

Clarborough & Welham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 23rd February 2015 at 7.00pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Clarborough

256/15 Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Grice, Cllr Baines, Cllr A Codling, Cllr B Codling, Cllr B Robinson and Cllr F Robinson

Others Present: Mrs Davies (Clerk), District Cllr K Sutton and 3 members of the public

257/15 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Willcock.

At this point the Chairman reported that Cllr Collins has resigned from the Council.

258/15 To receive any Declarations of Interest in any items on the agenda

No declarations of interest received.

259/15 Open session for members of the public to speak, and to received reports from PCSO Airey, District & County Councillors

- County Cllr Yates sent her apologies and submitted a report which the Chairman read out.
- District Cllr Kath Sutton reported on the Neighbourhood Planning event on the 12th March at Hodsock Priory.
- A resident commented on the condition of Big Lane and South View Drive street signs – Clerk to report.

260/15 To approve minutes of the meeting held 5th January 2015

Cllr Baines proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 5th January 2015 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Grice and resolved by the Council. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

261/15 To received updates from the minutes of the meeting held 5th January 2015

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- The Chair reported that the drains have now been cleared
- The article on grit bins has been put in the newsletter
- The pot hole on Little Gringley has been reported but the repair doesn't come under the Highways criteria for repair

At this point PCSO Airey joined the meeting and gave his January beat area report.

262/15 To receive any updates on Highways/Rights of Way/Service issues and report any faults

- The Chair reported that the manufacturer of the Welham village sign has looked at the damage to the sign and said that it is beyond repair. The cost to replace the sign is £2100.00. It was agreed that the damaged sign could be disposed of and discussion on replacing the sign will be included on the next agenda
- The interactive signs have been repaired
- The Chair has reported the complaint of the overgrown vegetation on Clarborough Hill

- Rights of Way have assessed the fallen tree on Little Lane and no action to be taken
- The Chair reported that 'No Dog Fouling' signs have been put up on Little Lane and leaflets distributed area the area. Environment Health have asked that any witnesses to dog fouling not being cleared up, should pass on information to them; this includes time and date of the offence
- Cllr Baines reported that the overgrown hedge on the Smeath is hitting the wing mirrors on passed lorries
- Cllr Grice reported that Highways have now agreed that the section of hedge on Smeath Lane he has been in discussed with NCC on, does belong to Highways – the overgrown hedge requires reporting again
- Cllr Grice commented on the mud on the road from the solar farm
- The Chair has spoken with the Scouts over the litter picking but needs to contact another member of the group to discuss further

263/15 To receive reports from other meetings

The Chair reported on the Lound Parish Forum meeting which was interesting. The three main areas of concerns were to do with skate parks, dog fouling and highway issues. The Chair will attend the next meeting which will be monthly to start with and then will be quarterly once the group is established.

Cllr Baines reported that the W.I group will be putting on a Senior Citizens dinner on the 9th June at lunchtime.

The Clerk will attend the Neighbourhood Plan event on the 12th March and the Rural Conference on the 25th March.

264/15 To receive play area inspection reports and any update information on the skate park

Cllr B Codling reported that both play areas have been independently inspected; and no issues have been highlighted.

There was a lot of broken glass and bottles left on the ball park area; following what looked to be a party on the site.

A skate park meeting was held with BDC and as a result BDC are commissioning an independent evaluation of the noise problems from the skate ramp. Before any further money could be spend on the skate park, a guaranteed solution would have to be found first.

265/15 To consider planning applications, note any decisions, appeals and planning correspondence

Application: 15/00037/FUL

Location: Land adjacent Wayside, big Lane, Clarborough

Proposal: Erect residential dwelling (plot 3) and detached garage

The Council considered the above application and has no objections.

Application: 15/00108/COU

Location: The Post Office, Main Street, Clarborough

Proposal: change of use from Post Office (A1) to dwelling (C3)

The Council considered the above application and has no objections.

Street Naming application: 14/00075/NEWDEV
Location: 1 Little Gringle Lane, Welham
Proposed house name: Lochaber

The Council considered the above application and has no objections.

Cllr Baines proposed to approve the above decisions; this was seconded by Cllr A Codling and resolved by the Council.

It was noted that the documents from Nottinghamshire County Council's (Clarborough footpath No.8) modification Order has been received for the Council's information.

