

Clarborough & Welham Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held 23rd June 2014 at 7.30pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Clarborough

160/14 Present: Cllr Gibson, Cllr Grice, Cllr Collins, Cllr F Robinson, Cllr B Robinson, Cllr Willcock, and Cllr Baines

Others Present: Mrs Davies (Clerk), PSCO Airey and members of the public

161/14 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies for absence received and approved from Cllr A Codling and Cllr B Codling

162/14 To receive any Declarations of Interest in any items on the agenda

Declarations received from Cllr Gibson for agenda item 9/10 as contracted by EDF and Cllr F Robinson and Cllr B Robinson for agenda item 9 – Holly Cottage Planning application.

163/14 Open session for members of the public to speak and to receive reports from the District County Councillors

Cllr Sutton gave her apologies and submitted a report of a resident's concern regarding the blocking of yard drains with hosing in mud from the recent flooding; advice received from BDC was that a great deal of water was used and the mud would eventually flow into the dyke.

Cllr Yates gave her apologies and submitted a report of concerns from a resident on the Main Street regarding flooded gullies; it is understood that an Officer from BDC is dealing with the problem.

PCSO Dave Airey gave his May police report for the beat area which the Chairman thanked him for. It was noted that District Cllrs Kath Sutton and Hugh Burton along with County Councillor John Ogle; have promised funding allowing Parish Councils to purchase shed alarms which can be sold via an outlet in Clarborough; other areas in Retford have supported this scheme which has been very successful.

Following a report from a Councillor that an anonymous answer phone message was left on her phone to deal with an issue over the full bottle bank; which has since been dealt with, but this highlighted the issue that name and contact details should be given so that the Council can deal with any requests. In future if no name or contact details are left then the Council cannot take any action. This will be mentioned in the newsletter.

It was also noted that letters have been put through residents living around the St Johns Drive area regarding wheelie bins on pavements, feeding birds and parking issues – these letters have not been sent by the Parish Council.

164/14 To approve minutes of the meeting held 19th May 2014

Cllr Collins proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 19th May 2014 are accepted as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

165/14 To receive updates from the minutes of the meeting held 19th May 2014

144/15 Cllr B Robinson reported that confirmation has now been received and the re dedication event will take place on 11th November at 7pm.

145/14 The Rights of Way Officers has looked at the tree reported at the last meeting and the Officer has also met with residents regarding the condition of footpath 5.

Cllr Baines reported that the hedge in front of Chapel Close has now been cut.

147/14 The Chairman will chase up the repair of the goal mouth on the sports field

155/14 The Chairman will chase up the repair to the small play area gate

157/14 The Chairman congratulated the WI Group on their Summer Tea event which took place along side the WW1 unveiling of the Dedication plaque. The afternoons event received a lot of praise and everyone who attended enjoyed themselves. Cllr Baines reported that the WI Group has made a donation to the Male Voice Choir. It was also mentioned that the Vicar did an excellent job on his speech at the unveiling of the plaque. The Parish Council will write to thank the WI contribution to the events which was greatly appreciated

for their

166/14 To receive any Highways/Rights of Way/ Service faults plus flooding issues

Discussion took place regarding the recent flooding in the parishes and the council agreed to ask B.D.C for a copy of the flooding survey which took place in 2008.

Rights of Way – The Chairman reported that he had replaced the leaf back in the hooped gate to prevent any further nuisance from motor bikers using the gate to gain access; the leaf would have been removed at a later date. However a resident complained directly to N.C.C and the Rights of Way Officer has made the decision to remove the leaf ; the Chairman has made it clear that any future incidents regarding the bikes or any persons injured will be the responsibility of N.C.C to deal with.

A resident reported on tree work on Little Lane.

County Councillor Yates submitted a report confirming the proposed 40mph scheme on Smeath Lane has been approved; no objections have been received from the Police. The Highways Officer is now proceeding with the scheme and a suggestion was made for the Parish Council to consider a Community Speed Watch Scheme.

Cllr Willcock will respond to a survey asking for information on the number of HGVs travelling through the villages.

167/14 To receive reports from other meetings

There was no report this month from the Village Hall meeting.

Cllr B Codling sent a report to say that a photograph and a report of the unveiling of the WW1 Dedication plaque has been emailed to the Retford times.

Cllr A Codling reported that the Christmas event would be taking places on the 3rd December 2014.

168/14 To receive play area inspection reports

Cllr B Codling submitted the following report in his absence:

Junior Play Area- no problems in this area apart from a small amount of litter which has been dealt with. The play equipment is in good overall condition. The metal benches, one in the play area and one on the car park will require repainting at some stage. It was agreed to allocation £50 towards some paint.

