

CLARBOROUGH AND WELHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

A meeting of the Clarborough and Welham Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday, 18th July, 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

Present were: Councillors P. Gibson (Chairman), Mrs. L. S. Baines, Mrs. A. Codling, M. K. Collins, B. Grice, A. Hardie, Mrs. V. Lilley and Mrs. F. M. P. Robinson.

Also in attendance: District Councillor Mrs. K. Sutton; D. Airey (PCSO); J. E. Salmon (Clerk); Alan Guest (Neighbourhood Alert); seven members of the public.

Notes on public session (not part of the formal minutes): (a) Ball games on new tarmac surface - signage needed (b) PCSO's Report (given later in the meeting) - details of incidents in the parish in June were noted.

37. Apologies for absence

A. Winfrow

38. Declarations of Interest

Wheatley Energy Forum: B. Grice

Village Hall: Mrs. V. Lilley

Village Ventures: A. Hardie

Planning (Chapel Close) - Mrs. L. S. Baines

39. Dog Warden

The Dog Warden was unable to attend. An e-mail had been circulated. Signs and fasteners would be requested. Nigel Barton would be invited to attend a meeting during the winter months.

40. Alan Guest - Neighbourhood Alert

Mr. Guest spoke about the new system, which would be used by both Neighbourhood Watch and the Police. The ringmaster scheme would continue.

41. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 20th June, 2011

Upon a proposal by Mrs. V. Lilley which was seconded by Mrs. A. Codling the Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 20th June, 2011, having been circulated, be accepted as a true and correct record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

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42. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minute 29iii - Newton Fallowell had indicated that the triangle of grassland is included in the ownership of Dunholme Villa. In the light of this information, no contact had been made with the Land Registry as there would be a cost involved. The Chairman would make further enquiries.

Minute 32 - Mrs Baines reported that she has tried to get the hedge at Chapel Close attended to, and has been assured that it is on AI Housing's work programme. The self-closing gate on the play area has received attention. Lawsons have treated the weeds. A reply from Johnny Davis of the County Council (Highways) was noted; a response would be sent in respect of his queries about the Leverton Road junction and about the speed limit.

Minute 33 - The County Council (Laura Summers) had requested a site meeting in relation to access for disabled people from footpath 20 to the churchyard. It was agreed that A. Hardie would progress this matter on behalf of the Parish Council. The project appeared to fall outside the scope of WREN funding.

Minute 35 - Two further locations were required for the new grit bins. Smeath Lane and Little Lane were suggested. A letter of thanks would be sent to John Goacher for his assistance in storing the bins and sand.

43. Reports of Meetings

Mrs. A. Codling reported on a reply from D. Linley regarding affordable methods of resurfacing their play area. The reply also referred to the repair of the fence. It was felt that the resurfacing might resolve the issue raised in the public session concerning the nuisance caused by the playing of ball games outside the Village Hall. Prices for the skate park project were being sought.

Members went on to consider issues relating to the use of the car park for ball games etc. After an extensive discussion, members agreed to monitor the situation and gather appropriate evidence, as well as pursuing options for the other play area as indicated above.

With the approval of the Chairman, the Clerk had attended the Parish Councils Liaison Group meeting on the 13th July. 'Double taxation' was back on the agenda and a wide range of other subjects had been covered.

Mrs. L. S. Baines reported on a school governors' meeting on 13th July. A 'Junior Citizens' scheme is to replace the DARE scheme.

Mrs. L. S. Baines reported on a successful WI afternoon tea earlier in the day. The Christmas Party would be held on Monday 12th December.

B. Grice reported on the EDF meeting with regard to the wind farm. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to them on the subject of community benefits.

B. Grice referred to flooding alleviation proposals; nothing had been heard from the District Council. John Bowler would be asked to indicate the current position following a meeting which was understood to have been held in June.

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44. Planning Applications and Determinations

One new application had been received:

1/10/11/15 - Mrs. S. Booth, Church View, Church Lane - Extensions - Members noted that this was a slightly amended version of an earlier application to which no objections had been raised, and resolved to make no observations or objections.

Three decision notices had been received from Bassetlaw District Council:

1/10/11/7 - Mrs A. Robinson, 1 Chapel Close - Change of use to provide access and dropped kerb - refused by the District Council on highway safety grounds.

1/10/11/10 - Clarborough Nurseries - Retain Dog Kennel - Permission granted unconditionally by the District Council.

1/10/11/11 - Mrs. J. Lamon, The Garden, Welham Hall - Retain Garage/Store/Office - Permission granted unconditionally by the District Council.

45. Finance

The following payments were approved (cheque numbers in brackets):

	£
Holmes Groundcare Maintenance - Grass Cutting, June (1576)	168.00
Clarborough & District Community Association - Room hire and driveway lighting January - June 2011 (1577)	444.00
P. Gibson - Reimburse cost of grit bins (1578)	596.10
Clement Keys - Audit 2010-2011 (1579)	480.00

46. Correspondence

The Parish Council's complaint about BT had again been rejected by the Ombudsman Service (Otelco); there was a further eight-week appeal period. The Chairman undertook to review the decision notice.

The street lighting energy-saving proposals, previously noted at the consultation stage, had been confirmed by the County Council.

The Retford household waste recycling centre would be closed for refurbishment from 4th September for twelve weeks. Alternative arrangements were being made for the free collection of bulky waste during this period.

The legal agreement with the County Council for footpaths across the playing field to the school had been completed.

Updates had been received on code of conduct training, planning issues at Little Lane and village signage.

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The Council noted various other items of correspondence.

47. Highway and footpath issues

A request for cleaning of the grid would be included in the letter to John Bowler (see minute 43vii above).

A member reported that refuse bins were being left in inappropriate positions by the refuse collectors.

It was reported that AI Housing were no longer strimming up against houses. The Chairman undertook to follow this matter up.

The canal path was reported to be overgrown following lack of maintenance by British Waterways. A letter would be sent to their Newark office.

48. Date and time of next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on Monday 12th September 2010 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

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