

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, 6th December, 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Also in attendance: District Councillor Kath Sutton; J. E. Salmon (Clerk); 9 members of the public.

Public Session (not part of the formal minutes): Items discussed included: Post Office closure - a mobile service as used at Wheatley would be requested; Website; Weather issues - contrary to a report in the local press, tractor drivers had not been charging for rescue; any money offered (understood to be around £60) had already been promised to be fed back into village funds before the press item appeared. Item concluded 7.20 pm.

98. Apologies for absence

B. Grice (circumstances described by Chairman).

99. Declarations of Interest

Village Hall: Mrs. V. Lilley;
Village Ventures: A. Hardie; A. Winfrow;
Holmes Groundcare: A. Winfrow

100. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 1st November, 2010 and minutes of Committee meetings

Upon a proposal by M. K. Collins which was seconded by Mrs. V. Lilley, the Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 1st November, 2010, having been circulated, be accepted as a true and correct record. The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday, 1st November were also approved.

Upon a proposal by P. Gibson which was seconded by A. Winfrow, the minutes of the Road Safety Committee meeting held on Monday, 8th November, 2010, having been circulated, were accepted as a true and correct record.

The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

101. Reports of Meetings

Road Safety Committee - A. Winfrow reported. Vehicular traffic to West Burton had been monitored and was believed to have reduced by 50%; no further complaints had been received. Upon a proposal by M. K. Collins which was seconded by A. Winfrow, it was agreed to write to the County Council (Highways) in relation to (a) 20mph school zone (b) moving the 30mph limit further up Clarborough Hill (c) Little Gringley Lane signage and 30mph limit and (d) the outstanding issues re encroachment onto Little Gringley Lane After having regard to Road Safety issues, members agreed to rescind minute 71 of the 4th October, 2010 and to relocate the bench 200yards towards Clarborough.

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NALC Meeting - The Clerk reported on planning issues which had been discussed, including the necessity for Planning and other Committee meetings to be convened in accordance with the statutory requirements.

102. Correspondence

A reply would be sent to S. Bradshaw in respect of access to the church.

A letter from Joan and Verdon Marshall was noted.

The Council noted various other items of correspondence.

103. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minute 79 - The Community Website was reported to be in hand.

Minute 85 - Little Lane - The Chairman indicated dissatisfaction with the work which the County Council had carried out. Details with photographs would be included in the intended letter, as would an indication that maintenance is their responsibility unless they can prove other ownership. A letter would also be sent to the MP.

Minute 86ii - It was agreed to contact Holmes Groundcare Maintenance seeking a reduction of 20% in their quotation for hedge/tree/bench work, with the latter to be moved 200 yards (location to be agreed with the Chairman) as per minute 101 above and the tree on land not in the ownership of the parish being deleted from the quotation. The quotation for work on the notice boards would also be followed up.

Mrs. A. Codling was thanked for representing the Council at the Remembrance Sunday service.

Minute 88 - Post Office - a letter would be sent to Post Office Customer Care at Barnsley, asking whether it is intended to retain a post office in the village as elderly people in particular depend on it. A 5-day service would be requested.

Mrs. A. Codling reported that following the adverse weather, the refuse collection service would empty only green bins for the time being. Normal service was expected to resume from the 20th December.

104. Christmas Event

The event was to go ahead on Wednesday. Upon a proposal by A. Hardie with was seconded by A. Winfrow, payment of £25 to Windsor Fish for the Christmas tree was agreed. Village Ventures would be providing hot dogs and burgers. Arrangements for the switch-on, school involvement and Father Christmas were all in place.

Upon a proposal by A. Winfrow which was seconded by Mrs. L. S. Baines, it was agreed that the Chairman would utilise his allowance to send a Christmas Card/Letter of thanks/whisky to six people including Louis Cobb, Peter Harrison, John Goacher and Dan Bartle in recognition of work done within the village, particularly in respect of snow clearance.

Mrs. L. S. Baines reported that the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party may not go ahead on the planned date because of concerns about the weather. The WI would decide whether to postpone the event until the new year.

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105. Finance

Members considered a draft Budget for 2011-2012 and made various amendments, which would be incorporated into a final version for consideration at the January meeting.

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

	£
B. Robinson - Reimburse costs incurred re Christmas Event (1543)	53.25
Mrs. A. Codling - Reimburse authorised expenditure (Chairman's Allowance) (1544)	22.17
Help For Heroes - s. 137 donation from Chairman's Allowance, Min.89 (1545)	25.00
Mrs. A. Codling - Reimburse costs incurred re Christmas Event (1546)	56.52
Holmes Groundcare Maintenance - Various (1547)	1,239.38
Windsor Fish - Christmas Tree (1548)	25.00

Mrs. L. S. Baines referred to extra work which had been undertaken by the Clerk. Upon a proposal by P. Gibson which was seconded by Mrs. F. M. P. Robinson, payment of an additional £200 was approved.

106. Planning Applications and Determinations

One decision notice had been received from Bassetlaw District Council:

1/10/10/20L - Miss T. Bowmar & Mr. A. Daley, Yew Tree Farm, Main Street, Welham - internal partition walls and bathroom - Listed Building Consent granted

One application for a variation of conditions had been received:

1/10/10/25V - Clarborough Nurseries - Stables to be used for commercial purposes

107. Emergency Planning / Winter Strategy

A. Hardie gave an update. The Emergency Village Help Plan leaflets would be distributed in one week's time.

108. Highway and footpath issues

M. K. Collins referred to a dangerous footpath at the church. A. Hardie reported that the stile would be replaced by a kissing gate when the weather improves, and all the other kissing gates, currently with Holmes Groundcare Maintenance, would also be installed.

Mrs. V. Lilley reported that the dyke needed clearing. The Chairman agreed to deal with this issue.

109. Playing Field and Play Area

Risk Assessment - actions taken by the Chairman were noted. It was agreed to copy the report to SMP Playgrounds for rectification of appropriate items.

In respect of the NCC agreement for footpaths across the field, feedback was reported and members agreed that the agreement should be signed.

110. Notice Boards

Holmes Groundcare Maintenance had been asked to inspect the notice boards at Little Lane, Church Lane and Smeath Lane/Broad Gores and submit a quotation for refurbishment - see Minute 103iii above.

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111. Standing Orders

An update given on Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and the Risk Assessment. Final drafts of the first two items had been circulated and further work was needed on the risk assessment. The issues would be placed on the next agenda.

112. Date and time of next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meetings would be held on Mondays 17th January, 7th March, and 4th April, 2011 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.43 p.m.

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