Ball park/skatepark – the ball court is covered in a layer of mud as are the footpaths in this area following the recent floods. This has been reported to Parks & Open Spaces at BDC who will send someone out to inspect the area. A few minor repairs to the bottom of some ramps have been carried out.

Cllr Baines reported that despite a notice saying no ball games in the car park; people are still playing football there.

169/14 To consider planning applications, note any decision notices and planning correspondence

Application: 14/00600/HSE

Location: Holly Cottage, Little Gringley Lane, Welham
Proposal: Retain first floor bedroom window in side elevation

The Council considered the above application and resolved not to make any objections but commented on an item under permitted development.

Application: 14/000734/SCO

Location: Maumhill Wind Farm, South West of Wheatley Road, Sturton Le Steeple
Proposal: The Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011 – Scoping Opinion. Erect seven wind turbines

Following information received from the Planning Manager, the scoping opinion is not something the Parish Council consults upon; however any comments on what the Parish Council thinks should be included in the Environmental Impact Assessment is welcome.

Following discussion it was agreed to comment upon the decision notice for the refusal of the 2 wind turbines on Tiln Lane which was refused on the grounds of air craft safety.

Street Naming

Application: 14/00014/NEWDEV

Location: Plot 2 of Wayside , Big Lane, Clarborough
Approved new name: The Mendips, Big Lane, Clarborough

170/14 To discuss wind farms and joining the Trentside Association

Following discussion it was agreed that further information on the terms of reference of the Trentside Association would be required before any further consideration. There would not be any initial costs in joining the Association but there could be at a future date.

Cllr Grice will also ask how the parishes belonging to the Association consulted with their communities. The Clerk reported that if a Parish Poll was to take place then there would be a cost of approximately £1000 to the Parish Council.

171/14 To receive Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr Willcock reported that over the last 3 months the Steering Group has been working on the Vision, Aims and Objectives for the Plan.

Vision - is the overall view of how the Plan sees the Parish looking in 15 years time.

We would seek to encourage a vibrant, developing community with an improved environment and better communal facilities.

Our Neighbourhood Plan foresees Clarborough and Welham preserving their separate identities. We envisage phased and planned growth, which preserves the character of each village. We would also seek to encourage a greater sense of community both within and between the two villages.

Over the period of the Plan we intend to create and develop a safe, sustainable community, which respects and nurtures the local environment, both green and built. We would also seek to encourage small scale, local developments in keeping with the current villages and to promote safe transport links; between the villages; to Retford and Gainsborough and to local amenities.

Aims – General areas which work towards the vision

Aim 1: Employment Encourage the development of employment opportunities appropriate

- to our rural environment*
- Aim 2: Environment** *Develop a planned layout for future development and improvement to both the green and built environments.*
- Aim 3: Housing** *Identify and designate (with owner agreement) sites for small scale housing development which complements existing housing and meets specifically identified local needs.*
- Aim 4: Community Facilities** *Improve the provision for the community of indoor and outdoor facilities within the Villages*
- Aim 5: Transport** *Seek a safer environment within the villages, especially in relation to the A620, and to improve walking, cycling and public transport access to Retford and Gainsborough.*
- Aim 6: Tourism** *Enable the development of facilities, which will help to promote the area as a tourism destination*

Objectives – specific tasks which build towards the overall aim. Different aims have different numbers of objectives.

1 or 2 of these need initial discussions with individuals or organisations before they can be made public. As we intend to publish the full document in the next Village Newsletter (ie about the end of July) this is quite urgent.

Important to point out that some of these objectives may not meet NP criteria and will need amending or removing.

Next Stage

Publication of the Draft and a request for comments from the public before finalizing into a full Draft Plan.

Meanwhile

A lot of background work is being started to complete back-up documentation, which will be needed. There are also organisations such as Notts Wildlife Trust, Canal & River Trust, Land Trust, Bassetlaw District Council, Notts County Council etc, etc with whom our objectives will need to be discussed in detail.

172/14 Finance – To approve payments and receive financial update

The following payments were approved:

- a) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance – May grass cutting £175.56 (1732)
- b) Isle of Axholme & North Notts Water Level Management Board £2.17 (1733)
- c) Beacon rent £10.00 (1734)
- d) Parish Clerk's June wage & expenses £181.41 (1734)
- e) P Gibson – Seminar expenses £5.00
- f) Clarbrough & District Community Association £432.00 (1737)

The Clerk circulated copies of the May accounts and the bank statement was available to view.

173/14 To receive any items for information and future agenda items

Neighbourhood Plan feed back on the draft document
 Painting of play area benches
 Feed Back from Cllr Grice on the Trentside Association

174/14 Time and date of next Parish Council Meeting

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.00pm on 28th July 2014 in the Clarbrough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarbrough.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.