

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, 17th January, 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: County Councillor Liz Yates; District Councillor Kath Sutton; J. E. Salmon (Clerk); Two police representatives (Dave Airey & Chris Glover); Six members of the public.

Public Session (not part of the formal minutes): B. Grice made a statement; Flooding issues - Liz Yates suggested that contact be made with Ian Davies; Issues re gritting and bollards on Little Gringley Lane - letters to be copied to Liz Yates; Post Office facility; Police report. Item concluded 7.20 pm.

113. Apologies for absence - Nil

114. Declarations of Interest

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

115. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 6th December, 2010

Upon a proposal by Mrs. A. Codling which was seconded by A. Winfrow, the Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 6th December, 2010, having been circulated, be accepted as a true and correct record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

116. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Minute 100ii - Road Safety Committee - an update in respect of lorry traffic was to be given later in the meeting.

Minute 101 - The intended letter to the County Council (Highways) had not yet been sent.

Minute 103ii - The intended letter to the County Council (Footpaths) and to the MP had not yet been sent.

Minute 103iii - A revised quote had been submitted by Holmes Groundcare Maintenance for hedge/tree/bench works - see 'Finance'.

Minute 103v - Post Office - A letter had gone to Post Office Customer Care at Barnsley; it would be followed up as necessary.

Minute 104 - Christmas Event - Thanks were extended to all concerned. The Senior Citizens' party had been rescheduled to the 7th February. Cards and gifts had been sent as previously discussed. There had been a delay in resolving issues with the Christmas lights at Welham, reported to have resulted from an issue with electricity supply. PAT testing on electrical installations was noted to be required.

Minute 107 - The 'Village Help' leaflets had largely been delivered.

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Minute 108 - The dyke had been cleared.

Minute 109i - A copy of the Risk Assessment had been sent to SMP Playgrounds on the 13th December requesting rectification works. No response had been received.

Minute 110 - A quotation had been submitted by Holmes Groundcare Maintenance for refurbishment of notice boards. Members would undertake further inspections before a decision was taken.

117. Flooding Issues

Upon a proposal by B. Grice which was seconded by Mrs. L. S. Baines, the Council agreed that a meeting - possibly part of the scheduled Parish Council meeting on the 7th March - be arranged via Kath Sutton between Parish Council representatives and Ian Davies. The view was expressed that the Parish Council needed to see the hydrological survey and details of any intended works e.g. rumoured diversion of the dyke.

118. Planning Applications and Determinations

Three decision notices had been received from Bassetlaw District Council:

1/10/10/23 - Mr. G. Spencer, 18 South View Drive - Erect Garden Shed - approved with standard conditions.

1/10/10/24 - Mr. & Mrs. L. Kirk, Holly Cottage, Little Gringley Lane, Welham - Retrospective application to amend position and reduce size of detached garage - approved unconditionally.

1/10/10/25V - Clarborough Nurseries - Stables to be used for commercial purposes - approved in relation to the existing dwelling for the benefit of the applicant only, and not to be used as a separate business.

Two new applications had been received in December and were now 'out of time' for comments:

1/10/10/27 - Mr. S. Potts, Plot 1, Wayside, Big Lane - New Bungalow.

1/10/10/28 - Mr. & Mrs. G. Evans, Foxfields, Leverton Road - Extensions

119. Highway and footpath issues

M. K. Collins reported a tree or bush obstructing the path on Clarborough Hill, and also a slippery path. A. Winfrow would inspect it and if necessary contact NCC Highways asking for it to be cut.

M. K. Collins reported seven trees down on the public footpath at Howbeck Lane. This appeared to be a P3 issue; A. Hardie would inspect the area and progress the issue.

Mrs. V. Lilley reported a tree issue at Gill Green. This appeared to be an A1 Housing issue; P. Gibson would progress this matter.

M. K. Collins raised issues following the A1 Housing site visit; urgent safety items had not been completed.

P. Gibson referred to issues re Throstle's Nest and Dunholme Villas. A resident had produced a land registry document said to show ownership.

