

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough on Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Avery and Cllr Willcock

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

993/19 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Baines, Cllr Bowler and Cllr Hardy.

994/19 To receive any Declaration of Interest in any items on the agenda

No declarations of interests were received.

995/19 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 (Footpath Warden)

District Cllr Kath Sutton reported on the following:

- At the Rural conference on the 17th January; the draft Local Plan and its consultation will be discussed. The previous Local Plan was not adopted and now the Government has added extra items which resulted in the Local Plan being re written. This plan will go up to 2035 and covers planning and regeneration. The District Council's Officers will be visiting the villages to discuss the draft Local Plan.
- County Council has stopped the voting on the proposed Unitary Council; this is due to unrest – it was agreed that more people needed to be more involved and consulted on before any further proposal can be made
- The Church wishes to carry out work on an enclosed tomb in the churchyard but needs to trace any descendants beforehand
- Cllr Sutton will seek any information regarding the gifting from Bassetlaw District Council to the Parish Council

Members of the public:

- Concern was raised by a resident regarding the future of the King's Arms pub; particular if it was to close and the land put forward for development

Mr Oates gave his Footpath Warden report:

- A few strands of hazardous barbed wire have been removed from Footpath No.12at Welham
- I am meeting with Rights of Way Officer at the end of the month to agree the maintenance schedule for the coming financial year

- Nottinghamshire County Council has now acquired full control of VIA from Cornwall County Council. The day to day operations will not be affected

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

996/19 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 17th December 2018

The Chair proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 17th December 2018 as a true records; this was resolved by the Council.

997/19 To receive updates on any actions from previous meetings

Min No. 978/18- the Chair has tried the new grit spreader but it doesn't like the wet sand.

Min No. 984/18 – the Chair has booked all the meeting dates for 2019 with the CDCA.

Min No. 985/18 – The Chair removed all the Christmas lights off the tree and tested them. Several strands had numerous broken bulbs; it was noted that new lights will be required for next Christmas – the best three sets of current lights will be kept and the rest of the damaged strands will be disposed of.

998/19 To receive reports from any other meetings attended

No meeting attended since the last Council meeting.

999/19 To receive play area inspection reports

Cllr Bowler has carried out the play area inspections 28th December to 13th January; no actions required.

1000/19 To consider planning applications, note any planning correspondence and decisions

No planning applications submitted. It was noted that the application for Welham Vila, Main Street, Welham has gone to appeal.

Cllr Willcock reported that there was no update on the Housing Development and he will be attending Rural Conference on the 17th January when information on the consultation on the Local Plan is discussed.

1001/19 Finances – to approve payments and receive financial update

The Clerk circulated copies of the December accounts and bank statement for the Council to View.

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

- N.A.L.C annual subscriptions £196.57 (2094)
- HMRC – p.a.y.e £37.40 (2095)

- c) Parish Clerk's wage £153.87 (2096)
- d) P Gibson – disposal of tree and mileage expenses £6.41 (2097)

CLlr Willcock gave a brief report on the WW1 event expenses; some invoices are still to be received before he can give the final report.

1002/19 To consider quotations for the repair of the village hall lighting column

The Chair contacted the County Council and asked for a quotation to repair the Village Hall street light. However, when the engineers came out to repair two other street lights in the village, they also repaired the sensor on the hall light instead of giving us a quotation. The Council will now wait for an invoice to come through for the costings

1003/19 To consider and approve the 2019/20 precept

The Chair went through the draft budget items in turn; it was agreed to increase the Clerk's salary and to include maintenance for the beacon. The Clerk then went through the various precept figures. After discussion, the Chair proposed to keep the precept at the same level as last year; this will result in a decrease of 34p on the impact to residents. This was seconded by CLlr Avery and resolved by the Council.

1004/19 To receive update from the Parish Pasture Group and consider/approve associated expenses

CLlr Willcock gave the following report:

Land Work - Due to the Christmas period only some minor work has been carried out on the land.

Finance - The grant of £5,000 from Bassetlaw District Council has now been transferred to the Parish Council.

Public Footpath - In view of the deterioration of the footpath with the rain in November and December I have been obtaining quotations for replacing the current surface with an excavated hardcore surface. I still have several to be reported back to me.

Hedge - We have a meeting with Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust on 28 January to discuss the maintenance of the hedgerow.

Land Transfer - The land transfer process was passed to the BDC legal department 2 years ago. For several months now there has been not progress and no responses from BDC legal dept. I propose that the Parish Council formally write to the Chief Executive of BDC to ask that he expedites the process.

1005/19 To receive update from the Allotment Association; approve the Allotment Inspection Checklist and consider/approve associated expenses

The Chair asked if all councillors had read the report from Cllr Hardy re the Allotment Inspection. It was noted that only 3 items were highlighted from the inspection and these have been auctioned to be completed by 1st April 2019

It was agreed that a formal inspection should take place in April; before the May elections. The inspection should consist of just members of the Parish Council.

The Chair proposed to accept the Allotment Inspection Checklist format; this was seconded by Cllr Avery and resolved by the Council.

1006/19 To receive update on the Flood Prevention and Flood Management Strategy

Cllr Avery reported on a meeting with Mr Hardeep, the County Council's Flood Officer. There will be an information leaflet drop to all homes and businesses in the parish and an invitation to all parishioners to a "drop in" event in the Village Hall probably in March 2019. The event will be supported by Notts County Council, Bassetlaw District Council, the Environment Agency, the Independent Drainage Board and contractors specialising in 'natural flood management' and 'property flood resistance'.

1007/19 To report any Highways/Rights of Way or Service Faults

- The Chair has been litter picking on part of Clarborough Hill and collected 4 bags of rubbish
- The gantry chains have been reported again
- Cllr Wilcock commented on how potholes are repaired

1008/19 To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items

Items for future agenda

- Internal Control Review
- Neighbourhood Plan update
- Housing development update

1009/19 Time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The new Parish Council meeting will be held at 7pm on the 25th February 2019, at the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.