

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held on the 12th February 2018 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

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

Others present: Mrs Davies (Clerk), PCSO Airey, District Cllr Kath Sutton and members of the public

797/18 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Hardie

798/18 To receive any declarations of interest in any items on the agenda

No declarations of interests received.

799/18 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

Mr Oates sent his report in his absence:

- No further progress re bridleway No.3
- Byeway 22 – the lock on the gate has been vandalised allowing 4x4 off roaders to access and caused further damage to the surface of the path

District Cllr Kath Sutton gave a report on the Rural Conference which was held that afternoon.

Information from a resident on the overgrown hedge on Smeath Lane; Highways wrote to 6 landowners last year regarding their hedge; three of which are in dispute over ownership.

At this point Cllr Baines left the meeting.

PCSO Airey gave his report on crimes of interest in the beat area.

800/18 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 15th January 2018

Cllr George proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 15th January 2018 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Bowler and resolved by the Council.

801/18 To receive updates of actions from previous meetings

Min 782/18 - The CDCA will be taking over the village hall phone line on the 2nd March 2018 which will be with Vodaphone. The approximate cost to the Parish Council to end the BT contract will be £100.

802/18 To receive reports from other meetings

The Chair has attended the Bassetlaw Central Forum and he will circulate the minutes when he receives them.

803/18 To receive play area inspection reports and discuss proposal for additional play equipment

Cllr Bowler submitted his inspection reports. The only action is to tighten the bottom step on the climbing frame.

The Clerk has contacted the independent playground inspection people to carry out the annual inspection.

A proposal had been put forward by Cllr Baines to discuss additional play equipment for the play area. Cllr Baines was not present; however the Council thought that it has enough with the Parish Pasture and Allotment projects at this point in time. Additional play equipment can be looked at a future date.

804/18 To consider planning applications, note any planning correspondence and decisions

Application: 18/00014/FUL

Location: Welham Villa, Main Street, Welham

Proposal: Demolish existing dwelling and erect replacement dwelling.

Following consideration; the Council had no objections to this application. Comments were made asking for the gateway to be set in to allow space for incoming car/trailer or horsebox to park off the A620 to avoid dangerous parking on the road prior to opening the gate to the property type of hedging; plus a request for a hedge with contains a wide variety of hedge species to encourage wildlife in line with the Neighbourhood Plan policies for improved habitats.

Appication: 18/00084/FUL

Location: Land to West of Welham Hall, Little Gringley Lane, Welham

Proposal: Erection of a two storey zero carbon, energy efficient dwelling, detached garage and new onsite access way

Following consideration, the Council had no objections to this application.

Cllr Willcock proposed not to make any objections to the above applications; this was seconded by Cllr George and resolved by the Council.

805/18 Finances – to approve payments and receive financial update

The Clerk circulated a financial update, copy of bank statement and budget figures for the Councillors to view.

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

a) Parish Clerk Wage £150.39 (2013)

- b) HMRC = p.a.y.e £37.40 (2014)
- c) I T Group newsletter donation £500.00 (2015)
- d) P Gibson – expenses – litter picking equipment, postcrete and mileage £68.00 (2017)

806/18 To approve the Internal Control procedure document

The Clerk circulated a copy of the Internal Control procedure document; no matters raised.

Cllr Bowler proposed to approve the Internal Control document; this was seconded by Cllr Willcock and resolved by the Council. The Chair and Cllr George signed the document.

807/18 To receive update on the gifting of the Parish Pasture and consider any associated legal fees

The solicitor is still waiting for the District Council.

808/18 To receive update from the Parish Pasture Group and consider/approve any associated expenses

BDC Land Housing Development

I now have the name of the developer of the land which I cannot at this point publicise as the legal aspect is not complete and it is not yet, therefore, a public document. However, I have been in contact and he is keen to talk with the Parish Council about the development.

I suggest that at the end of this meeting a small group of Councillors provide some mutually convenient dates so that I can go back to him with these in order to set up a meeting.

Land Transfer to PC - No further progress known.

Report

Last night I sent a copy of the FoPP Report on the Parish Pasture to all Councillors by 'WeTransfer'. To my mind there is only 1 area which needs detailed discussion and that is the issue of the removal of the canal side fence. There is a section on this and some UK statistics in the document. It is not urgent as it is not a priority for this year. I would suggest it is an Agenda item for a future PC meeting.

