

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held on Monday 23rd July 2018 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

Present: Cllr George, Cllr Avery, Cllr Baines and Cllr Willcock

Others present: Mrs Davies (Clerk), Mr Oates (Footpath Warden) and members of the public

890/18 To receive apologies for absence

In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, Cllr Willcock proposed Cllr Avery to the Chair the meeting; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the council.

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Gibson, Cllr Bowler and Cllr Hardie.

891/18 To receive any Declaration of Interest in any items on the agenda

No Declaration of Interests received.

892/18 To suspend the meeting for open session for members of the public to speak and to receive reports from the District and County Councillors, PCSO Airey and Mr Oates Footpath Warden

Mr Oates gave the following footpath report:

A local resident reported that Giant Hogs Weed had taken root close to his property and was growing on a footpath. As we all know, a certain strain of Giant Hogs Weed can cause skin rashes and can be dangerous, in particular, to small children.

Happily the Giant Hogs weed in this specific location is harmless. However it is a problem nationwide and caution should be exercised.

The internet has volumes of information on how it came to the UK, how to identify it, and what action is required to eradicate the problem. Also, remedial action to be taken should a rash appear following contact.

PCSO Airey sent his apologies and the Clerk read out his crimes of interest report for the beat area.

The Editor of the parish newsletter reported that the decrease of advertisements is putting a strain on the IT group finances and now need to find an extra £300. Any organisation that may wish to advertise in the newsletter please give the Editor a call on 01777 700918.

It was also noted that the Village Hall has had the PAT testing carried out on the kitchen equipment.

Otherwise all is quiet on the Public Rights of Way.

County Councillor Tracey Taylor joined the meeting during item 897/18 but is minuted here.

Cllr Taylor gave the following report: The County Council voted in favour of putting together a business case to create a Unitary Council in Nottingham across seven districts; this is to try to achieve a saving of £54million over the next four years

- The Mineral & Waste Local Plan include potential quarrying sites within Bassetlaw; closest one proposed to this parish would be at Barnby Moor
- Highways has published an interacted map of capital programmes for the year
- The Nottinghamshire Police have an on-line reporting system

893/18 To approve the minutes of the meetings held 11th June 2018

Cllr George proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 11th June 2018 as a true record; this was seconded by the Chair and resolved by the Council.

894/18 To receive updates on any actions from previous meetings

- The Clerk has passed on information to Cllr Gibson regarding the supplier of spares for the play area

895/18 To receive reports from any other meetings

Cllr George reported that he has attended the Clarborough & District Community Association's Annual General Meeting on the 20th June 2018. It was noted that George & Michelle have resigned from the committee. New members have come forward and the committee is running normally.

896/18 To receive play area inspection reports

Cllr Bowler was not present to give a report.

897/18 To consider planning applications, notes any planning correspondence and decisions

Application ref: 18/00716/HSE

Location: Hillcroft, Main Street, Clarborough
 Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension

After consideration, the Chair proposed not to make any objections; this was seconded by Cllr Willcock and resolved by the Council.

Report on Housing Development given by Cllr Willcock

Meeting with Developers

22nd May saw a very short meeting with the developers.

We were told that they had changed their plans for the land to:

- I. Adopted the layout first drawn for the Neighbourhood Plan with 38 houses;
- II. The development will be built in 1 phase, not the 4 phases originally envisaged;

- III. Development will still start in March/April 2019 and will take 18 – 24 months;
- IV. Finance for the whole build is in place
- V. Housing mix will be 2 bed Mid/semi - 9; 3 Bed semi - 12 (2 different sizes); 3 Bed det - 7;
- VI. 4 Bed det - 10 **Total 38.** No bungalows;
- VII. When the developer asked agreed to a public presentation of their final proposals.

There were some immediate concerns about the affordable housing numbers, which we thought were inaccurate and about Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payments.

Housing Development working group

This was followed some weeks later by a meeting of the working group where a general discussion of the proposals followed. This took the form of general discussion which gave a consensus view:

The plan follows the Neighbourhood Plan and is, therefore, a good proposal;

- I. Details of layout and affordable housing are issues between the developers and Bassetlaw District Council;
- II. Involvement by the Parish Council with these Pre-Application discussions would be a good thing as it may avoid objections later;
- III. The Parish Council should ask Bassetlaw District Council to involve us in the Pre-Application discussions;
- IV. We should ask the planner who guided us through the Neighbourhood Plan to advise us through these negotiations.

898/18 Finances – to approve payments and receive financial update

The Clerk circulated copies of the June accounts and budget to date plus bank statement for the Councillors to view.

