

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019

**Present:** Cllr Willcock (Vice Chair), Cllr Avery, Cllr Palfreman and Cllr Weirgaertner

**Others:** Mrs Davies (Clerk), District Cllr Ben Sofflet, County Cllr Tracey Taylor, PCSO Airey, Mr Oates (Rights of Way Warden) and member of the public

- 1094/19 To receive and approve apologies for absence**  
Apologies received from Cllr Gibson.  
In the Chair's absence the Vice-Chair Cllr Willcock chaired the meeting.
- 1095/19 To receive any Declaration of Interest in any items on the agenda**  
No Declaration of Interests received.
- 1096/19 To receive Declaration of Acceptance of Office from Cllr Weirgaertner**  
Cllr Weirgaertner signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office; this was then counter-signed by the Clerk.
- 1097/19 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 (Right of Way Warden)**

Mr Oates (Rights of Way Warden) gave the following report:

- 1) Triennial survey of the Public Rights of Way – This survey is underway with only a few matters requiring attention so far
- 2) Chesterfield Canal Walking Festival 14<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Due to its popularity, this festival is likely to become an annual event comprising many walks to suit everyone's walking tastes and age group. We can expect many visitors travelling along our stretch of the canal.

District Cllr Sofflet gave his District Council report. The District Council debated and passed a number of motions at the June Council meeting as follows:

To conduct a full green audit of the council

To work to abolish single use plastic within the Council and promote its reduction across the district

To support the Show Racism the Red Card initiative in October

To lobby government to maintain the free licence fee for the over 75 year olds

To lobby government to continue its subsidies for rural post offices

The District Council is also working with an external company on the flood risk in Clarborough and he will continue to keep the Parish Council updated.

County Cllr Tracey Taylor gave her report. The full council has met and discussed the lack of funding particularly in the Shire areas. The Council will be petitioning ahead of the review for funding. A project review will also be carried out on the Highways maintenances; particularly on the matter of maintaining hedges and verges and whether to seed verges with wild flowers or not.

Cllr Taylor reported that for some time Notts County Council has been the lead flooding authority for some time. NCC is aware of the retirement of the District Council's flooding

Officers. Notts C C has appointed a new Flood Risk Officer who will be allocated to help Bassetlaw District Council with their flooding projects.

PCSO Airey reported that there were no crimes of interest to report for the June period and 3 reported crimes up to the 22<sup>nd</sup> July which he gave details of.

Kath Sutton made a request to the Parish Council for £200 out of the book sale fund to help start up a new coffee morning in the village. This will be included on the next agenda.

**1098/19**

**To approve the minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Cllr Avery proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

**1099/19**

**To receive updates on any actions from previous meeting**

Min 1090/19 – Cllr Gibson has strimmed around the Welham sings, Little Lane and the play area.

Min 1092/19 – The WI has advertised their litter pick for the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019.

**1100/19**

**To receive reports from any other meetings attended**

No meetings attended.

**1101/19**

**To receive play area inspection reports**

Cllr Gibson has carried out one inspection in June and two inspections in July. The play area signs have been cleaned and the litter at the time of inspection has been collected. It was noted that the goal nets require replacing but not an urgent action – to put on the next agenda.

**1102/19**

**To consider planning applications and note any planning correspondence**

**Application: 19/00706/HSE**

Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension

Location: Dunloch, Church Lane, Clarborough

**Application: 19/00760/TPO**

Proposal: Works to TPO trees consisting of crown row of 20 Chestnut trees by 6mtrs along boundary line

Location: Clarborough Hall, Main Street, Clarborough

The Chair proposed not to make any objections to the above planning applications; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

**1103/19**

**To approve match funding for the LIS Scheme application and to sign funding agreement**

Cllr Avery reported that the Parish Council has been successful in its application to the Local Improvement Scheme via Nottinghamshire County Council and has been awarded £1800 towards the creation of a 'Mayflower Orchard'.

The Parish Council previously confirmed its third party contribution of £1090; and £720 will be supplied in kind from volunteer hours.

Cllr Avery proposed to approve the match funding amount of £1090 and the signing of the funding agreement; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

Cllr Gibson as Chair will sign the agreement letter.

