

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council held at 7pm on Monday 20th February 2023 in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough, Retford.

Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Palfreman, Cllr Avery
Others: W Davies (Clerk), District Cllr Ben Sofflet, and members of the public

2284/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence
 Cllr Avery proposed to approve apologies received from Cllr Weingaertner and Cllr Baines; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

Cllr Willcock will be a few minutes late.

2285/23 To receive any Declaration of Interests in any item on the agenda
 No declarations received.

2286/23 To suspend the meeting for open session for members of the public to speak and to receive reports from the District & County Councillors, PCSO and CDCA
 The Chair suspended the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

The police report was previously circulated around the Councillors.

Mr Herdman – Chair of the C.D.C.A sent his apologies and forwarded his report which was circulated.

A resident asked if the District & County Council could assist with funding for a Clarborough & Welham bypass due to amount of construction and workers traffic that will come through the village to access the S.T.E.P fusion project at West Burton power station. District Cllr Sofflet will contact the Leader of the Council as he is heavily involved with the project.

At this point Cllr Willcock joined the meeting.

District Councillor Ben Sofflet reported that the District Council signed off on the budget; and confirmed that the Clarborough flood relief fund is still in their reserves.

The Chair asked Cllr Sofflet to push the legal people for them to produce a set of drawings suitable for the land register to accept.

2287/23 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 9th January 2023
 Cllr Willcock proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 9th January 2023 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

2288/23 Finances – to approve payments as listed and received the financial update as of 31st December 2022 and 31st January 2023
 The Clerk previously circulated copies of the finances and bank statements and budget figures for the Councillors to view.

Cllr Palfreman proposed to approve the payments as listed and approve the finances for 31st December 2022 and 31st January 2023; this was seconded by Cllr Avery and resolved by the Council.

- a) Wages £224.57 (SO)
- b) P Willcock – Parish Pasture expenses £65.99 (2318)
- c) National Association of Local Councils – subscription £246.28 (2319)
- d) P Gibson – Mileage, bin bags and Chair’s expenses £23.59 (2320)

At this point County Councillor Tracy Taylor joined the meeting.

Cllr Taylor gave her County report on the budget meeting – 4.84% made up of 2% adult services, 2.84% main tax base. No front line service cuts; but the Councillor’s discretionary grant fund has been reduced from £5k to £2k which is used to help community groups.

Cllr Taylor has received enquiries from residents about the road surface conditions between Welham Corner towards Retford – she has chased highways for feedback and also raised the issue again.

Cllr Willcock reported that he written personally to the Chair of the County Council to complain about the standard of the road conditions.

The Chair reported that the raised a fault with a grate that had tarmac around it and several pot holes have been repaired within a week of him reporting them.

Cllr Taylor then also commented on the history of the bypass which had decidedly been said no to bypass project.

At this point the Chair brought item 10 forward.

2289/23

To consider response to the Planning Authority regarding the refusal of Olive Tree Camping & Caravan Park application

Cllr Willcock read out the Parish Council’s draft letter to be sent to the Head of Regeneration regards to the above planning application 22/01515/FUL which was refused; and the previous application 20/00583/FUL.

Within the Parish Council’s letter of objection; it raised the issue of work already carried out by the owner in presumption of a positive outcome of the application, for example – a large hardstanding on which there are approximately 17 caravans already stored; the caravan site was surrounded by high hedge which form part of the farmed landscape character of the parish. With the proposed development already started, **all** of the mature western hedge boundary, consisting of hedging trees up to 6m tall has already been removed to provide access from the approved caravan site. This was a mature hedge, possibly several hundred years old, which is now lost. The gaps which existed on the southern boundary of the existing caravan site have not been filled as required.

This leaves an eyesore in the Parish, which is at odds with the farming landscape character of the location and the parish.

