

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held at 7pm in the  
Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Present:** Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Avery, Cllr Baines & Cllr Palfreman  
**Others:** Mrs Davies (Clerk), District Cllr Sofflet, County Cllr Taylor and members of the public

**1074/19 To receive and approve apologies for absence**  
No apologies received.

**1075/19 To receive any Declaration of Interest in any items on the agenda**  
No Declarations of Interests received.

**1076/19 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)**

Cllr Willcock joined the meeting during this agenda item.

District Cllr Ben Sofflet reported that he is now on the Audit, Risk & Scrutiny Committee and working with the Youth Council. He has been looking at a project to site benches along the canal tow path; potential sites still need to be agreed. Cllr Sofflet is able to donate a grant towards the benches as well as looking at grants and donations from interested parties.

Cllr Sofflet also mentioned that Kath Sutton is now an Alderman of Bassetlaw.

County Councillor Tracey Taylor reported that the Parish Council has been successful with its application for funding from the Notts County Council's Local Improvement Scheme. The council has been awarded £1800 towards creating a Mayflower Community Orchard. The Parish Council will be match funding this project.

Cllr Taylor asked if there were any routes that the Parish Council would like to be included on the winter gritting route; Little Gringley Lane was suggested. It is assumed that Smeath Lane is already gritted due to the HGV's and bus use; if not then Smeath Lane to be included.

Greg Herdman reported that any articles for the newsletter need to be in by the 8<sup>th</sup> July deadline; Cllr Willcock has 2 articles to put in.

Mr Oates (Rights of Way Warden) – sent his apologies

**1077/19 To consider any applications for co-option of new councillors**  
Mr Anton Weirgaertner has applied for the Parish Council vacancy; following discussion and confirmation that the criteria for co-option is met, the Chair proposed to approve Mr Weirgaertner for co-option onto the parish council; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office will be ready for signing at the next meeting.

At this point PCSO Airey joined the meeting.

- 1078/19 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019**  
Cllr Avery proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.
- 1079/19 To receive updates on any actions from previous meeting**
- Min 1064/19 – The beacon maintenance is still to be carried out
- 1080/19 To receive reports from any other meetings attended**  
The Chair attended the Central Parish Forum and the minutes have been forward to the councillors. There are concerns over the retirement of the Flooding Officer at the District Council and seemingly no replacement for the post is in place
- 1081/19 To receive play area inspection reports**  
The Chair has carried out three inspections; the goal nets are damaged and require replacing at some time. Signage on the fencing requires cleaning.
- After discussion, the Chair proposed to reduce the weekly inspections to minimum of once monthly inspection; this was seconded by Cllr Willcock and resolved by the Council.
- 1082/19 To consider planning applications, note any planning correspondence and decisions**
- Application: 19/00685/HSE  
Location: Ivy Cottage, Welham Park, Little Gringle Lane, Welham  
Proposal: Single storey rear extension
- After consideration Cllr Avery proposed not to make any objections; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.
- At this point PCSO Airey gave his May police report for the beat area.
- 1083/19 To receive update on the transfer of Parish Pasture land**  
The Chair reported that he was unable to join Cllr Willcock and Cllr Avery as arranged to go through the land transfer document.
- Therefore, Cllrs Willock and Avery met and went through the list of items that the solicitor was asking the council questions about the land; which included a lot of auxiliary statements of permissive rights etc. Cllr Willcock and Cllr Avery put together a response to the questions and also requested further clarification from the District Council. The response was then circulated around the Councillors to comment upon and then the Clerk sent it on to the solicitor.
- The Chair thanked Cllr Willcock and Cllr Avery for all their hard work in preparing the response.
- 1084/19 To receive update on the Neighbourhood Plan**  
Nothing further from the District Council regarding their Local Plan; they will be studying the comments from the first consultation on the Local Plan, before giving information for the second version.
- 1085/19 To receive update on the Housing Development**  
Cllr Willcock has nothing to report.

