

Minutes of the Meeting of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council held at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough on Monday 9th March 2020

Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Willcock, Cllr Done, Cllr Palfreman, Cllr Weingaertner and Cllr Baines

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

1214/20 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Avery

1215/20 To receive any Declaration of Interest in any items on the agenda

No declarations of interest received.

1216/20 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)

A representative from the **Village Ventures** reported that since his request for help at the last parish council meeting; he now has enough people volunteers to go ahead with the village festival this year.

County Cllr Tracey Taylor gave a report as follows:

- The Local Improvement Scheme has now closed; no project was put forward by the parish council
- The County Council held its budget meeting and approve the council tax at 3.99% increase; this is made up of the Council rate of 1.99% plus the 2% flat rate ring fenced towards adult care; which the government has allowed the County to levy again this year
- Flooding work is on-going but due to the current bad weather; some of the project work is not getting done due to dealing with the crisis work required
- The County now has an app for phones which can be used to report faults

District Cllr Ben Sofflet gave a report as follows:

- It was reported that the Bassetlaw District Council website has been votes 14th out of 399 council's website
- A kerbside glass collection was brought up; it was noted that the government are having a review in a couple of years
- A resolution was passed regarding public fireworks displays; that organisers are asked to advertise in advance of the display to help residents take precautions with their pets
- Also to ask the government to limit the maximum limit of 90 decibels
- A resolution to thank the staff, emergency services and other organisation for their help during the recent flooding
- The budget has also been set by the District Council

At this point Cllr Palfreman left the meeting.

Mr Oates gave his following Rights of Way report:

Triennial Survey – I have asked for a meeting with our area Access Officer (Laura) to discuss her programme for implementing the repairs outlined in the report following the promise from the Area Manager (Jane) that work was in progress.

PCSO Airey gave his reported crimes of interest for the Clarborough and Welham Parish; plus his crimes of interest for the Bassetlaw East Clayworth/Sturton beat area.

1217/20 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 3rd February 2020

Cllr Baines proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 3rd February 2020 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Done and resolved by the Council.

1218/20 To receive updates on any actions from the previous meeting

The Chair reported that the damaged grit bin on Big Lane/Broad Gores has been replaced.

1219/20 To receive reports from any other meetings attended

- The Chair and Cllr Baines attended the Village Ventures meeting; this was mentioned in the public session
- The Chair attended the CDCA meeting; the minutes will be circulated when they are received. The meeting agreed to another 3 year agreement for the Parish Councils use of the meeting room, storage in the Bennet Room and towards the street lighting; for an annual cost of £1400

At this point Cllr Willcock left the meeting.

1220/20 To receive play area inspection reports

The Chair reported that he has carried out two inspections in February and one in March to date. There are no additional actions reported.

At this point Cllr Palfreman and Cllr Willcock returned to the meeting.

1221/20 To consider planning applications below and note any planning correspondence

Application 20/00085/OUT

Location: Welham Villa, Main Street, Welham

Proposal: Outline application with some matters reserved (Approval being sought for access and layout) for a replacement detached dwelling with ancillary parking and garden

Cllr Weingaertner proposed not to make any objections to the above application; this was seconded by Cllr Done and resolved by the Council.

1222/20 To receive updates from the Allotment Association and Parish Pasture Group and consider/approve associated expenses

There was no Allotment Association report.

Cllr Willcock gave the following Parish Pasture report:

Seats -The Great War Memorial Seat, sited in the Memorial Copse of Oak Trees, has been put in place. This was funded by public donations on 11 November 2018.

Two seats and a picnic table funded by the Canal & River Trust have been sited alongside the canal. People have already been seen using these.

All of these have been anchored in the ground with chains and concrete!

Owl Box - We now have an owl box in the west field. A farmer in Sturton le Steeple gave us the pole, a Parish farmer and 2 members of the FoPP group installed the pole and two local farmers, a local owl specialist and I installed the box. The pole, the box and all the work were given free. A real community project.

