

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough on Monday 3rd February 2020

Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Avery, Cllr Baines, Cllr Done, Cllr Palfreman, Cllr Willcock & Cllr Weingaertner
Others: Mrs Davies (Clerk), District Cllr Sofflet, County Cllr Taylor, Mr Oates (Rights of Way Warden) and members of the public

1191/20 To receive and approve apologies for absence
 No apologies received.

1192/20 To receive any Declaration of Interest in any items on the agenda
 Declaration of Interest received from Cllr Done for the planning application 19/01634/HSE

1193/20 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)

District Cllr Ben Sofflet gave the following report; items to note

- It was asked if fireworks that are being set off locally were causing a problem; as well as the mud on Smeath Lane from the Treswell Gardens development. The councillors were not aware of any complaints
- The Local Plan consultation is currently taking place; Cllr Willcock will discuss later in the meeting
- The District Council has signed off its budget

Mr Oates (Footpath Warden) gave the following report:

Triennial Survey

- I have an assurance from the Team Leader of the Access Team at Via [Notts CC] that the safety issues are being assessed and will be actioned in the near future
- Likewise the recent complaints about the surface of Little Lane will be attended to

I do hope these promises will be fulfilled

County Cllr Tracey Taylor gave the following report:

- The Local Improvement Scheme is open again until the 28th February; if the Council has any schemes please let her know
- The next County Council meeting is their budget meeting on the 27th February
- The government has extended the scheme to allow the County Council to include the 2% adult care precept on when setting the budget
- The Council's budget is still capped at 3% anything over that figure will have to go to referendum

A Representative from the Village Ventures attended the meeting to report that unless volunteers come forward; the group doesn't have enough members to organise the village festival this year. Two councillors +1 have offered their help. A

meeting of the Village Ventures will be held on the 19th February at 7pm in the village hall.

- 1194/20 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 30th December 2019**
Cllr Avery proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 30th December 2019 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Done and resolved by the Council. The Chair duly signed the minutes.
- 1195/20 To receive updates on any actions from the previous meeting**
- A letter of thanks was received from the church for the contribution towards the grass cutting.
- 1196/20 To receive reports from any other meetings attended**
- The Chair attended the Allotments Association's Annual General Meeting on the 10th January; and gave a report from the meeting.
 - Cllr Baines provided copies of the Senior Citizen's Christmas Party finances. The money left over from the party will be put towards a VE Day tea party and the 2020 Christmas Party.
- 1197/20 To receive play area inspection reports**
The Chair has carried out two inspections in January; no new actions required.
- 1198/20 To consider planning applications below and note any planning correspondence**
- Application: 19/01578/COU**
Proposal: Change of use of former petrol station to car wash
Location: Hillcrest Service Station, Main Street, Clarborough
Consideration: No objections; subject to the following conditions
- 1) That queuing on the road is not allowed (due to being on the crest of a hill); so there are spaces provided for cars to wait
 - 2) That the spraying of water stops when pedestrians and cyclists are on the road or path
- Cllr Done left the meeting whilst the following application was being considered.
- Application 19/01634/HSE**
Proposal: Loft conversion with clear glass window to side elevation
Location: Camelot, Little Gringle Lane, Welham
Consideration: No objections
- Cllr Done re-joined the meeting .
- Application: 20/00010/NEWDEV – Street Naming**
Proposed House name: Nepani House, Church Lane, Clarborough
Location: Land adjacent to Wynbar
Consideration: No objections
- Cllr Avery proposed to accept the above considerations; this was seconded by Cllr Willcock and resolved by the Council.
- 1199/20 To receive updates from the Allotment Association and Parish Pasture Group and consider/approve associated expenses**

Cllr Willcock gave the following Parish Pasture report.

Land work - A little work has been done in mulching round trees. The first section of a 'bug hotel' has been installed in the woodland area.

Tree planting - replacement trees for those which have died have been bought and will be planted in the near future.

Seats - 3 seats and a picnic table will be installed in the near future.

Mayflower Oaks - Despite enquires about this by email I have received no clarification on them!

Owl box - We now have an owl box as well as the pole to put it on. It is hoped that this will be installed in the next couple of weeks. Problems in obtaining the necessary help to install the pole and then the Owl Box have delayed the installation but these are now in place.

Footpath - Some work has been carried out on resurfacing the footpath with wood chippings. We do need more help with this.

