

CLARBOROUGH AND WELHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th September 2015 at 7.00pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Baines, Cllr F Robsinson, Cllr B Robinson, Cllr P Willcock, Cllr Codling and Cllr Watkinson

Others Present: W Davies (Clerk), District Cllr Sutton, PCSO Airey and members of the public

357/15 To receive apologies for absence

No apologies received.

358/15 Co-option of new Councillors

It was approved to bring this agenda item forward.

The Chair introduced Mr Stephen George who in turn introduced himself to the Council. Mr George applied to the Council to be co-opted as a Councillor following a discussion with the Chair.

The Chair proposed to co-opt Mr George; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council. Mr George signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and the Clerk counter signed. Mr George then joined the meeting.

359/15 To receive any declarations of interest in any items on the agenda

No Declaration of Interests were received.

360/15 Open session for members of the public to speak and to receive reports from PCSO Airey, County and District councillors

Matters raised:

- 1) Highways propose to cut the hedge on Smeath Lane; they will also be contacting all landowners to co-ordinate their hedge cutting to facilitate safe traffic management.
- 2) Information regarding planning enforcement on Smeath Lane was passed on.
- 3) Cllr Sutton reported that £500 has been raised from the sale of her history book; the funds are to be split between the IT group and the parish council. The IT Group has set up a website to support the book.
- 4) PCSO Airey gave his police report for August and the Chair thanked him for attending.

361/15 To approve minutes of the meeting held 20th July 2015

An amendment was made to show that Cllr Watkinson declared an Interest on agenda item 9 and not Cllr Willcock. Following the amendment Cllr Codling proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 20th July 2015 were a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

362/15 To receive updates on actions from the meeting held 20th July 2015

340/15 Re the new gantry - Cllr Willcock will be meeting with the site Works Manager to discuss the safety implication of the adjacent 11kv cable on the North side, as th nearest cable is only 4.5m from the centre of the gantry column and approximately level with the proposed gantry crossbeam.

Western Power Distribution (WPD) has informed the Works Manager that there needs to be an exclusion zone of 3m which gives 1.5m clearance, therefore he has approached WPD to prove an cost estimate to divert the section of cables underground and undertake the works, but this may not be in place for the proposed date of 9th November for the gantry works, which may delay the scheme until after Christmas.

343/15:

- The new Welham sign will be installed in the near future.
- Quotations have been received for the soak away work on the village hall drive way – this work has now been carried out. Cllr Willcock met with Highways regarding the drain on Main Street; Highways have agreed to put a new drain in.
- The bench on Smeath Lane has been repaired.
- The new goal posts have been repaired, painted and new nets fitted.
- Absolute title deeds have now been received for the council owned land on Smeath Lane.
- The overgrown hedge on Chapel Close has been cut – Cllr Baines asked if it could be thinned as well.
- Discussions regarding the widening of the entrance to the village hall drive reported under minute 367/15
- The Chair has written an article on the youth consultation and street lighting consultation for the parish magazine.

350/15 – Cllr F Robinson enquired about a defibrillator for Welham. It was reported that enough money has now been raised to provide one for Welham.

363/15 To receive reports from other meetings

Cllr Codling gave a report from the village hall meeting. It was noted that the committee has been successful with their WREN application and have been awarded £14,000 out of the £17,156 applied for. The cost of renovations to the hall is estimated to be £19,166.

The Chair and Cllr Willcock attended the June Central Bassetlaw Forum and asked for volunteers to attend the meeting on the 17th September, Cllrs F & B Robinson will attend and represent the Parish Council.

364/15 To receive play area inspection reports and discuss BDC new dog control orders

The Chair has carried out the weekly routine play area inspections. The small play area gate isn't closing again and requires looking at; the Chair made adjustments and other options require looking into. The new goal nets have been fitted and the trees on the first bend on the driveway require trimming; the Chair will contact the owner.

Cllr Watkinson will do the play area inspections for the next month; the Chair will check the grit bins etc.

The Bassetlaw District Council's Public spaces Protection (Dog Control) Order 2015 came into force of the 1st September 2015 for a period of 3 years.

Schedule One – Keeping of dogs on lead applies to St John the Baptist's Churchyard.

Schedule Two – Dog Exclusion Areas applies to Children's playground to the rear of the village hall, Main Street, Clarborough and children's ball park, Smeath Lane, Clarborough.

It was agreed to pass this information on to the school and parish magazine and the Chair will look at signage on the website to put up on the sites.

365/15 To consider any planning applications, decision notices and planning correspondence

Application No: 15/01099/HSE

Location: Whitsunday Pie House, Welham Road

Proposal: Demolish existing garage and erect single storey side extension and conservatory

The Councillors considered the above application and had no objections.

Application No: 15/01130/FUL

Location: Land at Gill Green Walk, Clarborough

Proposal: Create 13 parking bays

The Councillors considered to above application and had no objections.

A letter was received from EDF Energy Renewables to say that they have withdrawn their interest in the proposed Maumhill wind farm project.

366/15 Proposal to look into a resident parking scheme for Hillview Cres

Cllr Watkinson has obtained information from Notts County Council on how the residents can apply for a resident parking scheme for Hillview Cres. It was agreed that the Council will send a letter of support for their application.

