

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 31st July 2023 in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough

Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Willcock, Cllr Palfreman, Cllr Joyce, Cllr Avery, Cllr Baines
Others: Mrs Davies (Clerk), County Councillor Tracey Taylor and members of the public

2364/23 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Cllr Willcock proposed to approve the apologies and reason for absence from Cllr Moody; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

2365/23 To receive any Declaration of Interest in any items on the agenda

No Declaration of Interests received.

2366/23 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.

- The lady organising the Christmas tree lighting event ask if the 1st December 5pm to 7pm is okay; this was okay for the Parish Council subject to checking that the hall is available – to be put on the next agenda
- Mr Walker gave an update on the community speed watch open event at Sutton-Cum-Lound which he attended
- County Councillor Tracey Taylor gave her County report
- District Cllr Frazer Farland sent his apologies and his report for the Council – this was circulated
- Mr Herdman gave his C.D.C.A village hall and IT group report
- Residents also attended the meeting to discuss the Olive Tree Caravan and Camping Park on Main Street

The Chair reconvened the council meeting.

2367/23 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 26th June 2023

Cllr Baines proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 26th June 2023 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Joyce and resolved by the Council. The Chair duly signed the minutes.

2368/23 To receive updates on any actions from the previous meeting

- Ref 2351/23 – A speed Watch update was given during the public session
- Ref 2357/23 – The Chair has purchased the replacement defibrillator pads which expire in 2027
- Ref 2362/23 – Cars are still being parked on Howbeck Lane. The Chair has spoken with PSCO Lane regarding the cars, fly tipping and anti-social behaviour issues.
- The hedge on Chapel Close has been cut

2369/23 To receive reports from any other meetings attended

The Chair and Cllr Avery attending the West Burton S.T.E.P project presentation. Cllr Avery has circulated a copy of the minutes to the Councillors.

2370/23 To receive play area inspection reports and consider any expenses

The Chair has conducted one inspection this month.

- Signage on the small play area has been purchased and fitted.
- Fly tipping has been occurring in and around the litter bins in the field
- The Chair repaired the hole in the hedge; unfortunately, two more holes were made after this repair. The Chair repaired and used anti-climbing paint to prevent further vandalism

2371/23 Finances - to approve payments as listed and receive finances for 30th June 2023

The Clerk previously circulated the payments for approval and the financial report, budget, and bank statement for the Councillors to view.

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

- a) Wages - £224.57 (SO)
- b) P Gibson – reimbursement for mileage, defibrillator pads and signage £229.19 (2333)
- c) P Willcock – reimbursement of Parish Pasture expenses £9.99 (2338)
- d) B K Hogg & Son – Parish Pasture grass cutting £102.00 (2339)
- e) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance – June grass cut £209.18 (2341)

2372/23 To consider a monthly charge for the website

Cllr Willcock circulated copies of the draft website and went through the details of the current content.

The website provider Hugo Fox is now charging a monthly charge of £19.99 which would include a link to the District Council's planning applications, previously there was only one small annual fee. A discussion on whether the planning application link is worth the £19.99 fee took place.

The Chair suggested waiting till the website is completed and on-line and then revisit the need for the planning application link.

2373/23 To consider the D Day celebration Beacon Lighting in 2024

After discussion, Cllr Joyce proposed to register for the lighting of the beacon on the 6th June 2024 and then decide nearer the day if this is going ahead; Cllr Palfreman seconded this and was resolved by the Council.

2374/23 To approve an expression of interest for a Rural England Prosperity Fund application to cover funding towards the Parish Pasture footpath

Following on from the last meeting, Cllr Willcock has approached contractors for quotations for the footpath improvements across the Parish Pasture.

Since the last meeting, the Clerk has received information regarding the levelling up funding which is now available. Cllr Willcock has sent a submission of interest to the levelling up fund application for improvement to the following three sections of the footpath as below.

The main part with the notice board on the parish pasture towards where the grass is cut short is 125 metres. The land beyond there to link up across the cut grass which hard standing that is already there; this is another 50 metres. At the top end between Broad Gores and the beginning of the footpath is another 35 metres; this is not part of the Parish Pasture but part of the development land where the road would go.

Cllr Willcock has asked the contractors to quote for the three different sections. The work for the part across the Parish Pastures would be carried out to the County Council's standards. The part between the end of Broad Gores and the beginning of the Parish Pasture; we could use hardcore and flattening it down into the soil – a basic footpath with is useable for people with walking difficulties or using mobility scooters or push chairs. Then the whole path would be covered.

The Parish Council would have to supply match funding of a minimum of 10% of £1,700. Cllr Willcock will not hear anything further from the funders until 12th August when he will hear if we have been offered the next stage in the application.

Consideration of the quotations will not take place until the Parish Council knows the outcome of the submission of interest.

County Councillor Taylor reminded the Council that it could apply for her community fund.

2375/23 To receive update on the transfer of land

The Chair reported that the ID system used by the solicitors has not been working correctly for the councillors to access and submit their information. The solicitor has agreed that the Councillors can take their ID to her instead to speed things up for the land transfer.

2376/23 To consider any planning applications as listed and note any planning correspondence

Application: 23/00752/FUL

Proposal: Change of use of land with the construction of hardstanding for the storage of caravans (resubmission of 22/01515/FUL)
Location: Olive Tree Caravan and Camping Park, Main Street, Clarborough

Cllr Willcock proposed to make objections and to requested that the planning committee considers this application; this was seconded by Cllr Avery and resolved by the council.

Application: 23/00738/VOC

Proposal: Variation of condition two on P.A 22/00524/FUL to allow reposition of proposed bungalow replace drawing 2C with 10B
Location: Drive End, Little Gringley Lane, Welham

Cllr Palfreman proposed not to consider as no information of the changes on the planning website at the time; this was seconded by Cllr Baines and resolved by the Council.

Application: 23/00797/FUL

Proposal: Erect agricultural store to service 12.5 acres of grassland and hedgerows
Location: Welham House, Main Street, Welham

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

2377/23 To receive any update on the Parish Pasture and consider any expenses

Cllr Willcock reported that the eastern side of the footpath has had the grass cut.

2378/23 To receive any update on the Mayflower Community Orchard and consider any expenses

Cllr Avery reported that all the trees are still okay and will be planting some more whips over winter. A grass cut will help tidy up the area; Cllr Avery will contact Holmes Groundcare.

2379/23 To report any Highways, Rights of Way, or Service Faults

- The Chair reported that a hedge is now growing in the gully that runs the length of Big Lane; this has been reported several times over the last few months and nothing has been done. This interferes with the flow of water during heavy rain fall and also the contractors cannot cut the verge there as the overgrown hedge has grown over the highway
- The lamp post that was damaged some months ago has still not been dealt with
- The overgrown hedge opposite Church Lane is now hanging over the bench so it cannot be used – the Chair will have another look at this
- The gantry still has not had the chains adjusted
- The top of Howbeck Lane where it is a restricted Byway; the surface which is not tarmacked is deteriorating
- Cars parking at the end of Little Lane are blocking access to it and the grass cutting contractor could not access the Lane to cut the grass

2380/23 To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items

No items put forward for future agenda.

2381/23 Time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish council will be held on the 11th September 2023 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough, Retford.