

## Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough

Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr George, Cllr Avery, Cllr Baines, Cllr Willcock, Cllr Hardie and Cllr Bowler

Others present: Mrs Davies (Clerk), District Cllr Kath Sutton, PCSO Airey, Mr Oates (Footpath Warden) and members of the public

### **735/17 To receive apologies for absence**

No apologies received.

### **736/17 To receive any Declaration of Interest in any items on the agenda**

No Declarations of Interest received.

### **737/17 EDF representative to give a presentation on the proposed new West Burton C power station**

Representatives from EDF gave a presentation on the proposed new West Burton C Power Station; the Council and members of the public asked questions.

### **738/17 Open session for members of the public to speak and receive reported from the District & County Councillors, PCSO Airey and Mr Oaks Footpath Warden**

#### **Mr Oates gave his footpath report as following:**

- Survey - Mr Oates is currently carrying out a Cropping and Ploughing survey to check that all paths that cross ploughed or frilled fields have been correctly marked
- Seasonal Traffic Restriction Order – Byway No.22 will be closed from the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 to 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to help protect the surface
- Bridleway No.3 – A tripping hazard on the bridleway side of the fence has been reported.

#### **District Cllr Kath Sutton reported:**

- The Parish Forum will now be held every 4 months; the Parish Council can put topics forward for discussion at these meetings.
- Cllr Sutton reported on the results from the Health Authority survey regarding extension of hours; previously mentioned at a previous Parish Council meeting

A resident reported that the Highways and the District Council's Flood Engineer came to see him regarding the maintenance of the dyke in front of his house. There is finance available for the dyke to be cleared and strimmed once a year. The resident also mentioned that he had spoken to someone from Walkeringham village where they employ someone to maintain the dykes in the village three times a year. The Clerk will contact Walkeringham PC for further information.

PCSO Airey gave his crime report for the local beat area.

### **739/17 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Cllr George proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Bowler and resolved by the Council.

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**740/17 To receive updates from the minutes of the meeting held 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Minute 718/17

- The Chair and Cllr Willcock reported the fly tipping; the Chair also did a letter drop to residents
- The Chair reported that the hill top garage is unable to site the bottle bank there

Minute 720/17

- The Chair reported the faulty flasher school light
- Nothing has happened yet on Howbeck Lane

Minute 722/17

- Cllr Bowler has removed the broken tree stump in the play area and the Chair has tighten the bolts up on the multi play equipment

**741/17 To receive reports from other meetings**

No meetings attended since the last meeting.

**742/17 To receive play area inspection reports**

Cllr Bowler gave his play area reports; no actions required.

The Chair also gave his half yearly ancillary routine inspection report.

The hedge on Gypsy Corner may need cutting back; it is covered in ivy and leaning other. Cllr Hardie will double check and report if it is a risk.

**743/17 To consider planning applications, note any planning correspondence and decisions**

**Application:** 17/01318/HSE

**Location:** Leylandii, Church Lane, Clarborough

**Proposal:** Erect single storey rear extension and attached double garage to replace existing garage

The Council considered the above application and Cllr Baines proposed not to make any objections; this was seconded by Cllr Hardier and resolved by the Council.

**744/17 To review the Village Hall annual grant**

The Chair reported on his meeting with the Treasurer of the CDCA to discuss the future use of the Bennett Room. The Council are happy for the Clerk to continue working at home; therefore the Chair suggested that the Council continues with the £1400 donation to the CDCA towards the maintenance of the hall and reviewed in three years' time. The Parish Council will retain the storage in the Bennett Room which the Clerk and Chair can have access at all times. The Council can use the Halford room for 12 meeting in total per year; plus a charge for any extra meetings. The CDCA to take responsibility for the lighting costs for the street lights. If the Council is happy with this arrangement then the Chair of the CDCA will take the proposals to their December meeting for the Members to consider.

Cllr George proposed to accept the above which was seconded by Cllr Willcock and resolved by the Council.

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**745/17 To consider continuation of the BT contract for the phone line and broadband connection**

After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Hardie and the Chair of the IT Group set up a working group to look into options available and put a proposal together and bring back to the Parish Council.

**746/17 To discuss funding for the village newsletter and website**

This item to be included in the above working group.

**747/17 Finances – to approve payments and receive financial update**

The Clerk circulated copies of the year to date finances, budget and bank statements for the Council to view.

