

Clarborough & Welham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 1st December 2014 at 7.00pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Clarborough

224/14 Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Grice, Cllr Baines, Cllr A Codling, Cllr B Codling, Cllr Collins, Cllr F Robinson, Cllr B Robinson and Cllr Willcock

Others Present: Mrs Davies (Clerk), County Cllr L Yates, PSCO Airey and members of the public

225/14 To receive apologies for absence

No apologies received.

226/14 To receive any Declarations of Interest in any items on the agenda

No Declarations of Interest received.

227/14 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.

Cllr Liz Yates reported that she has not heard anything new regarding Smeath Lane and the HGV's. Cllr Grice reported that the high hedges on Smeath Lane are covering up the concealed entrance and horse riding signs.

Cllr Yates will chase up the complaint regarding the blocked drains which is causing flooding at the entrance of the village hall drive.

228/14 To approve minutes of the meeting held 20th October 2014

Cllr Grice proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 20th October 2014 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Collins and resolved by the Council. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

229/14 To received updates from the minutes of the meeting held 20th October 2014

Min 210/14 – The Chairman has contacted EDF and reported that they are not receiving deliveries of coal by road at the moment. The contract restricting route for delivery of coal has now expired. Biomass is being delivered by road to the power station; however there are no route restrictions. Following several comments, the Chairman agreed to contact EDF again.

Min 211/14 – The Chairman reported that the Kings Arms has offered to site the storage unit for the village sandbags. It was suggested that a liaison group is formed consisting of residents and Parish Councillors as a way to pass flooding information on the Ian Davies at B.D.C. Cllr Grice offered to be the Parish Council representative.

Min 214/14 – the speed sign has be repaired but has since stopped working again and also the sign at Welham is faulty – the Chairman will report.

Min 221/14 – The date of the February Parish Council meeting has been moved from the 16th February to the 23rd February due to the village pantomime. The Chairman has confirmed the new date with the Village Hall.

230/14 To receive any updates on Highways/Rights of Way/Service issues and report any faults

- Smeath bridge – the canal hedge require cutting back. The Chairman will report.
- The canal hedge along the tow path is overgrown and covering the path in places – Clerk to report
- Little Lane requires sweeping – the Chairman to report to Litter Busters

231/14 To receive reports from other meetings and feedback from the Crime Prevention Officer

The Chairman reported on his meeting with the Crime Prevention Officer regarding CCTV cameras at the Village Hall and covering the play area.

Cllr Baines gave a report on the W.I Christmas party; 96 people will be attending.

PCSO Airey gave his November police report for his beat area and the Council thanked him for his continued support.

Cllr B Codling gave his report from the Village Hall Committee meeting. It was noted that the new burglar alarm has now been installed and the fire alarm has been updated. A small grant has been applied for to assist with various repair work.

232/14 To receive play area inspection reports

Cllr B Codling reported that there are no problems on the junior play area and the sports field. No problems on the ball wall area and skate park; although there is an impact depression on the ramp but this is not an issue at the moment.

233/14 To consider planning applications, note any decisions, appeals and planning correspondence

N.C.C Pre-Order consultation 1351L – removal of section of footpath at Welham

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

Decision Notices

Application: 14/00867/FUL

Location: County Infant School, Hillview Crescent, Clarborough

Proposal: Erection of safety barrier across existing vehicular access

Decision Notice: Grant planning permission subject to conditions

Application: 14/00925/HSE

Location: Field House Lodge, Main Street, Clarborough

Proposal: Removal of Privet hedge and erect 2 metre high boundary fence adjacent the highway

Decision Notice: Refuse planning permission

Application: 14/01058/HSE

Location: 4 Millers Court, Clarborough

Proposal: Erect of detached garage and workshop

Decision Notice: Grant planning permission subject to conditions

Application: 15/01083/HSE

Location: 11 Howbeck Lane, Clarborough

Proposal: Erect single storey rear extension and convert existing integral garage into utility and study

Decision Notice: Grant planning permission subject to conditions

Application: 14/00975/COU

Location: Plot adjacent to Church View, Whinleys Road, Clarborough

Proposal: conversion and change of use of redundant agricultural buildings to form 1 No. bedroom dwelling

Decision Notice: Grant planning permission subject to conditions

234/14 To receive Neighbourhood Plan update and proposal that the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council supports the principals of the proposals for the future use of the B.D.C land in the Parish as outlined in the leaflet published to residents and business on 19th October 2014

Bassetlaw District Council Land Public Meeting

Leaflets – Leaflets were distributed to all houses and businesses by 1st Clarborough Scout Group on Sunday 19 October, inviting members of the public to a meeting on 3 November. Receipt of an e-mail early the following week reminded us that the Scout delivery was not intended to cover the whole of the two villages. This was put right within a few days, and well before the meeting, by posting leaflets to the more remote residences. We try to achieve 100% coverage of the Parish but cannot guarantee it. Further discussions with Scout leaders have now taken place and one or two more homes have been added to the postal list.

The Meeting - Held in Clarborough Primary School hall, this was attended by 42 residents. A Power Point presentation was made and there were many questions during this – approximately 20-25 from about 25% of the audience. These centred on numbers of houses, flooding, use of the Village Hall car park for the school and the prospect of a developer changing the number of houses. They were assured by members of the Steering Group and the BDC Planner present that the Neighbourhood Plan prevented this. The Plan is a very powerful document if and when it is finally approved by voters!