266/15 To approve payments and receive financial update

- 1) Planning with People – N.Plan expense £2750.00 (1778)
- 2) S.L.C.C 2015 subscriptions £77.00 (1779)
- 3) Clarborough & Welham Newsletter £300.00 (1780)
- 4) Clerk's January wage £174.02 (1781)
- 5) N.A.C.L 2015 subscriptions £171.56 (1782)
- 6) Cheque 1783 used to replace lost cheques 1765 & 1768 (£183.72)
- 7) Notts County Council – one tonne of salt £55.00 (1784)
- 8) Clerk's February wage £174.02(1785)
- 9) Chair's travel expenses for Lound meeting £5.00 (1786)
- 10) Playdale Playgrounds – Annual Playground Inspections £234.00 (1787)
- 11) BT invoice £169.56 via direct debit

Cllr B Codling proposed to approve the above payments; this was seconded by Cllr Gibson and resolved by the Council. The Clerk circulated copies of the financial update for January 2015.

The Clerk read out a letter from the Manor Barn coffee afternoon fund thanking the Parish Council for the £45.00 donation which was raised at the Tree Lighting and Christmas events. The donation will go towards a public access defibrillator.

267/15 To consider third party funding towards the village hall's WREN application

The Treasurer of the Clarborough & District Community Association gave a presentation to the Council regarding their application to WREN for funding towards essential repairs and upgrade of the village hall. The Association asked if the Parish Council would consider being the third party funder for the application; this would be a donation of £1888.26 towards the application.

After discussion Cllr Baines proposed that the Council acts as the third party funder if the application is successful, this was seconded by Cllr B Robinson and resolved by the Council. The donation will be used from the reserve funds.

268/15 To consider the proposal to make a donation towards a public access defibrillator

The Coffee Afternoon Fund supplied information and costs to purchase a public access defibrillator.

Following a discussion, the Chair proposed to donate £200 towards the fund; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.

269/15 To consider the play park trees

A Clarborough resident and friends have very kindly raised £90.50 towards the replacement of the damaged tree on the play area. Cllr A Codling suggested using the donation to replace the damaged tree by the war memorial bench.

After consideration of replacing the other damaged trees it was proposed by Cllr B Robinson to also replace the four other damaged trees, this was seconded by Cllr B Codling and resolved by the Council. The Chair will arrange for the purchase and painting of the trees.

270/15 To review the standing orders

The Clerk circulated three updates to be approved for the standing orders:

- a) Code of conduct and dispensations
- b) Code of conduct complaints
- c) Reporting by the public and press at meetings

Cllr Grice proposed to accept the updates; this was seconded by Cllr B Codling and resolved by the Council.

271/15 To discuss the new Transparency Code for Small Authorities

The Clerk reported on the new Transparency Code for Small Authorities with a turnover of less than £25,000.

The Audit Commission will be abolished in March 2015 and a new framework will be brought in during 2017; meanwhile it is a requirement for the Parish Council to publish on a website free of charge for members of the public, a list of various documents issued by the Dept for Communities and Local Government, by the 1st July 2015.

At the moment it may be a possibility to publish this information on the parish website; the Clerk will discuss this further with the Editor of the website.

272/15 To discuss sharing a handyman with Misterson Parish Council

Following on from the Chair's report from the Central Bassetlaw Forum, it was agreed that this item is deferred for the time being. The forum may consider a similar scheme which would be more local to Clarborough and Welham.

273/15 Proposal to discuss the deeds for Gypsy Corner

Cllr Grice reported on the current situation regarding the Council deeds on the land at Gypsy Corner. It was agreed that Cllr Grice looks into the process of applying for absolute title and to bear in mind that there may be a possible cost involved.

Cllr Grice proposed to apply for absolute title to the deeds, this was seconded by Cllr F Robinson and resolved by the Council.

274/15 To discuss response to the BDC's Proposed Public Spaces Protection Orders – Dog Control

Cllr B Codling proposed to support the Proposed Pub spaces Protection Orders – Dog Control, this was seconded by Cllr Grice and resolved by the Council.

275/15 To receive items for information and future agenda

Items for the next agenda:

- Replacement of the Welham village sign
- Update on the skate park report
- Neighbourhood Plan
- CCTV for the village hall

276/15 To exclude members of the public to enable discussion on the Clerk's role

It was resolved to exclude the members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

The Clerk reported that she has been offered the Executive Officer's role at Harworth & Bircotes Town Council; the Council were happy for the Clerk to continue working at Clarborough & Welham. The meeting dates would have to be re arranged to 23rd March, 11th May, 22nd June, 20th July, 14th September, 19th October, 30th November and 4th January 2016.

The Clerk also reported that she has now passed her Certificate in Local Council Administration; the Chairman reported that the Clerk will move up the salary spinal column points as per her contract.

277/15 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.00pm on 23rd February 2015 in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10pm.