367/15 To receive any update on discussions regarding the widening of the entrance to the village hall drive

Cllr Willcock met with Mr Davis from Highways regarding the relocation of the existing street furniture at the entrance to Clarborough Village Hall. Based on the information provided to Highways; an estimated cost to relocate the illuminated road sign and post, bus stop pole and flag, lamp column and litter bin would be £2500.00. The BT pole would have to be dealt with by BT and not highways – Cllr Willcock rang BT and they require £200 just to turn up and look at the pole.

368/15 To receive Neighbourhood Plan update and consider the following proposal “*When the Land between the two ends of Broad Gores in Clarborough, currently owned by Bassetlaw District Council, is put forward for development by BDC then this Parish Council will formally request that the land not to be used for housing should be ‘gifted’ to this Parish Council for use as Leisure Land*”

Update from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Footpath/Cycleway Letters

In mid August letters from the Steering Group were sent out on our behalf by BDC. These concerned the possible construction of a cycleway from the villages to Retford. Unfortunately some of the letters went to landholders who should not have received them and some of those who should have did not receive them. The SG have apologized to those who we know have been affected. The SG were not allowed to send them ourselves as the addresses were considered to fall within data protection.

Bassetlaw District Council Land Leaflet

An 8 page leaflet was sent out in mid-August and three public meetings were held on:

Public Consultations

4 September – Presentation and Display – Village Hall, 7 pm: about 50 people attended with a number of questions. 2 BDC officers were present to answer technical questions.

9 September – Display – The Gate Inn 7 to 8.30 pm: about 20 people attended with a lot of discussion during the 1h30m session.

10 September – Display – The King’s Arms 12 noon to 1.30 pm: 15 people attended with a lot of discussion taking place.

Questionnaire

To date there have been 147 questionnaires counted but this is only an interim figure, 2 ½ times the number returned in September 2014.

The only figure counted for this meeting is housing – again not finalized

38 houses	Yes 85 No 53
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48 houses	Yes 58 No 81
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In both cases there were also some respondents who did not vote on this question.

Consideration of above proposal

After discussion, Cllr Willcock proposed to include the word in principal; Cllr Baines seconded and it was resolved by the council the following “*When the land between the two ends of Broad Gores in Clarborough, currently owned by Bassetlaw District Council, is put forward for development by BDC then this Parish Council in principal, will formally request that the land not to be used for housing should be ‘gifted’ to this Parish Council for use as Leisure Land*”.

369/15 To review and approve insurance renewal for 2015/16

The Clerk read through the insurance cover for the 2015/16 insurance cover for the Council, a request has been made to resubmit another renewal price to take into account the loss of the skate park and fencing.

The Chair proposed to accept the updated renewal fee and the three year cover; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.

370/15 To approve expenditure to refurbish Christmas tree electric box

Cllr Wilcock proposed to give a budget of £120 for the refurbish of the Christmas tree lighting box and action the Chair to arrange for the work; this was seconded by Cllr Codling and resolved by the Council.

371/15 To approve payments and receive financial update plus external audit conclusion

Cllr B Robinson proposed to approve the following payments; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the council.

- a) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance – July grass cutting £175.56 (1829)
- b) Clarborough & Welham IT Group Grant £500.00 (1830)
- c) Grant Thornton – External Audit £120.00 (1831)
- d) Inline Drainage solutions – Village hall drain £1244.82 (1832)
- e) Cheques 1833 + 1834 void
- f) FCC Recycling – Third party funding for Village Hall WREN application £1505.00 (1835)
- g) Avanti Steel Fabricators – goal post elbows £432.00 (1836)
- h) Came & Co Insurance review – £901.08 (1837)
- i) Clerk's August wage & expenses £196.61 (1838)
- j) B.D.C – N.Plan printing £304.52 (1839)
- k) Homes Groundcare Maintenance – August grass cutting £175.67 (1840)
- l) Clerk' September wage £187.79 (1841)
- m) Life Design – N.Plan exp £166.80 (1842)
- n) P Gibson – goal post and soak away expenses £78.15 (1843)
- o) P Willcock – N.Plan expenses £103.48 (1844)
- p) P Willcock – N.Plan expenses £72.00 (1845)

It was noted that the football is due to be marked up.

The Clerk read out the external auditor certificate and report for the financial year 2014/15

“On the basis of our renew of the annual return, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.”

372/15 To receive any updates from consultations discussed at the last meeting

Funding for fitness equipment – Cllr Willcock has not been able to contact Karen from RCAN regarding funding opportunities but will speak with youths.

An article regarding the consultations discussed at the previous meeting will be in the next parish magazine.

373/15 To receive reports on Highways and Service issues

The interactive sign on Smeath Lane has been removed.

The Chair is meeting with the supplier of the new Welham sign regarding its installation.

374/15 To receive items for information and future agendas

Information received:

- The Christmas light switch on will be on 2nd December at 5.45pm
- The senior citizens party will be held on 14th December.
- Funding is available from the Goodwin Charity – notice on the notice board inside the village hall

Future agenda items:

- Ideas for the 2016/17 budget
- WI donation for senior citizens Christmas party
- Consider £200 fee payable to Open Reach
- Consider quotation for moving signage and poles at the entrance to the village hall drive

375/15 Time and date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 19th October 2015 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.52pm.