

CLARBOROUGH AND WELHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 26th June 2023 in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough

Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Moody, Cllr Baines, Cllr Palfreman, Cllr Willcock, Cllr Joyce
Others: Mrs Davies (Clerk) Mr Herdman (CDCA) District Cllr Fraser McFarland and members of the public

2348/23 To receive Declaration of Office forms
 Cllr Moody signed her Declaration of Office form; this was then countersigned by the Clerk.

2349/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence
 Apologies and reason was received from Cllr Avery. Cllr Willcock proposed to accept the apology and reason; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

2350/23 To receive any Declaration of Interest in any items on the agenda
 No Declaration of Interests received.

2351/23 To suspend the meeting for open session for members of the public to speak and to receive reports from the District & County Councillors and CDCA
 The Chair suspended the meeting to allow members of the public to speak.

A resident commented on the speeding traffic through Little Gringle Lane and informed the Council that some speed watch training will be taking place in Sutton-Cum-Lound at 10am on the 8th July if anyone would like to attend.

Mr Herdman, Chair of the Village Hall; gave his report on behalf of the C.D.C.A.

The newly elected District Councillor Fraser McFarland introduced himself and gave his District Council report. The contact details for Cllr McFarland are 07341 568602 or [email:fraser.mcfarland@cllr.bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:fraser.mcfarland@cllr.bassetlaw.gov.uk)

Cllr Willcock then gave an update for the members of the public regarding the letter sent to the District Council regarding planning enforcement on the Olive Tree Caravan and Camping Park. No response has been received and the council will chase this up on the 1st July if nothing is received meanwhile.

The Chair reconvened the Council meeting.

2352/23 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 15th May 2023
 Cllr Baines proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 15th May 2023 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Joyce and resolved by the Council.

2353/23 To receive updates on any actions from the previous meeting
 No updated required.

2354/23 To receive reports from any other meetings attended
 The Chair gave a brief update on issues raised at the Parish Forum meeting he attended. The minutes will be circulated when he receives them.

2355/23 To receive play area inspection reports and consider any expenses
 The Chair has carried out two play area inspections. The signage on the main gate requires renewing and the replacement cost will be approx. £80.00.

Cllr Joyce proposed to approve the purchase of a sign; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.

The village hall drive and car park had graffiti and broken glass on the car park; the Chair washed the graffiti and picked up the broken glass. There were signs of fly tipping which will be monitored. The hole in the play area fencing hedge was repaired.

Complaints from nearby residents have been received due to the noise from the people using the car park to play football.

2356/23 Finances - to approve payments as listed and receive finances for 31st May 2023

The Clerk previously circulated copies of the May finances, bank statement and budget figures for the Councillors to view.

Cllr Moody proposed to approve the above finances and the following payments; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

- 1 - Wages - £224.57 (SO)
- 2 - P Willcock – reimbursement of parish pasture expenses £242.58 (2334)
- 3 - Holme Ground Maintenance – grass cutting for May £418.36 (2335)
- 4 - Isle of Axholme and North Notts Water Level Management Board £3.22 (2336)
- 5 - P Willcock – reimbursement of parish pasture expenses £86.09 (2337)

2357/23 To consider purchase of new paediatric pads for the King Arms defibrillator

The Chair reported that the pads would be around £100 and currently out of stock.

Cllr Baines proposed to purchase the replacement defibrillator pads; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

2358/23 To consider reserves and future projects

Cllr Willcock suggested that instead of trying to build up funds for several projects at the same time; to merge the funding together and prioritise one project at a time. The priority project is the upgrade of the footpath through the Parish Pasture.

After discussion, Cllr Wilcock proposed to bring the footpath project forward and obtain** quotations for the work and liaise with the County Council; this was seconded by Cllr Joyce and resolved by the Council.

2259/23 To consider any planning applications as listed and note any planning correspondence

Application: 23/00514/FUL

Proposal: Erect agricultural store to service 6.4 acres of grassland and hedgerows
Location: Welham House, Main Street, Welham

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

Cllr Willcock passed on information regarding the Great Grid Upgrade which is from the North Humber to High Marnham Power Station, which is designed to bring in power from the varies north sea wind farms; plus other solar farms. It is proposed a new large transmission line to High Marnham which is to be a major energy transfer centre. A map was produced of the route corridor which is passes by Clarborough and North Leverton.