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

- a) Grant Thornton – External Audit fee £240.00 (1994)
- b) Clerk's Sept & Oct wage and expenses £383.38 (1995)
- c) Clarborough & Welham IT Group – PAT testing £22.50 (1996)
- d) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance – Sept grass cutting £334.30 (1997)
- e) P Gibson – travel expenses £9.90 (1998)
- f) CDCA – annual grant £700.00 (1999)

**748/17 To receive update on the gifting of the Parish Pasture and consider associated legal fees**

No further updates received.

**749/17 To receive update from the Parish Pasture Group and consider/approve associated expenses**

Cllr Willcock gave the following report:

**BDC Land Housing Development**

Bassetlaw District Council is looking at a partnership with a developer.

**Land Work**

Cllr Willcock is currently waiting for a quotation from a local farmer to carry out work on the land.

**Advice**

The FoPP group has been given advice as a result of consulting a specialist wildflower seed supplier which was recommended by Notts Wildlife Trust. Following a reading of the detailed soil sample reports prepared for us through funding from BDC the supplier said we have a problem due to the fertility of the land. It is not unexpected.

He suggested a series of 'scrapes' in which topsoil is removed and into which the wildflower seed is sown. The surrounding area to these would be sown with a specialized wild grass seed which could cope with the soil fertility. He also made other suggestions.

However, what is bad for wildflowers is good for the allotments.

Following a suggestion by the Clerk; I have also visited a tree supplier and as a local authority we can purchase trees at prices at about 25% of the cost of retail prices. Both of these suppliers are in Nottinghamshire and specialize in local species.

#### **Friends of Parish Pasture Group (FoPP)**

At the last meeting on 9 October the group decided to adopt the advice of the seed supplier and have had a new Plan drawn up showing drifts of wildflowers rather than a full meadow. The timetable gives the deadline of late August/early September 2018 as the time for completing the sowing of wildflower seed.

A detailed timetable is being worked out as are the full costings for each stage once we have the local quotation. The group will also produce a prioritized timetable for other work to be carried out and hoped for sources of funding.

It is intended to hold a 'drop-in' evening to display and discuss the plans for the land by the end of November.

#### **750/17 To receive update from the Allotment Group and consider/approve associated expenses**

The Chair read through the draft agreement between the Parish Council and the Clarborough & Welham Allotment Association; the Council considered items that requires clarification. The Chair will take the draft agreement back to the Allotment Association for further discussion. The Association's AGM will be taking place on the 13<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Halford Room.

#### **751/17 To discuss budget ideas for 2018/19**

The Chair asked that the Councillors think of suggestions to put forward for next year's budget.

#### **752/17 To receive updates on the Flood Prevention and flood Management Strategy**

Cllr Avery reported that he has sent a copy of the draft flood strategy to the Chief Executives of the District and County Councils to seek their engagement and some input from their specialists. To date a response has been received from the District Council where the Chief Executive has handed over the document to his Flood Engineer Ian Davis. No further responses have been received.

The next step is to arrange a meeting for residents of riparian owners and flood victims.

#### **753/17 To receive update on the Christmas Lighting event**

Cllr Willcock gave the following update:

##### **Tables**

So far there are 16 tables fully booked with 4 other people who have said they are interested but have not yet booked. + 1 possible from telephone enquiry to Chairman.

##### **Outdoor PA System**

I reported after the event last year that I had a number of complaints with regard to not being able to hear at the actual lighting of the tree lights. I have received a quote from EES Show hire for the hire of one of their systems. The Chair said he may be able to loan a speaker and

microphone free of charge. He asked that further quotes to be obtained prior to consideration to hiring equipment.

**Publicity**

I intend to produce posters at a cost of about £20 plus insert articles in the Retford Times, use the Clarborough & Welham face book page and the Retford Facebook pat

**754/17 To report any Highways/Rights of Way or service faults**

The Chair has reported the faulty gantry again and asked for the drains to be cleared.

**755/17 To receive any correspondence for information and future agenda items**

- Cllr Baines reported that the W.I Christmas Dinner will be on the 11<sup>th</sup> December which is advertised in the newsletter. The village hall is hiring the hall out free of charge for the event and the Village Ventures' are paying for the entertainment.
- Cllr Baines will arrange for 2 Remembrance Day wreaths
- The Chesterfield Canal Walking Festival 15<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 is taking place – the Parish Council will help with the promotion of the event and write to ask for further information.
- Information on the 100year events of the WW1 – the Clerk will circulate
- Grass cutting for the next agenda
- List of 2018 meeting dates for the next agenda

**756/17 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting**

The next parish Council meeting will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.