Use of the Pasture & Footpath - There has been 2 worrying incidents in the last few weeks:

12 January - 3 horse riders crossed the Pasture using the footpath. This severely damaged the footpath. As it is a Public Footpath this is illegal.

2 February - a quad bike and a motor bike were on the Pasture. They had obviously driven up & down the footpath on the bikes as well as all over the Pasture including the Wildflower Scrapes. I went across to speak to the riders but they drove off.

Cllr Willcock proposed that the Parish Council formally approves to ban the use of both horses and motor vehicles on the Pasture so that notices to that effect can be put up; this was seconded by Cllr Avery.

1200/20

To discuss the Bassetlaw Local Plan consultation

Cllr Willcock gave his report on the Neighbourhood Plan/Local Plan Discussions with BDC Planning Dept

Local Plan Presentation - On 16 January I attended a presentation by Bassetlaw District Council Planning Department; which concerned the revised version of the Bassetlaw Local Plan. This presentation was specifically for Parish Councils.

The latest version is very different from that published in January 2019 as a result of feedback from the consultations held at that time. A 194 page document with no hard copies available.

Changes

- a) The 2 Garden Villages proposed on Gamston Airport and Bevercoates Colliery site have both gone. These have gone due to public and statutory responses following consultation
- b) One new garden village is proposed on land adjacent to the A1 at the A1/A57 Appley Head junction.

- c) A new larger settlement is proposed on the current Cottam Power Station site;
- d) A new Green Energy site will be constructed at the High Marnham Power Station site.
- e) Many other sites are specified for housing and employment.

How

- a) The 10% required growth and the 20% growth cap have been replaced by a single 20% growth cap. This means that our Parish has an aspiration to achieve 99 new house builds by 2037. This number may be re-considered during the present consultation.
- b) We already have 38 allocated in the Neighbourhood Plan and at least 7 more which have been given planning permission since August 2018. A total of 45 in the pipeline; this may not be up-to-date.
- c) We do, therefore, have to find housing land for 44 more houses in the Parish. (The 9 already designated on Bone Mill Farm - next to Welham Hall - cannot be added to our 'granted' list as the original Permission was given back in 2005. But this is open to discussion.)
- d) This number can be achieved
 - i) by reviewing our NP and identifying land through the same NP process of public consultation as for the existing NP. We could just add a single new Policy concerned with site allocation i.e. what and where in detail;
 - or**
 - ii) relying on 'windfall' housing. This is where a developer decides where they want to build. Neither the Parish Council nor the residents will have any influence on size, location or type of housing. It will all be controlled by the content of the Local Plan.
 - or**
 - iii) rely on 'windfall' housing but have a Policy which states the conditions of that 'windfall'.
- e) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment is that payment made to Bassetlaw District Council before a developer starts building. It depends on the size of each house of any development. As a Parish with a Neighbourhood Plan, we are allocated 25% of the CIL payment. CIL is being levelled out across the Bassetlaw area instead of being different in different areas.

In addition, developments of different sizes are being treated differently, with larger developments above 50 - being exempt! The developer is expected to provide the infrastructure for which the Levy currently pays. It has not been unknown that developers do not meet all the obligations for which they sign-up!! This is unlikely to affect us.

What to do - Advice is that we do nothing major until we know what the final Local Plan contains.

The Parish Council could decide if it wants to embark on a review of our Neighbourhood Plan. This, perhaps, should be done irrespective of the Local Plan as national planning has changed.

Carry out work to add a Policy which includes site allocations. This would be funded by grant aid and at least some of the work would be carried out by free technical help from BDC. The Policy writing would be carried out as before by a Planning Consultant funded through the grant aid. This is the most comprehensive and protective of our Parish.

Consultation - Consultation on this Plan is far more restricted than last year. It ends on 26 February and involves fewer locations. We are urged to respond on any point, large or small, to BDC. Eg do we think 20% - 99 houses - is too large for this Parish?

Responses can also be sent direct to Bassetlaw District Council via their website and email.

At this point PCSO Airey attended the meeting and gave his monthly crime report.

1201/20 To discuss the 75th Anniversary of the VE Day event

Cllr Willcock gave the following report:

Meeting - A Meeting was held on 8 January 2020 and our next meeting will be held on 5 February 2020.

Programme - Detailed planning for each activity is on-going and looking good. There is some reservation over the Clarborough Festival caused by lack of involvement by members of the public!

