

# 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, 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 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 and Mrs. F. M. P. Robinson.

Also in attendance: District Councillor Mrs. K. Sutton, D. Airey (PCSO), J. E. Salmon (Clerk), 8 members of the public.

Public Session (*not part of the formal minutes*): (a) The Vice-Chairman presented the Chairman with a diary; (b) PCSO's report; (c) Favourable comment re improvement at St. John's Drive; (d) Newsletter.

143. Apologies for absence

A. Winfrow

144. Declarations of Interest

Village Hall - Mrs. V. Lilley

IT Group - B. Grice

Seat - Mrs. L. S. Baines

145. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2010

Upon a proposal by B. Grice which was seconded by Mrs. A. Codling, the Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2010, having been circulated, be accepted as a true and correct record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

146. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minute 130i - Footpath near Canal - the problem would be included on the annual P3 survey form.

Minute 130ii - Access to Canal at the former Gate Inn - individual evidence forms are available in support of the Parish Council's application.

Minute 130iii - A member raised a query as to whether a previous minute should have been rescinded.

Minute 131i - Members discussed progress on P3. The survey forms had arrived earlier than usual and would be passed to A. Hardie.

Minute 131ii - Salting and Gritting policy - a letter had been sent to the County Council, District Council and AI Housing.

Minute 130vi - Little Gringley Lane (encroachment and weight limit) - the letter had been sent to the County Council. B. Grice had spoken to G. Albery and an inspection would be made.

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Minute 130viii - The improvements at St. John's Drive had been completed by the Parish Council's contractor. A letter relating to outstanding issues at Little Lane had been sent to the County Council.

Minute 130xii - Grant aid of £501 had been received from Bassetlaw District Council for benches at the play area.

147. Highway and footpath issues

M. K. Collins referred to a stile needing attention at the footpath that starts near Longholme Road. This item would be included in the imminent P3 survey. Other footpath issues were also reported.

Other issues reported by members of the public had already been actioned.

Signage improvements near the Hop Pole were reported to be in hand.

Mrs. L. S. Baines referred to an accident at Welham bridge in December following which misleading information was given to diverted drivers, as those attending the incident were unfamiliar with the area and were unclear which bridge was affected. A similar problem was reported to have occurred during adverse weather in January, when the location of 'Clarborough Hill' was apparently unknown.

A letter would be sent to the County Council regarding the gritting of Smeath Lane, which was currently excluded as it is not an A or B classified road. A request for clarification as to when the temporary restriction on gritting would end would be made. Leverton Hill would also be mentioned in the letter, being an important, albeit unclassified, main road which had already been identified by the County Council (and signed accordingly) as being subject to icing. In addition an issue at the North side of Howbeck Lane, where roots (within the boundary of a private property) were lifting the tarmac, would be included in the letter.

148. Grit Bins

The grit bins at Welham Corner and at the OAP Bungalows had been filled by the Chairman. The bin at Church Lane had not been filled as this was the responsibility of County Highways. Responsibility for the Village Hall bin was the Parish Council's. Risk assessment / winter strategy would be included on the September 2010 agenda. The Chairman would try to obtain grit from Travis Perkins for the Village Hall bin, to which would be attached a notice indicating 'for VH area only', within the available £100 budget. A shovel would also be obtained.

The revised budget and member list would be circulated by email.

149. Play Area fencing and signage

Proposals by the play area committee on fencing were reported. Within the committee there was a difference of opinion as to the position of the gate; upon a proposal by B. Grice which was seconded by Mrs. A. Codling, provision of a gate at the Pear Tree Close end near the intended picnic area was agreed, with seven members in favour and one against.

It was agreed that the fence between the football field and the play area would be removed, whilst noting concerns about possible dog fouling.

Three quotes had been received which, after suitable adjustments to amend to the new required length, would be approximately £4,170, £3,745 and £4,700. These figures would be further refined and additional quotes were could still be considered. The issue of fencing would be placed on a future agenda, together with signage, for which approximate quotes would be obtained by the Chairman.

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150. Play Area project

Mrs. A. Codling reported. SMP had been selected to undertake the scheme, on the basis of best value, good reputation etc., at a cost of £37,900 including clearing and site preparation, compared with the original estimate to WREN of £39,000. The WREN Contract would be signed in late February or early March. Six to eight weeks was the estimated delivery period. Approval was given with a start date of 4<sup>th</sup> May, and an opening date of 5<sup>th</sup> June. It was suggested that two children should perform the opening.

The Chairman noted that the berry trees needed replacing; A. Hardie would advise.

In relation to the small play area at Gill Green Walk, a letter to S. Bradshaw dated the 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2007 from D. Linley of Bassetlaw District Council was noted. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Mr. Linley, emphasising the run-down state of this area and requesting the Council to carry out the promised work. The situation at the main play area would be mentioned.

Members thanked Ann and Barrie Codling for all their efforts.

It was noted that the existing seat needs attention.

151. Finance

A request had been received from the Treasurer of the Clarborough & District Community Association for financial assistance towards the costs of loft insulation work (£1,000) and replacement of the softwood floor in the main hall (£6,000) in the village hall. The CDCA had indicated that they had around £3,500 which could be released for these projects without prejudicing their reserves. Members also had regard to a report that the CDCA was in the process of registering with Entrust, which would give them access to an additional source of external funding. It was accordingly agreed to defer until the next meeting a decision on releasing the sum of £250 included in the budget, pending clarification of the position in respect of Entrust registration.

A formal request from the IT Group for release of the budgeted £200 grant aid for the Newsletter had been received. Upon a proposal by A. Hardie which was seconded by Mrs. F. M. P. Robinson payment of the grant was approved unanimously.

The Chairman reported on complaints that he had lodged with BT.

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

	£
Clarborough & District Scouts - Litter Pick 28th January, 2010 (1499)	60.00
B. Grice - Reimbursement of seminar fees (1500)	40.00
P. Gibson - Reimbursement re Little Lane environmental work (1501)	431.54
Clarborough & Welham IT Group - Grant re Newsletter (1502)	200.00

152. Planning Applications and Determinations

There were no new applications.

Two decision notices had been received:

Application No. 1/10/09/18 from Mr. L. Wells for a granny annexe extension at Old Oak Cottage, Main Street had been approved by the District Council with conditions.

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Application No. 1/10/09/20 from Mr. Bociek to erect a conservatory for wheelchair storage at 5 Smeath Lane had been approved by the District Council with standard conditions.

At the applicant's request, members undertook an informal consideration of a plan in respect of Church View, Big Lane.

153. Reports of Committees and other meetings

B. Grice reported on a planning seminar attended by A. Winfrow and himself.

B. Grice gave an update on the proposed wind farm.

A. Hardie reported on the 'snow meeting' with B. Grice and A. Winfrow, which had also addressed flooding issues. The main concern is for frail and elderly people; contact numbers need publicising. Members also noted that an offer of sandbags by Bassetlaw District Council had not yet been taken up.

154. Correspondence

The Council noted various items of correspondence.

155. Notification of Agenda Items - Nil

156. Date and time of next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting would be held on Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. *Subsequent dates, as previously agreed: Mondays 26<sup>th</sup> April, 24<sup>th</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> September.*

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30 p.m.

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