

CLARBOROUGH AND WELHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Clarborough Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Monday, 14th May, 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

Present were: Councillors T. R. D. Heapy (Chairman), Mrs. L. S. Baines (for parts of the meeting), S. Bradshaw, J. W. Elwood, A. W. Goodall, D. P. Heathershaw, B. K. Hogg. and R. S. Kay.

Also in attendance: J. E. Salmon (Clerk); ten members of the public.

15. Election of Chairman

Upon a proposal by S. Bradshaw which was seconded by J. W. Elwood, the meeting unanimously agreed to elect T. R. D. Heapy as Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Chairman announced that the Standards Board had resolved to take no further action in respect of a complaint against the Vice-Chairman.

16. Election of Vice-Chairman

Upon a proposal by D. P. Heathershaw which was seconded by Mrs. L. S. Baines, the meeting unanimously agreed to elect S. Bradshaw as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

17. Apologies for absence

District Councillor Mrs. K. Sutton

18. Declarations of Interest

Mrs. L. S. Baines - Playing Field

19. Committees for 2007-2008

Upon a proposal by Mrs. L. S. Baines which was seconded by J. W. Elwood, the Parish Council resolved to appoint members to the following Committees: Playing Fields, Planning, Road Safety.

20. Membership of Committees

Upon a proposal by T. R. D. Heapy which was seconded by B. K. Hogg, the Parish Council resolved to appoint the following members, with the Chairman on all committees ex officio:

Playing Fields: Mrs. L. S. Baines, S. Bradshaw, A. W. Goodall, D. P. Heathershaw, A. Winfrow.

Planning: Mrs. L. S. Baines, S. Bradshaw, J. W. Elwood, R. S. Kay.

Road Safety: S. Bradshaw, B. Grice if agreeable, one other if agreeable, D. P. Heathershaw, R. S. Kay.

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21. Appointment of Representatives

Upon a proposal by J. W. Elwood which was seconded by S. Bradshaw, the Parish Council resolved to appoint the following members:

NALC Area Committee: Mrs. L. S. Baines, A. W. Goodall, T. R. D. Heapy, R. S. Kay, J. E. Salmon.

Footpaths Representatives: J. W. Elwood, A. W. Goodall, T. R. D. Heapy, R. S. Kay.

Village Hall Committee: No appointment made.

Rampton Hospital Community Forum: T. R. D. Heapy, R. S. Kay.

Snow Warden (address for contact by County Council): A. W. Goodall.

Neighbourhood Watch: Mrs. L. S. Baines, T. R. D. Heapy*, R. S. Kay. (*Contact for newsletters)

Clarborough & Welham IT Group: Next Agenda.

22. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 16th April, 2007

Upon a proposal by D. P. Heathershaw which was seconded by S. Bradshaw, the Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 16th April, 2007, having been circulated, be accepted as a true and correct record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

23. Report of Playing Fields Committee (LSB, SB)

The Chairman reported that the fencing had been completed. He had spoken to AI Housing about their area of responsibility. S. Bradshaw suggested that upon completion, the matter of dog fouling should be addressed more fully. The school would be providing footpaths for safe entry to the school. M. Baines was dealing with the play equipment repair (replacement of bolts on the slide.) Difficulties were still being encountered with regard to the emptying of the bottle bank by the District Council. A strongly-worded letter would be sent for the attention of Ian Roebuck indicating that if they cannot be emptied on a timely basis, they should be removed.

24. Report of Planning Committee (LSB, SB, RSK) - nil this month

25. Other Matters Arising from the Minutes

D. P. Heathershaw referred to painting jobs which need to be addressed, and also referred to discussions with the young people. They do not use our goalposts because of the lack of nets, and dog fouling is still an issue. It was suggested that the specific dog-owners involved should be challenged. A price was being obtained for five-a-side nets but this was considered no longer to be necessary, as the location was not the right one for where the young people congregate - they prefer the area near the village hall. Once vehicles have been excluded from the field, which was imminent, the ruts on the field can be addressed. The goalposts are being painted free of charge, and then nets can be provided. The field needs marking out, which could possibly be organised via our grass cutting contractor. It was no longer considered necessary to move the seat unless and until the Education Department need to do it at their own expense. A suggestion to erect an additional double floodlight was made; the planning approval situation would be checked. The post could also be used for CCTV (two cameras) and it was suggested that an existing monitor could be used. D. P. Heathershaw also asked whether, via the newsletter, people could be asked what they wanted doing in the village, including items for the young people, with easy means of contact including e-mail. It was agreed to accept a quotation from L. Cobb (£100 for two) for the

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installation of a notice board at the end of Little Lane, at a location to be agreed by a group of members.

