

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held 16th
January 2017 at 7pm at the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough

Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Baines, Cllr Bowler, Cllr George, Cllr F Robinson,
Cllr B Robinson and Cllr Willcock

Others present: Mrs Davies (Clerk), County Cllr Liz Yates, District Cllr Kath Sutton, Mr Oates
(Footpath Warden), PCSO Airey and members of the public

582/17 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Avery.

583/17 To receive any Declarations of Interest in any items on the agenda

No declarations of interest received.

584/17 Open session for members of the public to speak and to receive reports from the District & County Councillors, PCSO Airey & Mr Oates Footpath Warden

Mr Oates gave the following footpath report:

- As reported last month, gates and signs have been installed on Byway No.22 (Market Hill) to facilitate the seasonal closure. Landowners will have keys to they can gain access as required. It is hoped that these barriers will go towards protecting the badly eroded surface. Repairs to the worst sections will follow in due course.
- New way markers are being installed to replace broken ones in various locations. This is part of the maintenance programmed agreed with Notts C. C last year
- Mr Oates has asked the Rights of Way Officer to reappraise the repairs to footpath No. 12 (Shady Lane) as the work carried out recently by Anglian Water is not satisfactory.
- Funding has been applied for to resurface Little Lane in early spring and it is planned to cut back the hedge rows in the near future.

Editor of the newsletter - reported that an article has been put in the next newsletter about the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum.

County Cllr Liz Yates – gave an update on the Sheffield City Region. Cllr Yates also reported that she will not be standing for re-election in May and thanked everyone for their support over the years. The Chair thanked Cllr Yates for all she has done and will be missed.

District Cllr Kath Sutton gave her thanks to the Parish Council for the Christmas tree lighting event, Christmas Fair and the W.I for their Christmas dinner – the events are greatly appreciated by the village. Cllr Sutton also thanked Cllr Willcock and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group for the 4 years of hard work they have put into the Plan.

Cllr Sutton also reported on complaints over an overgrown hedge and that the District Council is holding an achievers award event; if anyone would like to put forward anyone in the village to let her know.

PCSO Airey gave his report of crimes of interest and for the beat area in December.

585/17 To approve minutes of the meeting held 5th December 2016

Cllr George proposed to approve the minutes of the meeting held 5th December 2016 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.

586/17 To receive updates from the actions of the meeting held 5th December 2016

- Min 564/17 – The Chair has repaired the manhole cover next to the village hall; the gully work is still to be completed.
Cllr Willcock has left his contact details with a resident on Hillview Cres regard the leaflet drop and is currently waiting for a reply.
- Min 573/16 – The Chair reported that the hedge on Smeath Lane has now been cut
- Min 574/16 – The Chair has arranged to turn on the internet connection for the Scouts for the evenings requested and will switch it off the following morning
- Min 578/16 – An article has been put in the village newsletter regarding the red telephone kiosk on Smeath Lane

587/17 To receive reports from other meetings

No meetings attended.

588/17 To receive play area inspection reports

No reports available for the meeting.

589/17 To consider planning applications, note any correspondence and decision notices**Application ref: 16/01697/OUT**

Location: Land to the side of The White House, Main Street, Welham

Proposal: Outline planning application with all matters reserved for the erection of a dwelling

Application ref: 16/01797/TPO

Location: The garden at Welham Hall, Little Gringley Lane, Welham

Proposal: Lift lower canopy to remove weight, remove damaged branches and sensitive crown clean 1 no. Walnut tree, remove and replant 1 no. Chestnut tree and remove dead wood from remaining chestnut trees along the driveway and reduce 3 no. Willow trees by up to 4 meters

The Council considered the above applications; Cllr Bowler proposed not to make any objections; this was seconded by Cllr B Robinson and resolved by the Council.

590/17 To receive any update on flooding issues

Nothing to report.

591/17 To receive Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr Willcock gave the following report:

BDC Council Meeting

This was held on 15 December 2016 at Retford Town Hall. The NP was on the Agenda for approval in order to allow it to go Referendum. It was unanimously approved. There were several Councillors who spoke towards the NP, including our own Cllr Sutton who said some very pleasant things about the Steering Group, for which we thank her very much.

There were some high expectations expressed in relation to the forthcoming vote turnout!

Referendum

This will be held on 2 February 2017 from 7 am to 10 pm. The Referendum is completely organised by BDC, the Steering Group have no hand in this. The SG simply handles the publicity.

Every registered voter should have received the normal Polling Card by now.

Three leaflets have or will be sent out setting out:

- *2/3 January 2017* - The position of the Plan at the end of 2016.
- *14/15 January 2017* - Details of the Referendum and encouraging residents to vote 'Yes' were sent out over last weekend
- *28/29 January 2017* - Reminder flier for the Referendum will go out on. This will simply encourage residents to vote.

You will have seen posters appearing at the weekend. This process will continue up to the Referendum date – with there being no doubt that a Referendum is being held!!

BDC Land

The boundary between the development and open green space land was set out by BDC officials in the week beginning 9 January 2017. This was eventually achieved with the help of BDC Cllr June Evans.

It will now be possible to have the open green space land cut.

592/17 To receive feedback from the Christmas events

Cllr Baines gave a report on the W.I Christmas dinner event and circulated copies of the accounts for the event. It was noted that the event had been very successful and enjoyed by everyone.

Cllr Willcock gave a report on the Christmas tree lighting event and thanked everyone that helped; the Chair on behalf of the Council thanked Cllr Willcock and the group of helpers. The donations received from the event came to £96 which was donated to the Bassetlaw Hospice.

593/17 To discuss litter picker for 2017

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

594/17 Finance – to approve payments as listed and receive financial update

The Clerk circulated copies of the December finances and bank statements to the Councillors.

Cllr George proposed to approve the payments as listed; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.

- a) C.D.C.A grant £700 (1946)
- b) B Robinson – Christmas event expenses £56.75 (1947)
- c) Bassetlaw District Council – printing expenses £70.21 (1948)
- d) C.D.C.A room hire N.Plan meeting £20.00 (1949)
- e) Clerk's wages £162.79 (1950)
- f) P Gibson – expenses £425.55 (1951)
- g) N.A.L.C subscription £185.05 (1952)
- h) P Willcock – Christmas event expenses £25.13 (1953)

595/17 To consider grass cutting contract for 2017

Following consideration of quotations; Cllr Baines proposed to accept the 3 year contract with Holmes Groundcare Maintenance for the current grass cutting schedule for the fixed amount of £1097.25; 15 cuts which may vary subject to requirement; this was seconded by Cllr Bowler and resolved by the Council.

Following consideration of an additional quotation to cut all the areas the County Council cut. Cllr Bowler proposed to accept the quotation of £1350.00 for a fixed three year period; which was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.

596/17 To review the agreement with C.D.C.A

After consideration Cllr Bowler proposed to continue with the current arrangement of £1400 grant per year; this was seconded by Cllr B Robinson and resolved by the Council.

597/17 To consider having A Nation's Tribute and WW1 Beacon of Light event for November 2018

After discussion Cllr Bowler proposed to hold a tribute in November 2018 for the parishes; this was seconded by Cllr Willcock and resolved by the Council.

598/17 To consider consultation reply to the B.D.C voluntary smoking ban in Clarborough play Parks

After discussion Cllr Willcock proposed to support the District Council with a voluntary smoking ban in the Clarborough play park; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.

599/17 To consider the precept for 2017

After consideration Cllr Bowler proposed to keep the precept at £15,000; this was seconded by Cllr Willcock and resolved by the Council. The impact on the resident will reduce by 0.85p.

600/17 To report any Highways/Rights of Way/Service faults

- Cllr Willcock reported that nothing has happened with the gantry and will send in another fault report
- Cllr Gibson has defected four faulty street lights; 3 on Main Street near Church Lane and one in Welham

601/17 To receive any items for information and future agenda items

No additional items were put forward for the next agenda.

602/17 Time and date of next Parish Council meeting

An extra meeting to discuss the results of the Neighbourhood Plan referendum will take place on the 7th February at 7pm.

The next ordinary Parish Council meeting will take place on the 27th February 2017 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

603/17 To exclude members of the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to enable discussion on employee matters.

Members of the public were excluded from the meeting to discuss on employee matter.

After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr George to allow the Clerk to work from home due to other work commitments and manage the office by appointments as required with a review in 12 months' time; this was seconded by Cllr Willcock and resolved by the Council.

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.05pm