

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 25th July 2022 in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough

Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Willcock, Cllr Palfreman, Cllr Done and Cllr Avery

Others: W Davies (Clerk), District Cllr Ben Sofflet, County Cllr Tracey Taylor and members of the public

2185/22 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Weingaertner and Cllr Baines. Cllr Done proposed to approve the apologies; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

2186/22 To receive any Declaration of Interest in any items on the agenda

No Declaration of Interests received.

2187/22 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

Mr Herdman sent his apologies and submitted his CDCA village hall report which the Chair read out.

District Cllr Ben Sofflet gave his District Report.

Residents raised concerns over the expansion of the caravan park – Cllr Sofflet will chase up the information requested. The Parish Council will also put a letter of complaint in to the Planning Office regarding lack of information regarding the planning enforcement against the caravan park; Cllr Avery will draft a letter to send.

County Cllr Tracey Taylor gave her county Report.

2188/22 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 27th June 2022

Cllr Willcock proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 27th June 2022 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Done and resolved by the Council.

2189/22 Finances - to approve payments as listed and receive the financial update as of 30th June 2022

The Clerk previously circulated payments for approval, copies of the finances, budget bank statement as of 30th June 2022 for the Councillors to View.

Cllr Willcock proposed to approve the following payments and the finances as above; this was seconded by Cllr Avery and resolved by the Council.

- a) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance – 2 x June grass cuts £418.36 (2294)
- b) B.D.C – Printing of the Jubilee booklets (Kath Sutton) £250.00 (2293)
- c) Wages & PAYE – June £224.57 (SO)
- d) W Davies – Stamps £9.05 (2228)
- e) P Willcock – Parish Pasture and 5 year website expenses £204.39 (2296)
- f) P Gibson – Purchase of defibrillator pads, path cleaner and mileage £142.59 (2295)

- 2190/22 To receive updates on any actions from the previous meeting**
The Chair has purchased replacement defibrillator pads.
- 2191/22 To receive reports from any other meetings attended**
No other meetings attended.
- 2192/22 To receive play area inspection reports**
The Chair has carried out two inspections since the last meeting. No additional actions required.
- 2193/22 To consider any planning applications as listed and note any planning correspondence**
Application: 22/00814/FUL
Proposal: Agricultural store to service 6.4 acres of grassland and hedgerows
Location: Welham House, Main Street, Welham

Cllr Done proposed not to make any objections; this was seconded by Cllr Willcock and resolved by the Council.

It was noted that the Bassetlaw District Plan has been submitted.
- 2194/22 To receive update on the Parish Council website**
Cllr Willcock reported that he has been working on the website.
- 2195/22 To receive any update on the Parish Pasture and consider any expenses**
Cllr Willcock gave his Parish Pasture report as follows:

General – Due to the hot weather there has been little work done on the Pasture for the last month.

All the plants, both tree trees and wildflowers, are suffering from the heat but the hope is that these are now mature enough to survive the drought and heat.

Wild Oats – Disappointingly, the wild Oats are back, despite my efforts to ‘rogue out’ the offending plants. Thanks to Phil Gibson, there is still an attack on it but, as I put above, the weather is against that sort of energy usage!

Protection of the Parish Pasture – I have mentioned before that one reason for a review of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is to be able to write in the Parish Pasture as a Local Green Space. This would protect the status of the Pasture as open land in legal terms. The transfer document of the Parish Pasture from Bassetlaw District Council – which we do occasionally see (!!) – does set out the status of the land as not for future development. But things can change with time and personnel having differing priorities in the future!

My concern is to protect the Parish Pasture from future development in as many ways as is possible at this time. A NP review would be part of this.

However, the Clerk has told me of a system used by a number of local Parishes to protect

land in their ownership. This is the 'Fields in Trust' programme, which provides a legal cover which, as you will see below, can be used to protect all land in Parish Council ownership.

I would like to make some further enquiries and sort out the different forms of 'trust' along with the likely costs for the Parish Council. I would like to propose that the Parish Council follow this through in order that we can possibly, increase the protection for what, one day, will eventually be *our* Parish Pasture!

Cllr Willcock reported that the Fields In Trust response was that they would be pleased to protect the Council's four areas. Ownership and management remains with the Parish Council and the signing of a Deed of Dedication protects the spaces forever; they don't charge for the protection.

The costs to the Parish Council would be £3 for downloading the title documents, any legal advice taken regarding the deeds, installing of the commemorative plaques that are supplied and the registering the interest and restriction on the titles at the Land Registry (£80 for up to 3 titles).

The Chair asked the Councillors to read up on the Fields in Trust website and discuss this at a later date.

2196/22 To receive any update on the Mayflower Community Orchard and consider any expenses

Cllr Avery reported that the project needs to move on; there is work going on with the two information boards; the costs are more expensive to create them than anticipated. There are 20 trees and Cllr Avery is intending to plant some around November or February and March. It was noted that people are visiting the orchard area.

2197/22 To receive updates on the Flood Prevention

Cllr Avery reported that there wasn't anything further to report on the engineer scheme.

2198/22 To report any Highways, Rights of Way or Service Faults

Items to note

- An area on Big Lane requires cutting; the Chair suggested putting this on the next agenda for the next meeting. The Chair will ask the grounds maintenance contractor for a price
- Going down Big Lane, all the growth in or around the ditch are tree saplings – The Chair has already reported this but nothing has happened as yet.
- The Chair has reported the footpath on Clarborough Hill is has narrowed due to vegetation
- The Chair has also requested that the District Council sweeps Howbeck Lane
- Cllr Done reported his concerns over the speed of vehicles overtaking on Leverton Hill near Little Gringley Lane

2199/22 To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items

No additional items received.

2200/22 Time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held 5th September 2022 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough