

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough on Monday 18th November 2019

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

Others: Mrs Davies (Clerk), PCSO Airey, District Cllr Sofflet and County Cllr Taylor and members of the public

1154/19 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies received and approved from Cllr Weingaertner.

1155/19 To receive any Declaration of Interest in any items on the agenda

No Declaration of Interests received.

1156/19 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)

Rights of Way Warden – Mr Oates sent his apologies but submitted the following report:

- **Triennial Report** – To the best of my knowledge, Notts CC (Via) has not responded to the safety issues outlined in the survey (also similar for Hayton). Cllr Taylor has agreed to intervene in both cases.
- **Little Lane Bridleway No.3** – the poor surface of this bridleway has been subject to complaints from several residents, especially several with walking disabilities or young children. This matter was reported earlier in my above survey.
- I have forwarded a formal complaint to Notts CC (Via) and the matter has also been taken up by Cllr Taylor. We await a response.

Police Report – PC 3973 NathanThomas introduced himself as the new Beat Officer for this area – contact details Nathan.thomas@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk 07525 226604.

PCSO Airey gave his monthly report for the beat area – contact details david.airey@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk 07525 226838

County Councillor Tracey Taylor gave her report:

Items to note

- The LIS Scheme launch has been delayed due to the elections
- Funds of £300 have been forward to the Parish Council from Cllr Taylor towards the VE Day event
- Following on from the last meeting – it was confirmed that the overgrown hedges have now been cut back
- Cllr Taylor continues to peruse outstanding items regarding complaints brought up by residents and the Rights of Way Warden

District Councillor Ben Sofflet gave his report:

- Funds towards the VE Day event have been sent to the Parish Council
- Fly tipping which had been reported has now been collected

- Information on the clean-up squad following the flooding was given
- Notts C C has set up an hardship fund following the flooding; the Government has funding available for home owners suffering from flooding of £500 and businesses of £2,500
- In December a concert is to be held to raise funds to help victims of the flooding

At this point agenda item 10 was brought forward.

1157/19 To receive updates on the Flood Prevention and Flood Management Strategy

Cllr Avery gave an update on the recent flooding issues from the 7th & 8th November; 110 sandbags supplied by the PC went very quickly. It was agreed to replenish to supply of sand bags. It was noted that since the meeting held on 2nd October with Notts CC; nothing has really happened since.

Cllr Baines left the room at this point in the meeting.

1158/19 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 7th October 2019

Cllr Willcock proposed to approve the minutes of the meeting held 7th October 2019 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council. The Chair duly signed the minutes.

Cllr Baines returned to the meeting at this point in the meeting.

1159/19 To receive updates on any actions from the previous meeting

1139/19 – The Chair reported that the missing bolt on the climbing frame is a special one and part of the climbing frame would have to be dismantled to replace the missing bolt. However, the Chair said the frame is secure and he would just monitor the frame for the time being

1142/19 – no receipts have been received from the Allotment Association for payment

1147/19 – two new goal nets have been installed.

1149/19 - The bollard on main street has been taken away and made safe. The two interactive speed signs have been repaired. Heavier gantry chains have been put on one of the gantry's which should prevent them from wrapping around

1160/19 To receive reports from any other meetings attended

No meetings attended.

1161/19 To receive play area inspection reports

The Chair reported on his play area inspections – no new actions required.

1162/19 To consider planning applications below and note any planning correspondence

Application: 19/01360/OUT

Proposal: Outline planning application with some matters reserved (approval being sought for access) for residential development of up to 170 dwellings (resubmission of P.A 18/01625/OUT)

Location: Land North of Bidsby Road, Retford

Cllr Willcock proposed not to make any objections to the above application, but to make comments as below; this was seconded by the Chair and resolved by the Council.

The Parish Council wishes to express its' concern at the proposed development adjacent to Bigsby Road and Palmer Road in Retford. There are 2 areas of concern:

The development on the north east side of Retford occupies farmland between Retford and the Parish. This reduces the green 'gap' between the northern edge of urban Retford and our rural Parish.

The application shows 2 'hammerhead' cul-de-sacs on the north eastern side of the new development which could allow a future application for further development to the site. This would cause the green 'gap' to be further eroded or even eliminated.

The current Claborough & Welham Neighbourhood Plan would, with any further development, be breached as it allows for no development on this side of our Parish.

1163/19 To receive update from the Allotment Association and Parish Pasture Group and consider/approve associated expenses

The Chair reported that he has spoken with the solicitors regarding the gifting of the land. The solicitor has received a letter from the District Council which explained that a new solicitor is taking over this matter. The Chair contacted the solicitor and confirmed that no allotments would be sited on the ball park area and where the orchard is going to be.

Cllr Willcock gave the following Parish Pasture report:

Land Work -I have reported on a number of occasions on our concerns in relation to the proliferation of Wild Oats, a weed very resilient to treatment by weed killers. It covered most of the Parish Pasture in the summer of this year.

There are a number of alternatives but most are impractical due to lack of person power to carry out the work.

For 2020 the group has, therefore, decided to institute a series of monthly cuts of the main area of the Pasture. Whilst this may well reduce the number of wildflowers on this area it is the only practical way to prevent the Oats growing again next year. Low level wildflowers should still survive as the cut will not be at ground level. This regime will have to continue for at least 5 years with the hope of eliminating the Wild Oats.

Wildflower seeding - The scrapes contain standing water from the excessive rainfall. We can only hope that the seeds sown at the end of September are not affected.

Tree Planting - A number of trees planted in autumn 2018 have died. Some of these have now been replaced. Other replacement trees still have to be bought.

Seats - 3 seats and a picnic table have been put together from flat-packs. It was planned to install these on 8 November, the day after the very heavy rain. The Pasture was too waterlogged for this to be carried out. This was unfortunate timing as we had hoped to have the Memorial Seat installed for Remembrance Sunday. The installation will take place when the ground is next suitable.

Mayflower Oaks - Some months ago I reported that the Parish Council had received an offer from BDC to provide Oak Trees to mark the 400th Anniversary of the Mayflower sailing, which takes place in 2020. I applied for 2 oaks to be planted on the Parish Pasture. At the end of October I received a similar offer from the Sherwood Forest Trust. It was unclear whether this was the same offer as previously or a totally new offer. I enquired about this by email but have received no clarification as yet!

BDC Local Plan/Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The second version of the Local Plan is due to be published in January 2020. This will have implications for the Neighbourhood Plan. I suggest that this is an Agenda item for the February meeting of the PC.

1164/19 To discuss the 75th Anniversary of the VE Day event

Cllr Willcock gave the following report on the meeting held 9th October 2019

Budget -The group were told of the offers of financial help from NCC Councillor Tracey Taylor and BDC Councillor Ben Sofflet. These have now been received by the Parish Council.

Programme - Detailed planning for each activity is on-going. There was an offer of help with the design of publicity material.

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for Wednesday 20 November 2019, 7 pm

1165/19 To approve and discuss the Christmas Lighting event

At the last meeting, it was resolved not to hold a lighting event due to lack of volunteers. However, the Chair reported that the Scouts and the Village hall association have stepped up and they are going to put on a disco, singing around the Christmas tree and they will be purchasing another Christmas tree to put alongside the current one. The Chair offered to help with the decoration of the tree.

The Scouts Leader informed the Chair that the Scouts will be singing with the Children around the Christmas tree to celebrate the tree lighting; plus providing refreshments to everyone attending.

After discussion Cllr Avery proposed to contribute £50 towards the refreshments; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.

1166/19 To consider the use of the £200 Christmas budget fund

Cllr Avery proposed to purchase some non-curriculum festive books for the school; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.

116719 To consider purchase of new Christmas tree lights

After discussion the Chair proposed a £200 budget to purchase some new Christmas lights if required; this was seconded by Cllr Willcock and resolved by the Council.

The Chair will test the existing lights.

1168/19 To consider repairs to village hall street light

The Chair has already reported the faulty street light but if the fault is traced to the column lights outside the hall; then it will be up to the parish council to pay for the repairs.

1169/19 To approve purchase of additional street light poppies

Cllr Willcock proposed to approve purchase of additional street light poppies at £119.00; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

1170/19 To discuss the grass cutting contract for next year

This item was deferred to the February meeting.

1171/19 To consider the annual contribution to the church grass cutting

Cllr Baines proposed to approve the grass cutting contribution; this was seconded by Cllr Willcock and resolved by the Council.

1172/19 To report any Highways/Rights of Way or Service Faults

None reported.

1173/19 To consider items for the 2020/21 budget

The Clerk circulated copy of the current year's budget and figures; suggestions for additional items were:

- Handyman contractor
- Grass cutting for parish pasture
- Fitness equipment

1174/19 Finances – to approve payments and receive financial update

The Clerk circulated the finances and budget figures up to 31st October 2019 and went through for payments requiring approval.

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

- a) The Poppy Appeal – wreath & donation £50.00 (2159)
- b) P Willcock – re-imburement of expenses £29.95(2160)
- c) P Willcock – Parish Pasture expenses £367.61 (2161)
- d) P Willcock – expenses for poppies £13.65 (2162)
- e) Pippy Appeal – extra poppies for street lights £119.00 (2163)
- f) P Gibson – reimbursement of expenses £89.24 (2164)
- g) Clarborough, Welham & Hayton Senior Fund for Christmas Dinner - replacement of previous cheque as name changed £500 (2165)
- h) Clerk's wage £203.33 (SO)

Cllr Willcock proposed to purchase additional sand sacks up to £120.00; this was seconded by Cllr Avery and resolved by the Council.

1175/19 To consider any applications for the Council vacancies

A resident from Welham has applied for the council vacancy; following discussion with the applicant Cllr Willcock proposed to approve Mr Craig Done for the Parish Council vacancy; this was seconded by Cllr Baines. Mr Done will sign the relevant paperwork at the beginning of the next council meeting and then he will join the meeting.

1176/19 To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items

No items were put forward for the next agenda.

1177/19 Time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next parish council meeting will be held on 30th December 2019 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.