Publicity - Printed A5 fliers have been included in all copies of the Village Newsletter which is currently being distributed. There are fliers for the Hayton households which will be distributed with their Parish Magazine.

On 1 February a display was taken to the Table Top Sale. This generated great interest and a number of good contacts were made. This will be repeated at each Table top Sale before 8 May.

Kath Sutton is putting together WW2 reminiscences in the form of a self-published book.

1202/20 To consider the grass cutting quotes for the village, sports field and parish pasture for 2020-21

After consideration, Cllr Baines proposed to accept the quotation which is fixed for three years, from Holmes Groundcare Maintenance; with the remaining budget allowance – to ask Holmes Groundcare for a quote to cover grass cutting for Little Lane and any ad hoc work; this was seconded by Cllr Willcock and resolved by the Council.

Cllr Weingaertner proposed to approve a £1000 budget for grass cutting on the Parish Pasture at a cost of £120 per cut; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

- 1203/20 To consider donation/contribution requests**
After consideration, Cllr Willcock proposed to approve a £50 donation towards the Community First Responders; this was seconded by Cllr Weingaertner
- 1204/20 To approve £700 contribution to the CDCA**
Cllr Weingaertner proposed to approve the £700 contribution; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.

The Chair reported that the agreement has been renewed for £1400 per year; this includes hire of the room for 10 meetings; plus two in reserves; the use of the Bennett Room and electric cost for the street lighting on the drive.
- 1205/20 To review the Internal Control document**
Cllr Avery proposed to approve the Internal Control review; this was seconded by Cllr Willcock and resolved by the Council.
- 1206/20 To review Complaints Policy, Equal Opportunities Policy & Code of Conduct Policy**
Cllr Baines proposed to approve the above policies with no amendments; this was seconded by Cllr Avery and resolved by the Council.
- 1207/20 Finances – to approve payments and receive financial update**
The Clerk circulated copies of the finances, budget figures and bank statement as at 31st December 2019.

Cllr Avery proposed to accept the finances and approve the payments below; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.
- 1) SLCC annual subscription £78.00 (2231)
 - 2) C.D.C.A contribution (see 1204/20) £700.00 (2232)
 - 3) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance –January grass cut £334.30 (2233)
 - 4) P Gibson – travel expenses and refreshment expenses to the Scouts for the Christmas tree event £64.80 (2234)
 - 5) North Notts Community First Responders donation of £50.00 (2235)
- 1208/20 To approve the precept for 2020/21**
After consideration of the budget for 2020-21; Cllr Done proposed not to increase the precept for 2020-21; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council. This will be a reduction of 0.16p on a band D property for the year.
- 1209/20 To approve meeting dates for 2020**
Cllr Avery proposed to approve the following meeting dates; this was seconded by Cllr Weingaertner and resolved by the Council.
- 9th March
20th April
11th May
15th June
20th July
14th September
19th Oct
30th Nov
4th Jan 2021

1210/20 To receive any updates on the Flood Prevention and Flood Management Strategy

Cllr Avery reported that he and the two volunteering flood wardens, had a good conversation with Josh Wells from the Trent Rivers Authority; who has been commissioned by the County Council; to do a proposal for Natural Flood Management. Josh spent the morning walking around the fields between Clarborough & Welham; he has now gone away to generate some ideas of the kind of things we could do i.e. Bunds on fields, leaky dams – all of which will require help from land owners . At least we will have a plan and an idea of costs. There will also be opportunity to involve community work such as planting trees.

The JBA plan – the engineer works with the idea to putting a culvert between church lane and Main Street at the other side of the canal. Cllr Avery is struggling to get the Notts county Council to tell us where the Bassetlaw plan is. The District Council paid for JBA consultants to carry out a piece of work; there is a final version of it. Unfortunately the District Council has lost its Flooding Officers and Notts County Council is supposed to be taking this work over.

1211/20 To report any Highways/Rights of Way or Service Faults

- The grit bin on the junction of Big Land and Broad Gores has been smashed; the Chair has reported it
- The hedge going up Clarborough hill has been well cut back
- The Welham sign (going into Welham) has been moved back towards Retford to accommodate new deviation signs going round the bend

1212/20 To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items

- To discuss the CDCA three year agreement
- Proposal to discuss donating the printer/shredder
- Land transfer

1213/20 Time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will take place at 7pm on the 9th March 2020 in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

The meeting closed at 9.14pm.