Questionnaire – All those present were asked to complete a very short questionnaire before leaving. There were 38 responses on the night with 4 returned during the following week. The main result was that 80% of those present supported the principles of the proposals.

Only one result, concerning the provision of a marina workshop, received a negative score – with 34% voting for to 37% against. There were, however, 27% who were neutral. 22 of the questionnaires contained one or more written comment, mostly concerning the number of houses, noise from the car park and flooding.

Usefulness of the meeting – 92% considered it was useful with 95% considering the explanation was clear. The main concern from the audience attending the meeting was the number of questions which could not be specifically answered. We were at pains to explain that, until there are more specific proposals then there cannot be more specific answers!

As a result of the comments about the use of the Village Hall car park, BDC Planners are now making enquiries with their NCC colleagues as to the source of the reservations they have previously expressed on the use of the Village Hall car park.

BDC Estates Department Meeting

Six members of the Steering Group attended a meeting with 2 members of the Estates Dept of BDC on Friday 28 November. This was for them to make a response to our first meeting with them in September. After re-capping on what we hope for the land and a little skirmishing we were astonished to find that they supported the proposals wholeheartedly. They had obviously done some preliminary work on the land, even going as far as suggesting that they knew of developers who may be interested in the proposals. With further questioning as to the process they suggested two main possible scenarios:

- 1 The land is developed as a complete package, with the developer committing to all the proposals.
- 2 The land is separated into developable and non-developable. In this case the non-developable land could be passed to the Parish in some way. This would open-up funding streams to finance the leisure land development. The PC need to consider this possibility!

The next step in this process is to hold a meeting between all interested parties, eg highways, BDC, SG, flood control, Canal Trust and a designer to come up with a more definitive design. This will, hopefully, be in the near future.

Proposal

This our opportunity to reverse the usual planning process of a developer coming in with a structure which they have determined and are intent on getting passed. If we include this land in our Neighbourhood Plan we can have planning done by us – for us and NOT to us. Without this land being included in the Neighbourhood Plan, we would not have this opportunity and who knows what we will get in the future?

Therefore, although my report is not finished I would like to propose at this point that:

“Clarborough & Welham Parish Council supports the principals of the proposals for the future use of the BDC land in the Parish as outlined in the leaflet published to residents and business on 19 October 2014”.

Those proposals are not fixed, there will be many changes which we will have to take back to the community but, as the Qualifying Authority, the Parish Council need to be on-board.

Following Cllr Willcock's presentation and further discussion, the above proposal was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved all in favour to accept the proposal.

235/14 To approve payments and receive financial update and proposal for ideas for the 2015/16 budget

The Clerk circulated copies of the financial report as at the end of November and the following payments were approved:

- a) 1st Clarborough Scouts – N.Plan distribution expenses £50.00 (1762)
- b) Notts /county Council – N.Plan room hire at the primary school £28.00 (1763)
- c) C Hyde - Heritage Grant expense £225.00 (1764)
- d) Parish Clerk – November wage £174.01 (1765)
- e) B.D.C – N Plan printing expenses £109.70 (1766)
- f) P Gibson – Tree lighting event expenses £17.57 (1767)
- g) Parish Clerk – office expenses £9.70 (1768)
- h) P Willcock – N.Plan expenses £172.71 (1769)
- i) Mrs Robinson – Tree lighting event expenses £49.57 (1770)

Ideas put forward for the 2015/16 budget were:

- Village Hall drive way flooding
- Future development on the skate park

236/14 To receive feedback from the meeting with Environmental Health regarding noise issues on the skate park

Cllr Codling gave a report on the meeting with the Environmental Health Officers from the District Council; it was a very positive meeting which was held in a constructive manner. A noise abatement notice would have to be served but time would be given to allow the issues to be addressed.

Cllr A Codling reported that she has spoken with Notts County Council who installed the skate Park and currently waiting for them to come back with recommendations and to visit the site.

237/14 To receive feedback and consideration of joining the Trentside Association

The Chairman reported that only 13 responses have been received from residents following the article in the village newsletter; 8 yes replies and 5 no replies. Cllr Collins proposed to join the Trent side Association of Parish Councils against the development of wind farm, to review in 12 months' time and not to commit to any expenditure without coming back to full council, this was seconded by Cllr Willcock. This was resolved by 7 votes for and 2 votes against.

Cllr Grice will be the Council's representative on the group.

238/14 To discuss request from Lound Parish Council to form a parish council forum

The Chairman reported that Lound Parish Council has contacted the Council to see if there is any interest in forming a forum similar to the North East Bassetlaw Forum. The reasoning is that sharing notes on issue of mutual interest i.e. railway closures, renewable energy planning applications or the Lengthsman Scheme could be beneficial to all.

After discussion it was agreed to ask for further information on how often the group would be meeting and where the meetings would be taking place.

239/14 To receive items for information and future agenda

Items of information were discussed and it was agreed to agenda the following:

- Review of standing orders and financial regulations
- Ask the B.D.C Environment Enforcement Officer to attend to give a presentation on the District Council's anti dog fouling and litter campaign
- Precept

240/14 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.00pm on 5th January 2015 in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05pm.