

Clarborough & Welham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 20th October 2014 at 7.00pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Clarborough

207/14 Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Grice, Cllr A Codling, Cllr B Codling, Cllr Collins, Cllr F Robinson and Cllr B Robinson

Others Present: Mrs Davies (Clerk), County Cllr L Yates, PCSO Airey, Mr I Davis (BDC) and members of the public

208/14 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Baines and Cllr Willcock.

209/14 To receive any Declarations of Interest in any items on the agenda

No Declarations of Interest received.

210/14 Open session for members of the public to speak, and to received reports from PCSO Airey, District & County Councillors

Apologies received from District Councillor Kath Sutton.

County Councillor Liz Yates commented on the following:

- The Tiln Lane application which has been granted outline planning application for 175 houses; an article has been put in the parish newsletter
- A query over grass cutting in the village; the Chair confirmed that the only areas the Parish Council cuts are around the bench and bus shelter, the rest of the grass cutting is the responsibility of Notts County Council.
- Fernwood Lorries travelling through Clarborough; the Chairman will contact EDF to ask them what their current policy is.

PCSO Airey gave the Council a police report for the beat area for September 2014 and crimes of interest for Clarborough & Welham parish.

It was noted that another tree has been destroyed in the play area; the Chairman will chase up the Police Crime Prevention Officer re CCTV to cover the area.

211/14 To discuss flooding in the village with Mr I Davis, BDC Drains Engineer

Mr Davis from BDC gave an update on work that has been carried out since the 2007 flooding survey and previous floods. B.D.C have been applying for European funding and other funding sources to enable identified schemes to be put in place. A detailed analysis on how to improve flooding issues in under way and an engineering plan will be ready next spring.

Meanwhile, work is ongoing and inspections of the dykes continue to take place around the parish. Mr Davis is also looking into obtaining a sandbag storage unit for the village.

Notts County Council are responsible for flooding issues and it is important that any issues are reported to N.C.C so they can be recorded.

212/14 To approve minutes of the meeting held 15th September 2014

Cllr A Codling proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 15th September 2014 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Collins and resolved by the Council. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

213/14 To received updates from the minutes of the meeting held 15th September 2014

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- Minute 197/14 – The Chair has reported that the big grid requires clearing out

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- Minute 202/14- the consultation article has been submitted to the parish newsletter

214/14 To receive any updates on Highways/Rights of Way/Service issues and report any faults

- The Chairman has survey and filled up all the grit bins and ordered one tonne of salt to replenish the stocks
- The Chairman has defected the faulty village speed sign and Cllr Willcock has reported the bridge height limit display fault at Welham.

215/14 To receive reports from other meetings

Cllr B Codling gave a report from the Village Hall meeting:

- A majority of the electrical work has now been carried out
- The committee are looking at installed some stage lighting; replacing the hand dryers in the toilets, the guttering, soffits and fire door
- The fire and burglary alarm are to be replaced
- The new hire charges have now been agreed

Cllr Codling asked the Council on its views of traders parked on the car park following a hot dog van selling food on the car park whilst a wedding party was taking place. It was noted that the council thought this may have been arranged by the wedding party but would keep an eye on any future incidents.

216/14 To receive play area inspection reports

Cllr B Codling reported that there were no problems with the junior play area apart from one more tree has been damaged. A local resident is raising money from a sponsored run to put money towards replacing the damaged trees.

There is still an increase of litter around the goal mouth area on the sports field and the mud on the Ball Wall area has now been cleared up by B.D.C.

It was reported that cars are racing around the village hall car park, CCTV cameras are being looked into. The Clerk reported on another villages success on receiving funding towards CCTV cameras.

The Chair reported that the work around goal mouth area has now been carried out.

217/14 To consider planning applications, note any decisions, appeals and planning correspondence

Application No: 14/00975/COU

Location: Plot adjacent to Church View, Whinleys Road, Clarbrough
Proposal: Amendment to conversion and change of use of redundant agricultural buildings to form 1 no.2 bedroom dwelling

The Council considered the above amendment and resolved not to make any objections.

218/14 To receive Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr Willock submitted the following report which was circulated around the councillors...