**1086/19 To receive update from the Parish Pasture Group and consider/approve associated expenses**

**Land Work** - The wildflower/grass seed sown last September has now produced a wonderful show of Poppies, especially around the scrapes. This has been ongoing for several weeks and there appear to be many more to come. Hidden within the grasses is a number of flowering wildflower species. The scrapes are covered in Yellow Rattle.

A major problem is the massive invasion of Wild Oats which were, apparently disturbed by the preparation of the land last year. We have started taking off the seed heads but it is a very invasive and persistent weed which will take several years to eradicate!

**Hedge** -The hedge is developing well after laying in March.

**Public Footpath** - A group have been re-surfacing the path with chippings made from the cut hedge and also regularly supplied by Fenton Forestry.

Some new temporary winding footpaths will be strimmed in the grasses in the next couple of weeks.

**Land Transfer** - A small group of Councillors examined the documents supplied by our Solicitors and produced a document in response. This document has been forwarded by the Parish Clerk.

**Housing development** - No further news.

**Further Work**

**Canal-side Seating** - It is hoped to install 2 new seats and a picnic table with seating in the next few weeks. This is using grant funding gained from the Canal & River Trust last year. This furniture will, therefore be by the side of the canal in the west field of the Pasture.

**Information Boards** - these will be moved to new positions nearer the footpath in the near future.

**Participation** - We are hoping to publicise the activities of the FoPP group in the hope that we can recruit more volunteers.

**1087/19 To receive update from the Allotment Association and consider/approve associated expenses**

Nothing to report.

**1088/19 To receive any updates on the Flood Prevention and Flood Management Strategy**  
Cllr Avery reported that prior to the retirement of Ian Davis (Flooding Officer) he was pressing Mr Davis to tell him where things stood with the flood prevention work they had been working on together. Cllr Avery has requested a copy of the revised scheme to divert the culvert which JBA consultants have written.

Due to the retirement of the District Council's Flooding Officers; this project is no longer being driven by the District Council. The Environmental Agency has taken over; Cllr Avery has been given a contact name and he will be contacting them.

Cllr Avery reported that he needs to return to the other matter of a different scheme of using natural flood prevention for Clarborough and Welham

**1089/19**

**To discuss the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the VE Day**

Cllr Willcock reported that at 3 pm on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 Prime Minister Winston Churchill officially announced the end of World War 2 *This has become known as VE Day. Victory in Europe.*

I have received information from the organisation which made the arrangements for the national commemoration of the end of the Great War in 1918 who are now arranging new celebrations.

In view of the acknowledged success of the Parish with 1918 commemoration - does the Parish Council wish to look at possible involvement in the 2020 celebrations?

I am willing to arrange a first meeting with organisations in the Parish.

The Chair commented that there would need to be volunteers to take on this project; Cllrs Willock, Baines, Palfreman and Avery are happy to be involved. Cllr Baines reported that the W.I group will be able to assist.

**1090/19**

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

The Chair will be strimming around the Welham sign, Little Lane sign and some areas around the play ground.

**1091/19**

**Finances – to approve payments and receive financial update**

The Clerk circulated copies of the May finances, bank statements and budget figures for the Councillors to view.

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

- a) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance – 4 x May PC and roadside grass cutting £668.60 (2132)
- b) Clarborough Scouts – Litter pick £60.00 (2133)
- c) Parish Clerk wage & expenses £162.73 (2134)
- d) P Willcock – reimbursement of parish pasture expenses £177.54 (2135)
- e) BK Hogg & Son – Parish Pasture work £84.00 (2136)
- f) P Gibson – travel expenses £8.55 (2137)

**1092/19**

**To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items**

Items of information:

- Annual letter requesting a donation for the North Notts Community First Responders – this item was deferred to a meeting later in the year

Next agenda items:

- To discuss VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> May 2020
- To arrange Little pick for 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

**1093/19****Time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting**

Time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.