

# 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, 7<sup>th</sup> November, 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. F. M. P. Robinson and A. Winfrow.

Also in attendance: County Councillor Liz Yates, District Councillor Kath Sutton. Jan Pauley (NCC), Ian Fielding (Malcolm Lane & Son Ltd.), Steve Bolstridge (Police) J. E. Salmon (Clerk); nine members of the public.

Notes on public session (not part of the formal minutes): (a) Greg Herdman raised several items: website costs to be subsumed within newsletter budget; advertising tree lighting in Retford Life; affordable housing site allocation consultation; insurance for Village Hall & IT Group (b) County issues - salting of the Smeath (c) flooding issues. Item concluded 7.29 p.m. Resumed 8.13 - 8.19 for PC Bolstridge who introduced himself and gave a report.

60. Signage (item taken prior to public session)

Jan Pauley of the County Council and Ian Fielding of Malcolm Lane & Son Ltd. demonstrated the proposed village signage, which was approved by members. Installation was expected early in the new year. Insurance cover at £2,500 per sign would be required.

61. Apologies for absence

Mrs. V. Lilley.

62. Declarations of Interest

Wheatley Energy Forum: B. Grice  
Village Ventures: A. Hardie, A. Winfrow

63. Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2011

Upon a proposal by A. Winfrow which was seconded by Mrs. A. Codling, the Council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2011, having been circulated, be accepted as a true and correct record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

64. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Chairman reported on actions taken since the last meeting.. He was dealing with the EDF donation, he had contacted John Bowler in respect of clearance of the dyke and he was pursuing the issue of the litter pick. He had checked the snickets but it was reported that they were in need of further attention from AI Housing; a letter would be sent.

SIGNED.....CHAIRMAN

Holmes Groundcare had agreed the dates for the Christmas lights, with installation on the 5<sup>th</sup> December and dismantling on the 7<sup>th</sup> January. The lights at Welham would be improved.

Lawsons had attended to the weeds on the new surface.

Minute 52ii - Access to churchyard - it was reported that two funding routes were being pursued with the County Council.

Minute 52iv - Mrs. L. S. Baines and Liz Yates reported on two street lights at Chapel Close being kept on for ambulances. Ongoing problems with the signage in that area were being addressed.

Minute 59 - The Vice Chairman would lay the wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

65. Fencing

Kath Sutton reported that the fencing at the Gill Green play area would be addressed.

Members discussed the possible reinstatement of a fence around the play area at the rear of the village hall, with the three members who had previously voted for reinstatement declaring themselves still to favour this course of action. The Chairman reported that quotations had been obtained for reinstatement. A check would be made to ascertain when Digleys were due to carry out the annual risk assessment. After further discussion, A. Hardie proposed and Mrs. F. M. P. Robinson seconded the obtaining of professional advice. Five members were in favour and three abstained.

66. Winter Service / Snow Warden (Minute 52iii)

During a wide-ranging discussion, A. Hardie reported that three tons of grit and five bins had been delivered to Goachers farm, and he agreed to act as snow warden.

At this point the meeting was suspended for a few minutes to enable for PC Bolstridge to speak.

67. Skateboard Project

Mrs. A. Codling reported on progress with the project. Upon a proposal by A. Winfrow which was seconded by Mrs. L. S. Baines it was agreed that a dog bin be purchased.

68. Queen's Diamond Jubilee

It was agreed that the beacon would be lit and that Village Ventures would progress this project.

69. Christmas Event, 7<sup>th</sup> December

The tree lighting would take place at 5.45 pm. A free tree was being provided by Edith Jackson, and a suitable acknowledgment would be made from the Chairman's Allowance. The tree would go up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Other matters were progressing as normal.

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Mrs. L. S. Baines referred to the list for the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party on the 12<sup>th</sup> December and also conveyed the thanks of the WI for the cheque.

70. Reports of Meetings

Planning Committee 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2011. - The meeting was inquorate but the two members present considered that the new applications (1/10/11/18 - Mr. M. Tomlinson - Dane Bank, Church Lane - Single-storey front and rear extensions and detached double garage and 1/10/11/21 - Mr. M. Bell - Belton House, Church Lane - Change of use of domestic double garage to golf teaching facility) did not warrant comments or objections.

Kath Sutton reported on the AI Housing village inspection.

71. Planning Applications and Determinations

No new applications or decision notices had been received from Bassetlaw District Council.

72. Finance

The following payments were approved (cheque numbers in brackets):	£
Holmes Groundcare Maintenance - Grass Cutting, July & August (1583)	372.00
Clarborough & Welham IT Group - Grant re Newsletter (1584)	200.00
Clarborough & District Community Association - Grant re new floor (£1,000) and signage (£142.80) (1585)	1,142.80
Mrs. F. M. P. Robinson - Mulled wine for Christmas event (1586)	49.00
Mrs. A. Codling - Estimated expenses of Christmas event (1587)	60.00
Lightmain Company Ltd. - Ball Wall (1588, not to be released until funding from Bassetlaw D. C. is received)	7,083.22
Poppy Appeal - Wreath & Donation (1589)	50.00

A first draft of the budget for 2012-2013 had been circulated.

73. Correspondence

It was agreed to reject the decision of the Ombudsman in relation to the complaint against BT, although this would make no difference to the outcome..

The Council noted various other items of correspondence.

74. Highway and footpath issues

A letter would be sent to AI Housing asking for an area to be surfaced.

Letters would also be sent re Chapel Close signage and the Little Gringley Lane sign (Leverton Road end). The Big Lane sign needs re-fixing.

The situation with access to the Canal would be followed up.

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The school signage in Church Lane needs removing.

In respect of the Low Bridge, it was reported that the signage is still ineffective, and the warning sign does not get switched off. Fernwoods lorries have been coming through but it was understood to be only a temporary arrangement.

75. Dates and times of future Parish Council meeting

5<sup>th</sup> December 2011, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2012, 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 14<sup>th</sup> May (Annual Meeting), all at 7.00 p.m.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.26 p.m.

SIGNED.....CHAIRMAN

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7-11-11 - Vice Chairman's Report**

### **Gill Green Walk Play area;**

**Phase one is almost finished. The whole of this part of the project has been funded by Bassetlaw District Council, including £7,500 for resurfacing, removing old Basketball posts etc and a £6,000 grant to pay for the ball wall, line markings and a rubbish bin.**

**Stored by BDC to be erected are three benches to form a seating area for teenagers. also 25 meters of fence panels to replace old fencing, to be done after removal of large dead tree at the canal side.**

**This part of the project has been achieved in six months !!!!**

**The ball wall is already being well used, so hopefully this may solve the problem of youngsters using the car park and village hall wall for Football practice.**

**Phase two- Application forms have been sent to WREN, along with letters of support, photographs of the site, plans etc.**

**The application is for £22,700 from WREN. £300 has already been donated from Cllr Liz Yates' personal fund, £150 to be donated from Cllr Kath Sutton's personal fund.**

**Application form sent in to Notts County Council for funding.**

**Meeting County Council officials & Liz Yates on Thursday, to look at the project.**

**Clarborough Youth Group are hoping to raise about £50 by having a Tombola stall at the Christmas event.**

**WREN will meet in January and again in March.**

**If we are fortunate enough to get the grant, we will know by the end of March.**

**The Parish Council has agreed to be the Third Party funder, to the amount of about £2,200, if the Grant is agreed.**

**Work would then hopefully start in May, and would include three pieces of skateboard equipment & tarmac surfacing.**

**Hopefully the Parish Council would be able to donate £2,500 out of next year's precept, if everything goes to plan, though there is no guarantee that WREN will approve the grant...**