Use of the Pasture & Footpath - Signs to try to prevent the use of the footpath by horses and motorized vehicles happening have not yet been installed due to the high winds.

1223/20

To discuss the 75th Anniversary of the VE Day event

Cllr Willcock gave the following update:

Meetings were held on 3 February & 3 March with 10 members on each occasion.

Programme - Very detailed planning for each activity is on-going and looking good.

- a) An ex- Clarborough resident, he now lives in Hayton, has volunteered to play the cornet on 8 May to sound the Last Post
- b) Rev Mark Cantrill is to sing live music at the 'Street Party' on that date
- c) Kath Sutton is preparing a booklet recounting VE Day and other wartime stories, many based in the Parish. I have heard some of these and they really tug at the heart strings
- d) The booklet will be for sale to members of the public and any profits will go to a forces charity
- e) The Spar shop staff is dressing up and will be selling War Time sweets
- f) We were delighted to hear that the Clarborough Festival is alive and kicking again
- g) I have had a meeting with the Firework display company. It will be short but good!
- h) Several of us will be meeting the Band leader for the 1940s Dance on Thursday of this week
- i) There are a couple of items we are keeping close but are progressing well

Publicity - Posters have been put up in a number of locations and these will increase.

We had our second and larger display at the TT Sale last Saturday. More interest and about 10 ticket sales for the 1940s Dance. These now stand at 20 tickets in just 9 days.

1224/20

To consider extra grass cutting costs

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

1225/20

Proposal to consider litter picking

A provisional date of April 5th was chosen for the litter pick.

1226/20 Proposal to consider the Village Ventures using the football pitch

Cllr Weingaertner proposed to approve the use of the football pitch by the Village Ventures; this was seconded by Cllr Done and resolved by the Council.

1227/20 Finances - to approve payments and receive financial update

The Clerk circulated copies of the Finances, budget and bank statement as at 29th February 2020.

Cllr done proposed to accept the above finances and approve the following payments; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

- a) Parish Clerk wage & p.a.y.e £203.33 (SO)
- b) P Wilcock – N. Plan expenses £14.10 (2236)
- c) P Willcock – VE75 Day January expenses £211.90 (2237)
- d) P Willcock – VE75 Day February expenses £395.93 (2238)
- e) P Willcock – Parish Pasture Nov to January expenses £353.84 (2239)
- f) Notts Ass of Local Council's subscriptions £201.30 (2240)

1228/20 To receive any updates on the Flood Prevention and Flood Management Strategy

Cllr Done gave the following update:

Debris Grills in Howbeck - The BDC has given an email link for us to contact if the grills need rubbish removing from them. The Flood Wardens will discuss how regular monitoring of the grills can best be achieved.

Natural Flood Management - Josh Wells is working on a plan to reduce the flow of water down Howbeck at times of high rainfall. He would like to make a presentation to parishioners. We need to get back to him with some dates and a venue.

Engineered works - The JBA report commissioned by BDC recommended the proposal for a relief culvert go forward to a more detailed business case evaluation.

We have been unable to find out what Nottinghamshire County Council, as lead flood agency, plans to do with this report and recommendation.

We will seek advice from Cllr Taylor on how to make sure this is taken forward. It is particularly important to have the issue active as the Government, by reports, plans to inject cash into flood defence projects.

Three Flood Wardens - Mervyn Waring, Craig Done and Andrew Avery plan to meet up to discuss further developments to take forward the plans to mitigate the risk of flooding.

1229/20 To report any Highways/Rights of Way or Service Faults

- The way marker in the church yard has rotted and fallen down
- The centre road lines on to the St John's Drive area are badly worn
- The Hill View Crescent road sign has been replaced
- The Main Street, Welham sign is still damaged on the side of the road
- The interactive sign near Big Lane is not working properly

- Leaves and debris on Little Lane ; this can be included in the Autumn sweep up

1230/20 To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items

- Co-option of a new Councillor

1231/20 Time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 20th April 2020 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.