Meetings

I have had 2 meetings related to the land:

- i) *Sean McGinley – East Midland Waterway Manager for Canal & River Trust*
 - a) Concerning the removal of the fence – C&RT is in favour as they want to see all waterways opened up to the public. Suggested I contact Natural England as it is an SSSI, which I have done, but not yet had a response from them.
 - b) Funding bid to C&RT – he suggested this.
- ii) *Dominic Shad – Muddy Fork*
This is a mental health charity working with adults at the Idle Valley Centre on North Road, Retford. I had enquired about help with planting and other

activities. He came over and was enthusiastic, no cost to us and good for his members.

Finance

Successful grant applications have been confirmed by:

Retford Rotary Club – for 5 trees cheque received		£250
Retford Lions Club – for 5 trees cheque received		£250
Cllr Kath Sutton – BDC Councillor Fund for wildflower seed		£200
Cllr Tracey Taylor – NCC Councilor Fund for trees and land work		£500
	Total	£1,200

Successful goods in kind

Woodland Trust - for 420 mixed hedgerow plant, protective spirals and supporting canes. Delivery mid-March	Value	£560
Sherwood Forest Country Park Oak sapling	Value	£ 50
National Memorial Arboretum 2 Hornbeam saplings	Value	£100
	Total	£710

Other grant applications submitted but not yet determined:

NCC - Local Improvement Scheme -2018/2021 for land work		£6,000
Greggs Foundation (the Bakers) for hedge support fencing		£2,000
Canal & River Trust - Your Waterways fund For seating		£ 500

Grants applications yet to be submitted:

British Tree Council
for Fruit & other trees

Value not yet known

Practical Work

- i) 25 February The FoPP group will begin to survey to determine the exact location of trees & wildflower drifts
- ii) Mid-March Hedgerow 'whips' delivered by Woodland Trust to be planted

Email & Website -The production of both of these is being looked at by the group.

809/18 To receive update from the Allotment Group and consider/approve associated expenses

The Chair reported the Allotment Association had recently held a meeting. Cllr Hardie may have attended this meeting however he has not provided a report.

810/18 To approve/accept the lease and plot holders' agreement for the Allotment Association

The Chair reported that all the comments raised by the Council have been accepted and agreed by the Allotment Association.

Cllr George proposed to approve the lease and accept the plot holder agreements; this was seconded by Cllr Bowler and resolved by the Council.

811/18 To consider a donation to the CDCA towards the village hall phone line

This item was deferred pending the takeover of the phone line and costs.

812/18 To discuss the 100year WW1 anniversary event

Cllr Bowler will write an article asking for volunteers to pull together to put on the event; this will be put in the notice boards, Spa shop etc. Notts County Council has some information to help with the event.

813/18 To discuss grass cutting/litter picking and weed clearing

Cllr Willcock had proposed to look at the frequency of grass cutting in the village; currently two cuts per month. The Chair will contact the grass cutting contractors to discuss further.

The Chair has purchased three litter picker sticks for anyone wanting to do some litter picking; the Chair has recently collected 18 bin bags of rubbish from top of Clarborough Hill to Welham.

814/18 To consider taking part in the BDC Annual Spring Clean in March

Following the success of the previous Spring Clean event, it was agreed to take part again this year. The Chair will arrange for the bacon sandwiches, tea & coffee; Cllr Willcock will do the posters and a date of 25th March 10am-11.30 was agreed.

815/18 To receive updates on the Flood Prevention and Flood Management Strategy

No further update at this point in time.

816/18 To report any highways, rights of way or service faults

No new faults reported – it was noted that the low bridge interactive sign has been repaired.

817/18 To receive any correspondence for information and future agenda items

Cllr Baines left copies of the W.I accounts for the Christmas Dinner event. It was noted that money carried forward from 2016 plus several donations and the raffle on the night came to £1735.53 income. The total expenditure for the Christmas Dinner and the Summer trip came to £1251.37; this leaves £484.16 left over to be put towards a Summer Tea or trip and 2018 Christmas party.

The Chair read out an email was received from the Village Ventures highlighting that recently the membership of Clarborough Welham and Hayton Village Ventures has dwindled to a handful of members. As a result it is likely that we will be unable to continue after this year's annual general meeting on 28th February 2018.

For many years now the Village Venture have been an active group in the local community, organising many things including the village festival and pantomime and has, over the last five years donated over £9,000 to local causes and events.

818/18 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 26th March 2018 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.27pm.