The Parish Council expects that the District Council will now enforce the ‘Notice of Decision which applies to 20/00583/FUL. It is hoped that large, mature hedging trees

be required to be planted to replace the destroyed mature hedge and so restore the destroyed habitat and landscape character more quickly.

Cllr Willcock was asked to make several amendments to the letter then recirculate it to the other councillors for their approval. Subject to no objection then the letter will be sent.

Cllr Willcock proposed to send the letter as above; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

2290/23 To receive updates on any actions from the previous meeting

2267/23 - The Chair reported the overgrown vegetation on Clarborough Hill but no work carried out as yet Little Lane – overgrown hedge no work carried out and the Chair has written to the owner.

Two street lights previously reported – no work carried out yet

2264/23 – Cllr Willcock reported that the Scouts have contacted him to see if there is anything they could help with on the Parish Pasture.

2291/23 To receive reports from any other meetings attended

The Chair attended the Allotment Association meeting and will discuss under the Parish Pasture item.

2292/23 To receive play area inspection reports

The Chair has carried out his two play area inspections.

- Two trees have come down in the dyke in the ball park area.
- Fly tipping is still happening in the ball park
- The grass verges in the village hall car park have been damaged by cars parking on them when it was muddy

At this point the Chair brought item 17 forward

2293/23 To receive updates on the Flood Prevention

Cllr Avery and Cllr Palfreman are looking to organise a working party to look at the wings planted besides the beck and mark those with no sign of life in mid-March and replant with new ones.

2294/23 To consider any planning applications as listed and note any planning correspondence

No applications received.

2295/23 To consider the price for the grass cutting on the Community Orchard and cutting back on the play area hedge

The Chair has obtained prices from the Grounds Maintenance contractor for extra grass cutting in two areas.

To cut back the hedge on the play park – one off for £300.00 including disposal of the cuttings. Cllr Willcock proposed to accept the price; this was seconded by Cllr Avery and resolved by the Council.

The cost for cutting the grass on the orchard area would be £55.00 per cut; this may be for twice a year. Cllr Avery will check on when the grass cutting will be required before further consideration; the cost can be used from the funding grant.

2296/23

To consider the King's Coronation event

The Chair asked the residents that organised the Christmas event if they were interested in getting involved; some ideas were mentioned but the Chair hasn't heard anything since.

The church is holding a pre coronation event on the 29th April – live music with pie and peas at 7pm in the church.

The WI is doing an afternoon tea on the weekend following the coronation.

2297/23

To consider the internal control document

Cllr Avery proposed to approve the internal control document; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

2298/23

To consider a date for the community litter pick

Subject to the equipment availability from the District Council; the date and time for the community litter pick will be 2nd April 10am to 11am – details will be put on social media.

2299/23

To receive any update on the Parish Pasture and consider any expenses

Cllr Willcock reported that the hedge has been cut; the new plaque has been purchased to replace two stolen previously. There are still some whips to plant as a hedge between the development and the pasture; 4 trees will be required to go in the Silver Birch woodland – 2 ornamental Birches, Crab Apple tree plus a White Berried Rowan tree.

At this point the Chair reported that he had been to an allotment meeting and gave a summary of the discussion that took place.

Some things that were discussed at the meeting is to update or change the plot holder's schedule. Several suggestions were put forward with no issues being raised by the Councillors – this to be formally approved at the next meeting.

2300/23

To receive any update on the Mayflower Community Orchard and consider any expenses

Cllr Avery had no updates.

2301/23

To report any Highways, rights of Way or Service Faults

- The bus stop bin has gone missing – the Chair has reported this to the District Council
- The public footpath on Shady Lane; 2 or 3 trees have fallen down onto the footpath. One tree is moveable but the others are too large and need Notts County Council to deal with them
- Big Lane – trees growing in the dyke; to report to the County Council again

2302/23**To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items**

- The Chair reported that there are dead trees in the parish council's wood at Gypsy Corner that need dealing with.

2303/23**Time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 3rd April 2023 at 7pm at the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough, Retford.