Various letters were reported, three relating to the snow, one from the County Council in respect of Bone Mill Lane and one relating to Little Gringley Lane. The last-mentioned item would be referred to the

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County Council; this item led to a discussion re Speedwatch, which had not been taken up when previously suggested. The matter would be discussed with Dave Airey.

120. Playing Field and Play Area

Members again discussed whether there was a need for a fence between the play area and the football pitch, mainly to address a perceived risk to children from dog fouling. P. Gibson reported that he had carried out 28 inspections over a 4-month period and had noted no dog fouling. Mrs. V. Lilley, who inspects the area every Friday, also reported no dog fouling. A. Hardie suggested consulting the District and County Councils and also referred to the possibility of children running out of the play area. P. Gibson referred to the professionally-produced Risk Assessment which made no mention of the various hazards being suggested. A. Hardie proposed and A. Winfrow seconded the fencing of that one side, with a double gate. Three members (Mrs. L. S. Baines, A. Hardie and A. Winfrow) were in favour, five were against and one (Mrs. F. M. P. Robinson) abstained and accordingly the proposal was lost.

P. Gibson referred to a fencing issue at the small AI Housing play area. It was agreed to write, asking AI Housing to provide fencing including the front of the bungalows bordering 10-16 Gill Green Walk.

121. Finance

Upon a proposal by Mrs. L. S. Baines which was seconded by A. Hardie, it was agreed to accept the revised quotation in the sum of £355.25 + VAT from Holmes Groundcare Maintenance for hedge and tree work and reinstalling the bench.

The Council considered a final draft budget for 2011-2012 incorporating matters discussed at previous meetings. Members made various further amendments:

Office expenses (£250 2010-11, £260 2011-12) were increased to £300 in each year to allow for reimbursement of printing costs,

The budget for salt spreading / grit bins was increased from £500 to £1,000.

Miscellaneous donations were increased from £500 to £1,000 to permit appropriate recognition of the forthcoming royal wedding.

£240 would be included under litter bins to cover for the withdrawal of free skips.

A 'Poppy weekend' was already being organised at Welham, so no budgetary provision was required.

Upon a proposal by P. Gibson which was seconded by A. Hardie it was agreed that (a) the budget as now revised be approved; (b) a precept in the sum of £18,000 be issued in relation to the financial year 2011-2012; (c) it be noted that the projected balance at the 31st March, 2012 is £26,875.

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

	£
J. E. Salmon - Additional payment approved at Minute 105 (1549)	200.00
A. Hardie - Reimburse authorised expenditure (Chairman's Allowance) (1550)	78.94
Digley Associates Ltd. - Play Area inspection (1551)	105.75
Glasdon Manufacturing Ltd. - Grit Bin (1552)	196.46
Bennetts Building Contractors Ltd. - Snow Clearance (1553)	123.37
P. Gibson - Reimburse authorised expenditure (Chairman's Allowance) (1554)	14.99
Clarborough & Welham IT Group - Newsletter (1555)	100.00

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122. Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Upon a proposal by A. Winfrow which was seconded by M. K. Collins and agreed unanimously, the two documents were adopted.

123. Risk Assessment

Members considered the issues that had been identified during the drafting of the risk assessment. it was agreed (a) to write to the data protection registrar seeking further advice; (b) not to budget for the possibility of by-elections but to use reserves if necessary and (c) not to budget for costs arising out of receiving 'freedom of information' requests, but to use reserves if necessary.

Upon a proposal by A. Winfrow which was seconded by M. K. Collins and agreed unanimously, the Risk Assessment was approved.

124. Reports of Meetings

Road Safety - no further meeting had been held but further issues involving lorries have occurred. The situation was being monitored.

£60 which had been received by Dan Bartle following assistance given to road users on Clarborough Hill during the snowfall on 30th November was reported to have been donated to the Senior Citizens' Christmas party.

125. Correspondence

Attempts would be made to abate the flow of correspondence which was not required or read by members.

The Council noted various other items of correspondence.

126. Date and time of next Parish Council meeting

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.44 p.m.

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