

CLARBOROUGH AND WELHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held on 4th January 2016 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

413/16 Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr F Robinson, Cllr B Robinson, Cllr B Codling, Cllr P Willcock, Cllr George, Cllr Bowler and Cllr Baines

Others present: Mrs Davies (Clerk) PCSO Airey and members of the public

414/16 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Dean.

415/16 To receive any declarations of interest in any items on the agenda

No declaration of interest received.

416/16 Open session for members of the public to speak and to receive reports from PCSO Airey, County and District Councillors

County Councillor Liz Yates sent her apologies.

District Councillor Kath Sutton will be attending later in the meeting.

PCSO Airey gave his report for the beat area for December; it was noted that no crimes were reported over December period. PCSO Airey is now having to cover the Parishes of Ranby and Scrooby due to the cut backs of PCSOs.

The speed sign on Main Street was reported to be faulty.

417/16 To approve minutes of the meeting held 30th November 2015

Following spelling amendment of Cllr Bowler's name – minute 405/16, Cllr Willcock proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 30th November 2015 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr B Robinson and resolved by the Council.

418/16 To receive updates on actions from the meeting held 30th November 2015

397/15 Cllr Yates emailed to say that survey data from the speed limit survey on Howbeck Lane had been corrupted and another survey will be taking place.

398/15 The village hall refurbishment has been completed.

399/15 The Chair has arranged for the installation of the gate in the play area; there was a slight modification required to the fencing which the Chair has dealt with. The gate requires a yearly maintenance check.

403/15 The drive pillar has been made good and the new barrier to be fitted in the near future.

It was noted that now the drive has been widened; the issue of the street furniture on the right hand side obstructing the view of the driver's leaving the hall, is no longer an issue – with this in mind the Council doesn't need to continue with obtaining prices for their removal.

406/15 The cupboard for the office has been purchased

407/15 A donation was made to the local air ambulance from money raised at the Christmas event.

The Chair thanked everyone involved with the Christmas Event and the W.I Christmas dinner which went very well.

The Chair reported that carried out a safety risk assessment on the Christmas event before the event start, during and at the end. The only matter raised was to ensure the emergency exits are clear prior to the start of the event to prevent having to move the tables when they have been set up.

A letter has been sent to EDF regarding assistance with a speed sign for Welham.

419/16 To receive reports from other meetings

Cllr Codling gave a report on behalf of the Christmas Lighting and Fayre. The occasion was a success and very well supported. It started with the tree lighting and singing by the Clarborough school pupils followed by a Christmas message from County Councillor Liz Yates and then Father Christmas.

A total of £60 was collected; £45 received from the stalls and £15 from a collection box at the mulled wine hatch. This collection will go to the Lincs & Notts Air Ambulance as agreed previously.

Thank you was given to Mrs Codling who played an important role in the event organisation; Cllr Gibson for organising the Christmas tree, tree lights and the switch on; plus the Health & Safety checks. Not everyone realises the work Cllr Gibson puts in behind the scenes. Thank you to Cllrs Freda and Brian Robinson for arranging the mulled wine and soft drinks. And a big thank you to everyone who helped with the tables, chairs and anything else on the day.

Cllr Baines reported that 88 people were seated at the Christmas dinner and the event was very well received. The accounts will be ready to bring to the next Council meeting.

420/16 To receive play area inspection reports

Cllr Watkinson was not present but will report on the inspection at the next meeting.

421/16 To consider any planning applications, decision notices and planning correspondence

No applications received.

422/16 To receive Neighbourhood Plan update

Cllr Willcock gave the following report ...

Draft Plan

The Draft Plan has been finalized after a great deal of detailed work on design and formatting. The latter caused countless hours of extra work due to the size of the document. This also caused many problems in transmission between the different people involved.

There were some errors remaining in the document, almost all due to formatting problems, but printing had to take place due to deadlines, even with some errors of layout, not content.

Since Christmas these errors have been addressed and we now, hopefully, have a fully corrected document.

This is the document which is now on the Plan website. Due to file size restrictions the maps had to be removed and included in 2 additional documents.

Executive Summary and Consultation Questions Documents

These two documents were distributed to all households and businesses on 30 & 31 December 2015. A reminder document was also included for the various consultation dates.

All 3 of these documents appear on the Plan website.

Statutory Consultation

This started on 1 January 2016 and will be completed on 14 February 2016 at 10 pm, a period of 6 weeks (and 2 days).

The consultation Questions documents should be returned to the Spa Shop on Main Street, Clarborough.

Consultation Events

There are 4 consultation events to be held through the 6 weeks. These are deliberately set at different times of day and on different days to enable as many people as possible to attend if they wish.

The format is 'drop-in' not presentational to allow those attending to talk with members of the Steering Group. Free refreshments will be available at all meetings.

Publicity

In addition to the distributed leaflets there will be the usual roadside advertising and posters in a number of well use venues, eg Village Hall and pubs.

Printing

We are grateful for the hard work and help with the printing shown at our printers – Bassetlaw Print Department. Without their work in doing what we could not there would have been no Draft Plan document.

423/16 To consider village hall drive way modification costs

The Chair gave an overview of what is required regarding the modification to the drive. The widened area at the gate has been used as a parking area instead of its intended use; it was suggested to put white lines down the centre of the road to show it is for two way traffic.

The bends require moving to prevent cars are driving over the grass making a mess and allowing extra room for passing cars. The Chair will arrange for two more quotations.

424/16 To approve payments and receive financial update

The Clerk circulated copies of the current finances and budget information to date.

Cllr Codling proposed to approve the payments as listed; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.

425/16 To consider the 2016 budget and approval of the 2016 precept

The Clerk circulated the proposed 2016 budget which the Council discussed. Cllr Codling proposed to approve the 2016 budget of £23,005.00 and keep the precept level at £15,000; this was seconded by Cllr Bowler and resolved by the Council.

At this point District Cllr Sutton attended the meeting. Cllr Sutton commented on how well the Christmas events had been. The District Council is currently discussing the devolution issue at the moment.

426/16 To receive reports on Highways and Service issues

The Chair will report the ditches on Little Gringley Lane and the faulty speed sign next to Main Street.

Query over whether a flooding survey has been carried out by B.D.C; Cllr Sutton will contact B.D.C for information for the next meeting.

427/16 To receive items for information and future agendas

Village hall drive way widening

Cllr Willcock suggested a competition to design a Parish Council logo

428/16 Time and date of next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on the 22nd February 2016 at 7pm in the Clarborough & Welham Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.26pm.