26. Outstanding matters from previous meetings

A list had been circulated and members identified items to be updated - see also Minute 25 above. In relation to Minute 141i, 5th March, 2007, it was agreed that the Community Association would not be contacted. In relation to Minute 7i, 16th April, 2007, AI Housing had been contacted earlier in the day in relation to the fence.

27. Village Hall Driveway Gate

Some rectification work has been undertaken. The gates do not foul the road, but cars may have to stop on the road if the gates have opened outwards. There is still a need for someone to lock/unlock the gates, and various possibilities were discussed. D. P. Heathershaw suggested that the opening at 8.30 am could be done by the lollipop lady - but it was reported that she is unable to undertake the task - and closed by the After-Schools Club; the relevant keyholder for evening events in the hall would lock and unlock the gates. S. Bradshaw suggested placing an advertisement for a person to be paid to do it. Alternatively the matter could be raised via the newsletter. The latter suggestion was agreed. It was suggested that a meeting be held with the Village Hall Committee to discuss this and other relevant issues as mentioned earlier in the meeting.

28. Planning Applications and Determinations

Comments had been invited by the County Council on a planning application for the new school. The paperwork would be available in the office.

Three new applications had been received from Bassetlaw District Council. Members had no observations or objections:

- 1/10/07/9R - Mrs J. A. Scrivener, Conifers, Little Gringley Lane, Welham - Conservatory.
- 1/10/07/10 - Ms S. Watson, 31 Pear Tree Close - Extension.
- 1/10/07/12 - Dr. Cherrill, Tithes Farmhouse - Stables.

29. Reports of Meetings

Mrs. L. S. Baines referred to messages from Neighbourhood Watch re damage in the village and bogus water board workers. It was agreed to place the subject on the next agenda.

30. Road and Footpath Issues

D. P. Heathershaw referred to speeding issues in the village and asked about traffic calming measures.

31. Other Correspondence

A letter from the County Council indicated that detailed design proposals for the new school were proceeding; issues affecting Parish Council land would be discussed in detail in due course.

The Council noted various other items of correspondence/literature.

32. Finance

A report on bank balances had been circulated with the Agenda and was duly noted.

Upon a proposal by T. R. D. Heapy which was seconded by S. Bradshaw, the following payments were approved (cheque numbers in brackets)

	£
J. B. Buttrick - Installation of Kissing Gates (1351)	180.00
G. D. Horton - Grass Cutting, March and April (1352)	180.00
AGN Fencing Limited (1353)	1,588.31
R. S. Kay - reimburse cost of padlock for gate (1354)	5.65
G. Palfreyman - Beacon Rent 2006-2007 (1355)	5.00

The Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2007, which had been circulated, were approved unanimously. Members acknowledged their responsibility for the preparation of the statement of accounts and for the Council's internal controls, and confirmed, to the best of their knowledge and belief, compliance with items 1 to 8 of the statement of assurance contained within the Annual Return required to be submitted to the Audit Commission. The appropriate sections of the annual return (Statement of Accounts and Statement of Assurance) would be completed by the Chairman and Clerk.

33. Adoption of Model Code of Conduct

Statutory Instrument 1159: The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 came into force on the 3rd May, 2007. The Council agreed to defer consideration of its adoption until the next meeting, to allow time for members to familiarise themselves with the contents.

34. Date and time of next meeting

The next Parish Council meetings would be held on Mondays, 18th June and 23rd July, 2007 at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish Office.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.03 p.m.

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