 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 19th November 2018

Cllr Bowler proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 19th November 2018 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.

978/18 To receive updates on any actions from previous meetings

Min No. 965/18 – The Chair purchased a grit spreader after circulating the information and price to the Councillors; as agreed at the previous meeting.

979/18 To receive reports from any other meetings attended

No other meetings attended.

980/18 To receive play area inspection reports

The Chair noted that no new actions were required.

981/18 To consider planning applications, note any planning correspondence and decisions

No planning applications received.

982/18 Finances – to approve payments and receive financial update

The Clerk circulated copies of the finances and budget figures up to 30th November 2018 and bank statements for the Councillor to view.

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

- a) SLCC – annual subscription £76.00 (2084)
- b) Parish Clerk wage £150.39 (2085)
- c) HMRC – p.a.y.e £37.40 (2086)
- d) (2087 void)
- e) P Willcock – Parish Pasture expenses £1485.43 (2088)
- f) P Willcock – WW1 event expenses £661.94 (2089)
- g) P Willcock – Neighbourhood Plan project Grant expenses £441.49 (2090)
- h) P Gibson – Christmas lighting event expenses £270.76 (2091)
- i) A Lloyd-Jones – Allotment expense £83.40 (2092)
- j) Glasdon – new grit spreader £150.00 (2093)

983/18 To approve draft budget for 2019/20

The Clerk circulated copies of the draft budget for 2019/20 ready for the Councillors to consider. The Clerk went through each item and adjustments were made as required ready for the precept approval.

984/18 To confirm meeting dates for 2019

Cllr Hardy proposed to approve the following meeting dates; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.

- 14th January 2019 – already agreed
- 25th February
- 1st April
- 13th May

17th June
 22nd July
 2nd September
 7th October
 18th November
 30th December
 3rd February 2020

985/18 To receive update on the Christmas lighting event and consider associated expenses

The Chair reported that the event was well organised and went very well. £136.76 was raised through the table rent and donations for the mulled wine. The expenses for the event came to £270.76.

Cllr Baines reported that the Christmas party went very well with 92 people attending the meal; all received a £5 present. Donations were received from the Parish Council, Village Ventures, Hayton Parish Council, District Cllr Kath Sutton and County Cllr Tracey Taylor. £240 was also raised from the raffle. A finance report from the W.I will follow at a later date.

986/18 To receive update from the Parish Pasture Group and consider/approve associated expenses

In his absence Cllr Willock submitted the following Parish Pasture report which the Chair read out.

Tree Planting – 10 of the 12 trees bought with the Lions club and Rotary Club grants have been received and planted between 30th November and 4th December. Unfortunately, there was a tree missing from the order for which we are still waiting. The Rowan tree purchased for us by a gentlemen from Welham is still waiting for a mutually convenient planting date.

Labels of tree type and the donor have been purchased for all the trees planted.

Muddy Fork re-planted some 80 hedging ‘whips’ on 12th December to replace those which had died due to the hot dry summer.

Finance – We have been notified that we will receive a grant of £5,000 from Bassetlaw District Council but the money has yet to be transferred to the Parish Council.

987/18 To receive update from the Allotment Association; approve the Allotment Inspection Checklist and consider/approve associated expenses

Following the previous meeting; the Chair has produced a further version of the annual allotment inspection checklist; it was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting when everyone has had chance to read it.

It was also agreed that any Allotment issues should be dealt with through Cllr Hardie as the Parish Council representative of the Allotment Association.

988/18 To consider application from the Allotment Association for a further £1500 funding

The Chair went through the Allotment Association's request for further funding to help with installing a car park surface at the allotments. After discussion the Chair proposed the Allotment Association to use remaining funds held from the previous PC grant to fund the car park surfacing and the PC will pay the outstanding balance up to a maximum £1500 this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.

989/18 To receive update on the Flood Prevention and Flood Management Strategy

In his absence, Cllr Avery submitted the following report:

A meeting of Councillors with Notts County Council's Flood Officer, Mr Hardeep Rai, has been arranged for 18th December. The Officer wants to support efforts to reduce flood risk by working with landowners and villagers on flood mitigation projects. There are resources available to promote this. There is no further information about the flood prevention scheme involving engineering works. I will follow this up with the District Council in January.

990/18 To report any Highways/Rights of Way or Service Faults

No new faults reported.

991/18 To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items

The District Council is having its Village Spring Clean spread over three months this year rather than just one month.

992/18 Time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 14th January 2019 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.