2360/23

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

Cllr Willcock's Parish Pasture Report:

Rope Barrier - A rope barrier round the western half of the Open Green Space was installed in early May to try to persuade those using the Pasture not to encroach on the Wildflower Meadow, or to allow their dogs to do so. There is still access to the Memorial Seat.

I had one resident complain even though I had spent some time explaining to him that it was to protect the wildflowers and birds, insects and mammals which may be in that area. Other people I have spoken to are very supportive of the idea.

Two permanent sign boards (A3 size) have been installed to explain why the rope barrier has been installed. They will be used to explain other activities being carried out throughout the year.

An entomologist (specialist in insects) has looked at the Pasture and has praised the number of insect species seen and the general ambiance of the Pasture for wildlife and plants.

Wildflowers - There will be a further two A1 size interpretation boards installed soon to explain and illustrate the wide variety of Wildflowers which are now in the Pasture. This is in excess of 25 species. I think we are duty bound to educate visitors to the Pasture as to what they are seeing. In a similar way, all our trees are labeled with common and Latin names.

Memorial Seat - The Memorial Seat has, at last, been painted but it does require a second coat, which it will receive in the next few weeks.

Allotment Sign - The new sign for the Allotments has been installed just outside the entrance to the Allotment area. This reflects the style of the other three signs. This completes all the signage for the different areas of the Parish Pasture.

Trees - A couple of new trees have been planted but the very high temperatures have prevented a further 20 new trees being planted on the eastern side of the Open Green Space. Planting has now been delayed until late Autumn. These have been moved into larger pots to allow their root systems to develop and will be fed and watered until the time is right to plant them.

Many of the green plastic tree guards have been removed and wooden stakes installed to support tree whips which were planted in 2018 & 2019 and are now 2 metres tall. Plastic tree ties are gradually being removed and replaced with Hessian.

One tree has been released from all support as its trunk is now large enough to fully support it. This is the first tree to mature to this point since planting began in the Autumn of 2018.

Owl Box - It is thought that there may be a second brood of Owls in the Owl Box. But please keep this quiet so that they are not disturbed by too much attention.

2361/23

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

The Chair reported the Cllr Avery has been working with a volunteer to trim all areas in the orchard and worked on the pathway. Other volunteers have been helping with watering of the trees; one tree isn't doing very well.

2362/23 To report any Highways, Rights of Way or Service Faults

- The Chair reported that our Notts County Council's Rights of Way Warden Graham Bowden has resigned; he did ring the Chair to let him know and that it may be many weeks before his replacement is in post. It was noted that some residents have complained about the state of the footpaths – Cllr Willcock will pass this on to the Rights of Way Manager
- The Chair has carried out two litter picks from Clarborough Hill and down to Welham Corner
- The Chair read out the response from Highways following the complaint regarding the junction on Little Gringley Lane and Leverton Road and how it was hard to safely pull out onto the junction. The Highways have been out to the site, inspected it and thought it looked alright. The Chair has written to County Councillor Tracey Taylor to also have a look at the area; she agreed with the Parish Council's view on the junction. It now appears that the hedge has recently been cut back but not enough
- Fly tipping has been taking place in the Dyke at Celery Meadows; someone has thrown carrier bags full of rubbish and also tins of paint. Fly Tipping near Bramble Cottage and Hill View Garage has also been reported. The response back from the District Council was that these areas are outside of their remit. The Chair then reported the dyke to the County council and no response has been received
- Cllr Baines reported that complaints are still being received regarding parked cars on Howbeck Lane; plus cars parking half on the pavements and people are not able to get past. The Chair is still trying to get in touch with the police that cover this area to discuss the above complaints
- Cllr Baines reported that the hedge on Chapel Close requires cutting and had reported this to the Housing Manager

2363/23 To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items

- Information has been received regarding the lighting of the beacon 6th June 2024

2364/23 Time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 31st July 2023 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Clarborough , Retford.