

Clarborough & Welham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 5th January 2015 at 7.00pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Clarborough

241/15 Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Grice, Cllr Baines, Cllr A Codling, Cllr B Codling, Cllr Collins, Cllr B Robinson and Cllr Willcock

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

242/15 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr F Robinson.

243/15 To receive any Declarations of Interest in any items on the agenda

Declaration received from Cllr Baines for agenda item 10 – planning application 9 Church Street.

244/15 Open session for members of the public to speak, and to received reports from PCSO Airey, District & County Councillors

County Cllr Liz Yates gave a report on the following:

- A conversation with Highways regarding the water running off the main road and flooding the village hall drive. The Chair reported that the flooding is still occurring so Cllr Yates will report back to the Highways Officer
- The overhanging hedge on Smeath Lane; Cllr Yate will be chasing this up
- Questions over the condition of the roads during the snowy spell; two bad accidents occurred at Welham. Cllr Yates will ask Highways how many times the roads were gritted
- Cllr Yates will chase up the report made on the faulty speed sign at Little Gingley Lane

District Cllr Kath Sutton reported on the following:

- Complaints have been received from residents on a persistent noise from the Gypsy Corner area; it was agreed that the Council will report to the Environmental Officer.

Other matters raised:

- A damaged grit bin on Little Gingley Lane
- A suggestion to put an article in the parish newsletter about the availability of the grit bins
- A deep pot hole on Little Gringley Lane

245/15 BDC Representative present to discuss dog fouling and littering

This item was deferred to a later date.

246/15 To approve minutes of the meeting held 1st December 2014

Cllr Baines proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 1st December 2014 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Collins and resolved by the Council.

247/15 To received updates from the minutes of the meeting held 1st December

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- Minute ref 227/14 – Cllr Baines reported that the Canal Trust are dealing with the overgrown hedge on the tow path and Smeath Lane
- Minute ref 210/14 – The Chairman contacted EDF and reported that there are no restrictions on the movement of the lorries for the biomass contract. However, EDF have already received a complaint and they require any complainant to be specific over the day, time and number plates of the lorries passing through the village
- Minute ref 214/14 – The Chairman has reported the faulty speed signs

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- Minute ref 238/14 – The Clerk contacted Lound Parish Council and the meetings for the proposed parish council forum would be quarterly; initially based in Lound. The councillors would happy to attend on an availability basis.

248/15 To receive any updates on Highways/Rights of Way/Service issues and report any faults

No new faults reported.

249/15 To receive reports from other meetings

Cllr Baines gave a report on behalf of the WI on the Christmas Party and submitted a copy of the accounts.

The party went well and the raffle and auction of the hamper raised £193.00 which will be put towards the 2015 Summer tea and Christmas party along with surplus money after the Christmas party.

The Council will write to the WI to thank them for their hard work in providing the Christmas party and the summer tea party.

Cllr A Codling reported on the Christmas tree lighting event which was very successful. £45.00 was raised at the event and it was agreed to donate the money to the first responder fund towards the purchase of a defibrillator.

Cllr Robinson reported that the Welham Christmas lighting went well.

The Chairman has now removed the Clarborough Christmas lights and tested them prior to storing them ready for next Christmas.

250/15 To receive play area inspection reports and any update information on the skate park

Cllr B Codling reported that the junior play area is okay; there was a small amount of litter. A resident has been using the litter bin to dispose of household rubbish; a sign has been put on the litter bin.

The ball park area is okay, there was a small amount of twigs on the ground following the strong winds and also some litter. The skate park ramp has some wear and tear on the ramps.

Cllr A Codling reported that a meeting is going to be arranged with N.C.C, B.D.C and the Play Area Committee to discuss the skate park issues.

251/15 To consider planning applications, note any decisions, appeals and planning correspondence

Application: 14/01531/HSE

Location: 9 Church Street

Proposal: Erect two single storey rear extensions and detached double garage to the rear of the property

The Council considered the above application and resolved not to make any objections.

Application: 14/01589/FUL

Location: Kings Arms, Main Street, Clarborough

Proposal: Retention of rear staircase, brick bin store, balcony area and replace roof windows with obscure glazing in association with P.A 13/01130/FUL

The Council considered the above application and resolved not to make any objections

Cllr Willcock gave the following Neighbourhood Plan up.

Retford Times Article

On 4 December an article appeared in the 'Retford Times' in which it was stated that Clarborough had a new housing allocation of 50 houses from 0. A long 2 days followed which resulted in every home and business in the Parish receiving an explanation of the current situation – still zero – and an apology from BDC. The concern was that the Steering Group would no longer be trusted.

The main purpose of the same article was to explain the withdrawing of the BDC Planning Proposals for the whole district. This now emphasizes the importance of a NP as it will be the only protection against over development.

BDC Land

There will be a site meeting on 15 January with BDC, members of the Steering Group and other interested parties such as NCC Highways and Canal & River Trust. The Highways representative is scheduled to tell us what, if anything can be done to allow school parking on the Village Hall car park.

It is possible that at some point the PC may be asked to sell off the small piece of land which it owns near the skateboard park. The other side of the coin is that it could receive the much larger area of leisure land. Something to consider.

Consultant

Members of the Steering Group have spent all day, today, meeting with a Consultant Planner who will actually write our Draft Plan, This is a technical document and the Consultant will use all the work we have done so far to write the Draft. The consultant will work for between 5 -8 days in the coming weeks. The day was productive with a sharper focus for the Aims and Objectives. Not all of those in the 'draft' Draft Plan will be included in the Draft Plan. When

finalised, the Draft Plan will be presented to villagers for a statutory 6 week consultation period and possible amendment.

Village Events

We attended the Victorian Market on 30 November. A static display of the BDC Land proposals was put on and leaflets on the same issue distributed to those attending. We had discussions with 45 members of the public in the 4 hours. 43 were positive, supportive and interested. 2 considered the whole thing a waste of time and were not interested in discussing the advantages. There was a marked difference in the interest between last year and this year.

The same display and leaflets were used at the Christmas Tree Lighting on 3 December 2014. Fewer but longer discussions, all positive.

Finance

With the employment of the Consultant, the £7000 grant from Locality has been used up, which is good as if it had not been used by the end of the year we would have had to give it back. We are about to submit an application to Awards for All for a further £10000 of financing to complete the Plan.

At this point PCSO Airey attended the meeting and gave his December parish and beat area report. It was noted that the shed alarms are now for sale in the Clarbrough Spar shop.

252/15 To approve payments and receive financial update

The Clerk circulated copies of the financial report as at the end of November and the following payments were approved:

- a) The Gate Inn – N.Plan expenses £60.00 (1771)
- b) P Willcock – N.Plan expenses £174.41 (1772)
- c) Planning with People – N.Plan expenses £1250.00 (1773)
- d) P Willcock – N.Plan expenses £15.99 (1774)
- e) Nottinghamshire Police – shed alarms £100.00 (1775) – BDC grant
- f) W Davies – Parish Clerk December wage £174.02 (1776)
- g) Clarbrough & District Community Association – room hire/street lighting £628.50 (1777)

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from the Church to say thank you for the Council's grass cutting donation.

A letter from the Clarbrough & District Women's Institute to say thank you for the Council's donation towards the Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Also the Editor of the Clarbrough & Welham Newsletter gave an update on their newsletter developments.

253/15 To approve the 2015/16 precept

The Chairman and Clerk went through the proposed budget and precept calculations. Following a discussion, Cllr Collins proposed to keep the precept at the same level of £15,000; this was seconded by Cllr Grice and resolved by the Council. The impact on the residents will be a reduction of 60p on the 2014/15 figure.

254/15 To receive items for information and future agenda

Items of information was discussed and it was agreed to agenda the following:

- Review of Standing Orders
- Donation towards a defibrillator
- Dog fouling

255/15 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.