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

- a) G E Beard Famers – cultivation of Parish Pastures £180.00 (2048)
- b) B K Hogg & Son – land work on the Parish Pastures £3,264.00 (2049)
- c) P Willcock – travel expenses 2017/2018 £124.65 (2050)
- d) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance for July £334.30 (2051)
- e) Parish Clerk July wage £150.39 (2052)
- f) HMRC – p.a.y.e £37.40 (2053)

899/18 To receive update from the Parish Pasture Group and consider/approve associated expenses

Cllr Willcock gave the following Friends of the Parish Pasture Report No: 7

Land Work - The last week in May saw the Public Footpath closed and heavy machinery moved in over a period of 5 days. The result was:

- 1000sq m of topsoil was removed to create 3 'scrapes' 0.30 m deep for the planting of wildflower seed;
- The topsoil was spread and levelled elsewhere on the land;
- The raised bank between the PC land and the new land was removed;
- All the Parish Pasture land was cultivated and then harrowed

The new line of the footpath was marked in with stakes and covered in wood chippings.

The heavy work was carried out by David Hogg and a digger driver, with cultivation by Stephen Beard. The footpath was laid, with the help of David Hogg, by 3 members of FoPP.

To avoid further use of weed killer, the land has been harrowed twice since May to control emerging weeds.

Trees and seeds

It was determined to order 10-12 new bare-rooted trees for planting in November. These will be 3-5 m tall and financed by grants received from Retford Rotary Club and Retford Lions Club.

There is still some debate as to which supplier we will use for the supply of wildflower and grass seed.

Due to the usually hot and dry weather there has been a proportion of the hedging which has died. We will ask for a resupply of whips by the Woodland Trust. We have already been asked if we want more whips.

Seating

Two new seats will be purchased and placed on the canal side, purchased with the grant from the Canal & River Trust. These will have slabs beneath them and be fastened down.

Finance

With the cost of the land work we are nearing the end of the £3,500 allocated in the last financial year by the Parish Council. I would ask that we be allocated a second £3,500 to allow us to continue with the land development.

We are also applying for £5,000 from Bassetlaw District Council which was allocated from Neighbourhood funding in order to develop aspects of Neighbourhood Plans. This is already safeguarded for allocation to us.

We were unsuccessful in our bid to the Local Improvement Scheme bid to NCC for £6,000.

900/18 To receive updates from the Allotment Association and consider/approve associated expenses

Cllr Gibson and Cllr Hardie were not present to give a report.

901/18 To receive any updates on the WW1 Commemoration event

Cllr Willcock gave the following WW1 Commemorations report on behalf of Cllr Bowler:

At a meeting on 9 July the small group of Councillors met with Judith & Tony Goodall, researchers to Retford area war dead, who gave details of soldiers who had died (14) or gone missing from the 1918 electoral register (25). They have already produced personal notes on most of these men.

It was determined that Sunday 11 November 2018 would have the following programme:

Morning – The normal Remembrance Day Service held in St John the Baptist Church, Church Lane, Clarborough from about 10.30 am.

Afternoon, 2 pm – The planting of Memorial Oak Trees on the Parish Pasture by residents of the Parish. Two of these of these Oaks have been given by the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire with others donated by Sherwood Forest Country Park in Edwinstowe.

Afternoon, 2.30 pm – The tree planting will be followed by refreshments in the Village Hall and a display of photographs, biographies and WW1 memorabilia of those men of the Parish who died in World War 1. (This will need financial support from the PC)

Evening, 7 pm – The Parish will take place in the national event 'Beacons of Light' along with about 1,200 other beacons across Great Britain. Details of this have recently been sent to Steve Bowler and involve a reading at 6.50 pm, and a trumpet call at 6.55. To avoid cars going up Howbeck Lane a free minibus shuttle service will be provided (This will need financial support from the PC).

Publicity

Publicity for the names will take place in the Village Newsletter, Retford Times, Retford Life and on the village website. There are also posters in preparation.

902/18 To consider additional website for transparency compliance documents

After discussion, Cllr Willcock proposed to set up an additional website page (free one) for the Clerk to put on any transparency compliance documents which will run alongside the information put on the village website. This was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.

903/18 To receive any updates on the Flood Prevention and Flood Management Strategy

Cllr Avery reported on a further meeting of the Flood Working Group; which had walked along part of Howbeck. BDC was leading the work with consultant engineers on engineering works that would remove 'pinch points' or improve water flow. Money was allocated in future budgets by BDC and NCC. Other financial support was possible if the benefits could be proved. The Group is also identifying work up stream of the parish which would abate the flow of water from the catchment. Further work was necessary to complete these ideas. The

engagement of villagers and particularly the reinforcement of the responsibilities of riparian owners are outstanding.

904/18 To report any Highways/Rights of Way or Service Faults

- Cllr Baines reported that the dip in the road on the turn into Hayton has not yet been repaired – Cllr Gibson reported this at the last meeting
- A mattress has been dumped near the Hop Pole

905/18 To receive any correspondence for information and future agenda item

- A NHS leaflet on *Workingwin*; the health led employment trial – this was circulated
- A request for a donation from the North Nottinghamshire Community First Responder – this is to be put on the next agenda
- Smeath Lane telephone box – next agenda
- Update from the Neighbourhood Plan working group

906/18 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 10th September 2018 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.37pm