

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, 5th December, 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Also in attendance: District Councillor Kath Sutton; Luke Brown (BDC); Natalie Cockrell (BDC); Steve Bolstridge (Police); D. Airey (PCSO); J. E. Salmon (Clerk); 11 members of the public.

Notes on public sessions (at the beginning of the meeting, and resumed from 8.04 to 8.24) (not part of the formal minutes): (a) Natalie Cockrell and Luke Brown of Bassetlaw District Council gave a presentation on housing site allocations. This agenda item was taken as an open session to allow public participation. (b) Greg Herdman referred to the need for better co-ordination by the authorities responsible for (i) ongoing flooding issues (ii) the planning issues discussed at (a) above and (iii) school capacity. (c) The possibility of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan and/or Village Design Statement was discussed. It was agreed that B. Grice would obtain further information, with a view to these matters going forward as a project for the newly-elected council in 2012. (d) Police report.

76. Apologies for absence

Nil.

77. Declarations of Interest

Wind Farm / Wheatley Energy Forum: B. Grice
Village Ventures: A. Hardie, A. Winfrow
Village Hall: Mrs. V. Lilley

78. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 7th November, 2011

Upon a proposal by M. K. Collins which was seconded by B. Grice, the Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 7th November, 2011, having been circulated, be accepted as a true and correct record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

79. Matters arising from the Minutes

Minute 64v - Two street lights on Chapel Close were still not on. It was understood that County Councillor Liz Yates was pursuing this matter.

Minute 65 - Fencing - an inaccurate press report had been corrected.

Minute 66 - A. Hardie was now the snow warden and appropriate equipment was expected on Thursday. He referred to the need for a grit bin for Bone Mill Lane. Mrs. L. S. Baines indicated

SIGNED.....CHAIRMAN

that the grit bin on Howbeck Lane was reported to have been located on private land. The Chairman undertook to take action upon receipt of a complaint

Minute 67 - Skateboard Project - a dog bin had been purchased and installed.

Minute 74i - Clarification as to the content of the intended letter to AI Housing was given. Resurfacing of the full width of the snickets between Pear Tree Close and the Village Hall car park and between Pear Tree Close and Gill Green Walk was sought, and the areas also needed disinfecting.

Minute 74ii - The letter to BDC Building Control re (a) Chapel Close signage (b) Little Gringley Lane sign at the Leverton Road end and (c) need for re-fixing of the Big Lane sign had not yet been sent.

80. Christmas Event, 7th December

The Christmas Tree was up and Holmes Groundcare Maintenance had installed the lights. The Chairman agreed to investigate a reported problem with the box at Welham.

Stalls could be set up from 4.00 pm. The children's lantern parade from the car park would take place at 5.45, with the tree lighting at 6.00 pm.

81. Reports of Meetings - Nil

82. Planning Applications and Determinations

Members discussed the feasibility of circulating the Development Framework Questionnaire, and agreed to go ahead if possible.

Two decision notices had been received from Bassetlaw District Council:

1/10/11/18 - Mr. M. Tomlinson - Dane Bank, Church Lane - Single-storey front and rear extensions and detached double garage - approved with standard conditions.

1/10/11/21 - Mr. M. Bell - Belton House, Church Lane - Change of use of domestic double garage to golf teaching facility - approved with conditions.

One new application had been received from Bassetlaw District Council:

1/10/11/24 - Freedom Group - Land off Howbeck Lane - Dismantle overhead line and replace with underground cable, install freestanding transformer. Members had no observations or objections.

83. Play Area / Fencing

It was noted that the annual inspection of the play areas by Digley Associates, for insurance / risk assessment purposes, had taken place on the 14th November; the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Mrs. Baines were in attendance. The Chairman reported that there was no legal requirement for a fence round the new play area, and a fence eight feet in height would be needed to keep footballs out. The dyke was perhaps more of a priority. Actions were agreed on the various items subsequently included in Digley's report. It was agreed not to replace the damaged trees. Several items had been brought forward from the previous year's report; the Chairman reported that

these were all 'low risk', not medium or high. It was agreed to send a copy of the risk assessment to SMP Playgrounds and to locate last year's comments.

Members made various comments about the play area fencing. A. Winfrow indicated that in the absence of a fence, he would not accept responsibility if an incident occurred. A. Hardie considered that the Parish Council had a duty of care to fence it. B. Grice and Mrs. A. Codling indicated that they were more concerned about the dyke than fencing the play area. Mrs. V. Lilley, supported by Mrs. F. M. P. Robinson, suggested that children should be supervised by a responsible adult. P. Gibson commented that some parents had expressed concern about children running off.

Members noted that Karen Tarburton of Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire had been unable to attend the meeting. Upon a proposal by Mrs. F. M. P. Robinson which was seconded by B. Grice, it was unanimously agreed to invite her to attend a future meeting.

84. Finance

The Clerk reported that the grant of £5,902.68 from Bassetlaw District Council in respect of the ball wall had been received (by cheque rather than by bank transfer as expected). Accordingly, the cheque had been released to Lightmain Company Ltd. as previously agreed.

The following payments were approved (cheque numbers in brackets):	£
Glasdon UK Ltd. - Dog Bin (1590)	317.49
Elite Signs Limited - 'No Ball Games' sign (1591)	22.80
Society of Local Council Clerks - 2012 Subscription (1592)	72.00
Digley Associates Limited - Annual inspection of play areas (1593)	96.00
P. Gibson - Reimbursement of expenses (1594)	52.38

The budget for 2012-2013 would be finalised at the January meeting. The Clerk reminded members that a decision on the notice boards had been deferred for consideration during the budget process. The main notice board and the one at Welham needed no attention. Discussion centred on replacement or removal of the ones at Smeath Lane and Little Lane. Upon a proposal by A. Winfrow which was seconded by B. Grice, it was agreed (with Mrs. L. S. Baines abstaining) that the damaged ones would be removed and comments from the public would be awaited.

(A. Winfrow left the meeting at 8.56 pm)

85. Correspondence

A letter had been received from Dr Julian White, Chair of the Clarborough Primary School Governing Body, regarding parking in Hillview Crescent. The Parish Council confirmed its previously-declared support in relation to the proposed footpath and parking issues. Dr White had asked whether the Parish Council could assist the governors to access sources of funding for the footpath; whilst members had no specific suggestions, the use of volunteers to hold down the cost of constructing the footpath was a possibility.

The Community Association had thanked the Parish Council for the contributions to the new floor and signage, and had raised an issue in relation to the driveway lighting which the Chairman had addressed.

SIGNED.....CHAIRMAN

A letters updating the position on the proposed wind farm was noted, as were letters from the Ombudsman and from Midlands Rural Housing.

The Council noted various other items of correspondence.

86. Highway and footpath issues

The Chairman had contacted the County Council in respect of the non-operational speed sign and the bridge sign.

Upon a proposal by A. Hardie which was seconded by Mrs. L. S. Baines, the purchase of a salt bin for Bone Mill Lane was agreed.

Thanks were extended to Andy Hardie and Dan Bartle for action taken after an accident.

87. Date and time of next meeting of the Parish Council

16th January, 2012 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.

(Future meetings 5th March, 2nd April, 14th May (Annual Meeting), all at 7.00 p.m.)

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.19 p.m.

SIGNED.....CHAIRMAN