**1104/19 To receive update from the Parish Pasture Group and consider/approve associated expenses**

Cllr Willcock gave the following report:

**Land Work** – This has been concentrated on trying to reduce the wild oats seeding but it is a major problem. Recent heavy rain and strong wind has caused coverage of the path and this is being cleared.

At the end of August the whole pasture will be cut, the cuttings allowed to lie and it will all then be baled. This allows the natural seeding process to take place.

A recent FoPP meeting also decided to re-seed the ‘scapes’ in September with 100% mix of 19 species of wildflowers.

**Housing development** – No decision has yet been made by BDC.

**Further work:**

- a) Canal side seating – this has been ordered and we have the first delivery in 4 days.
- b) Memorial seat from Remembrance Day 2018 – this has been ordered and we are awaiting delivery.
- c) Owl box – the post for this, donated by a farmer in Sturton, has been collected and will be erected soon.

**1105/19 To receive update from the Allotment Association**

Cllr Gibson sent in his report from the Allotment Association meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

It was noted that the finances are healthy and all rents have been collected. All the plots have been taken and two people are on the waiting list. The Association is obtaining a price to hard core the field access. After an inspection by the Officers; they have identified some issues which include sheds with no water collection and plots over grown.

Questions raised for the Parish Council to consider:

- 1) Who is responsible of the wild life corridors? The Parish Council is responsible
- 2) Cllr Gibson informed the meeting it would be acceptable for plot holder to cut back any encroachments on to their plots from the corridor foliage. The Council prefer that this isn’t done with a strimmer.
- 3) Can the Association borrow the Council’s strimmer? Unfortunately not due to liability issues; however the council will look for a solution.

**1106/19 To receive updates on the Flood Prevention and Flood Management Strategy**

There was nothing further to add to the conversation had during the public session.

**1107/19 To discuss consider holding an event for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the VE Day**

Cllr Willcock reported that a meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> July with 11 people present and 4 apologies. Others have since expressed interest in joining. Several came as representative of village organisations. There was great enthusiasm for the idea of a celebration weekend.

A wide-ranging list of ideas were put forward and discussed - a 1940s themed dance, street party, 2 miles of bunting, traditional afternoon tea for pensioners and disco.

18 ideas were decided on with individuals taking on follow-up work for each idea. Intermediate conclusions on these will be reported back to the next meeting to be held on 31 July 2019 at 7.30 in the Clarborough Church.

It was determined to ask the national organisation if we can use their VE75 logo rather than designing our own. This was done and immediately approved. It was also determined to establish an email address of [ve75.claweha@gmail.com](mailto:ve75.claweha@gmail.com). This has also been done.

Things look good and we are ahead of the game because Retford has not yet had any sort of meeting!

The group were asked to produce a budget for the next Council meeting.

**1108/19 To report any Highways/Rights of Way or Service Faults**

No faults reported.

**1109/19 To approve this year's Village Hall donation**

Cllr Avery proposed to approve the first donation of £700 towards the village hall; this was seconded by Cllr Weirgaertner and resolved by the Council.

**1110/19 Finances – to approve payments and receive financial update**

The Clerk circulated copies of the June finances, budget figures and bank statement.

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

- 1) Andi Gray Property Services – beacon maintenance £380.00 (2138)
- 2) Playdale Playgrounds Ltd – Independent playgroup inspection £195.00 (2139)
- 3) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance – June grass cutting £334.30 (2140)
- 4) Playdale Playgrounds Ltd – Vat missed off 2139 cheque (2141)
- 5) Void – 2142
- 6) C.D.C.A Village hall donation £700.00 (2143)
- 7) P Willock – reimbursement of Parish expenses £73.83 (2144)
- 8) P Willock – reimbursement of seats £864.75 (2145)
- 9) Clerk's wages & p.a.y.e £203.33 (SO)

**1111/19 To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items**

Agenda items:

- Budget for the VE day event.
- Replacement goal nets.
- Request for £200 from Book sale money to help the start-up of a coffee morning.

**1112/19 Time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting**

The time and date of the next Parish Council meeting will be 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

The meeting closed at 8.18pm.