Bassetlaw District Council Land

On 22 September the Steering Group had a meeting with a member of BDC Estates Department about the piece of Council owned land which lies between the Smeath Lane Estate and the Big Lane Estate. The Steering Group had developed a proposal for the use of this land which may answer some of the concerns expressed in the responses by villagers in the consultation process which has been taking place this year. A meeting of the Parish Council was held to inform the Parish Council of these proposals.

A Public Meeting to put the proposals to villagers will be held on Monday 3 November 2104 at Clarbrough Primary School at 7 pm. It will take the form of a presentation followed by questions. Leaflets concerning this were delivered to all homes and businesses on 19 October 2014, including residents of Smeath Lane Hayton.

Nothing in the proposal can be certain as there are so many unknowns surrounding it, not least of which is the reaction of BDC, which do not yet know. We do, however, need to have the backing, in principle, of residents and businesses before we include it in the Draft Plan.

Questionnaire

The Village Newsletter issued in August contained a set of Aims and Objectives, along with an overall Vision, for the Draft Plan. The newsletter is distributed to all homes and businesses. The list of Objectives was accompanied by a questionnaire giving villagers the opportunity to make responses of "Agree", "Neutral", "Disagree" to each Objective and the Vision. We received 60 returns, 3 of which were by electronic means.

Returns were made almost equally by both male and female, with 58% from the 61+ age group. The approval across all Objectives was 72% of respondents. Flooding concerns were a massive 98% (the 2% being 1 respondent who did not complete that objective). Only 1 Objective was in the negative category, this being to 'seek the relocation of the skateboard park' where 38% being against, 33% being for and 28% being neutral – the largest neutral vote. Comments made on this Objective included 'it is not worth the money to move it'.

Detailed results can be found on the Neighbourhood Plan website.

219/14 To approve payments and receive financial update

Cllr B Codling proposed to approve the following payments and donations, this was seconded by Cllr Grice and resolved by the Council.

- a) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance – September grass cut £175.56 (1753)
- b) Grant Thornton – External Audit £240.00 (1754)
- c) Parish Clerk – October wage and expenses £193.80 (1755)
- d) Mrs Codling – Christmas event expenses £40.00 (1754)
- e) B.D.C – Neighbourhood Plan printing expenses £254.40 (1757)
- f) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance – October grass cut and goal mouth repair £451.56 (1761)

Approve grass cutting donation to The Church of St John the Baptist £500

The Council resolved to approve the £500 donation (1758)

Approve donation to the Clarborough & District W.I Christmas dinner £500

The Council resolved to approve the £500 donation (1759)

Approve donation and purchase of a Remembrance Wreath (s137) £50

The Council resolved to approve the £50 purchase and donation (1760)

The Clerk circulated copies of the September finances and the bank statement was available for the Councillors to view.

The Clerk reported that the External Auditor has returned the Annual return for the year ended 31st March 2014 and read out the audit report....

'On the basis of our review, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.'

220/14 To receive feedback from the meeting with Environmental Health regarding noise issues on the skate park

The Play area Committee was cancelled at the last minute due to the Environmental Health Officer being off ill; The Clerk will ask for further available dates when he returns to work.

221/14 To approve meeting dates for 201

The Clerk circulated the proposed dated for 2015 meetings as below:

January 5th, February 16th, March 30th, May 18th, June 22nd, July 27th, September 7th, October 19th, November 30th and January 4th 2016.

There was a discussion regarding the frequency of the meetings which vary between 5-6 weeks.

Cllr B Robinson proposed to accept the above dates, this was seconded by Cllr Grice and resolved by the Council. The Chairman will email the dates to the Village Hall

222/14 To receive items for information and future agenda

Cllr A Codling reported that everything was in order for the Christmas event, Cllr Robinson will purchase the mulled wine and the Chairman will organise the Christmas tree.

Items for the future agenda:

- Items for the 2015 budget
- Dog fouling – presentation by B.D.C
- Update on the skate park noise issue
- Update from the meeting with the Crime Prevention Officer re CCTV cameras

223/14 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.00pm on 1st December 2014 in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.43pm.