

Meeting of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough on Monday 30th December 2019

Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Weingaertner and Cllr Avery

Others: Mrs Davies (Clerk), District Councillor Ben Sofflet, Mr Oates (Rights of Way Warden) and members of the public

1178/19 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Willcock, Cllr Baines and Cllr Palfreman

1179/19 To receive any Declaration of Interest in any items on the agenda

No Declaration of Interests received.

1180/19 Co-Option of new Councillor and signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office

The Chair proposed to co-opt Mr Craig Done as a new councillor; this was seconded by Cllr Avery and resolved by the Council. Mr Done signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was countersigned by the Clerk. Cllr Done then joined the meeting.

1181/19 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 (Right of Way Warden)

Rights of Way report from Mr Oates

Triennial Report Safety Issues – Despite the intervention of Cllr Taylor, no response has been received from the Access Team (Via) not any remedial action taken to correct items considered safety issues. If nothing is heard from Via over the next couple of weeks then the Parish Council will write to Cllr Taylor and ask if she can pursue it as a matter of urgency.

Little Lane Bridleway No.3 - Cllr Taylor has taken up the matter of the poor surface with the Access Team. As debris from overhanging trees has not been removed an action plan is required to do this. Cllr Avery and Mr Oates arranged to remove the debris.

District Cllr Ben Sofflet reported that he wasn't able to attend the full council meeting and therefore nothing to report. However, he was been able to obtain a flood register which he has forward to Cllr Avery to look at. Cllr Avery suggested that the Parish Council tries to find the contact details for the persons responsible for the clearing out of the grids; ready for when they need doing.

PCSO Airey sent his apologies and his report has been circulated.

1182/19 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 18th November 2019

Cllr Avery proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting as a true record; this was seconded by the Chair and resolved by the Council.

1183/19 To receive updates on any actions from the previous meeting

1159/19 – The receipts required from the Allotment Association have not yet been received; the Chair will follow this up at their meeting on the 9th January.

1165/19 – The Christmas lighting event went very well and a good job was done by those running the event.

The Chair reported that last year the resident who puts up the Christmas lights on the tree at Welham received a complaint that they were not very good; therefore the lights were not put up this year and no complaints were received.

1166/19 – The Christmas books for the school have been purchased.

1167/19 – The Chair purchased three sets of Christmas lights for £114.00.

1168/19 – Village hall street lights repairs. The fault turned out to be on the light outside on the building itself which was causing the problem; this has now been repaired.

1171/19 – The church donation towards grass cutting was previously approved; however a legal issue has now arisen which means no further donations are able to be made after this year.

Cllr Avery reported that one of the residents has volunteered as a Flood Warden and will help Cllr Avery and Cllr Done to recognise the various tasks that needs carrying out. Josh Wells from the Trent Rivers has been seconded by the County Council to do a study of the water course and to start work on a natural flood management scheme.

1184/19 To consider planning applications below and note any planning correspondence

No planning applications received.

1185/19 To approve the contribution toward the parish magazine

Cllr Weingaertner proposed to approve the £600 annual contribution to the parish magazine; this was seconded by Cllr Avery and resolved by the Council.

1186/19 To consider the 2020/21 budget

The Council went through the proposed budget figures and adjusted where required. Further costs are required to be included ready for the setting of the precept in February.

1187/19 Finances – to approve payments and receive financial update

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

- a) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance £334.30 (2166)
- b) P Gibson – reimbursement for school books £200.00 (2167)
- c) Clerk's December wage £203.33 (SO)
- d) Parish magazine & website contribution £600 (2168)
- e) P Gibson reimbursement for travel expenses, sand and sand bags, Christmas tree lights £268.42 (2169)
- f) St John The Baptist Church contribution to grass cutting £500 (2170)

1188/19 To approve meeting dates for 2020

Defer to the next meeting.

1189/19 To consider any items of information for the next agenda

The Chair reported that he has carried out three play area inspections – no additional actions since the last inspections

Items to note for the next agenda

- Grass cutting contract to consider – Chair to obtain quotes
- Consideration of the 2020-21 precept
- Meeting dates

1190/19 Time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the Monday 4th February 2020 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.