

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 5th September in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough

Present: Cllr Gibson (Chair), Cllr Palfreman, Cllr Weingaertner, Cllr Done and Cllr Baines

Others: Mrs Davies (Clerk), Mr Herdman (CDCA) and members of the public

2201/22 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Apologies and reasons were received from Cllr Avery and Cllr Willcock. Cllr Palfreman proposed to accept the apologies and reasons; this was seconded by Cllr Weingaertner and resolved by the Council.

2202/22 To receive any Declaration of Interest in any items on the agenda

No declaration of interests received.

2203/22 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

Police reports are circulated when received.

Mr Herdman gave his CDCA report for the village hall.

2204/22 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 25th July 2022

Cllr Done proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 25th July 2022 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

2205/22 Finances - to approve payments as listed and receive the financial update as of 31st July 2022

The Clerk previously circulated copies of the bank statement, finances and budget as of 31st July 2022. Cllr Weingaertner proposed to accept the above finances and the payments as follows

Jones & Co – Parish Pasture transfer deeds £1877.00 (2297)
 Holmes Groundcare Maintenance – 1 July grass cut £209.18 (2298)
 Wages & PAYE – July & August 2 x £224.57 (SO)
 Holmes Ground Maintenance – 1 August grass cut £209.18 (2299)
 P Willcock – Parish Pasture expenses £72.11 (2300)
 P Gibson – Litter picking exps £18.29 (2301)

2206/22 To receive updates on any actions from the previous meeting

The Chair reported that following the last meeting when the parish council and members of the public discussed the activity carrying on at the car wash and caravan park. Cllr Avery offered to write a letter to the planning department and a response has now been received. The Chair and Cllr Done read out the response from the Head of Regeneration.

After discussion, a thank you letter to be sent and then see if there is any update received after the 22nd August as promised.

2195/22 – Cllrs still have to read the Fields In Trust website

2198/22 – The Chair is waiting for a response from the grass cutting contractor regarding extra work on Main Street and Big Lane

- BDC has swept Howbeck Lane and filled in some holes
- Following Cllr Done's concerns over the speeding of vehicles coming down Leverton Hill past Little Gringle Lane; he reported a serious accident on Leverton Road between a car and motorbike

At this point County Cllr Tracy Taylor joined the meeting during this agenda item and gave her County report.

2207/22 To receive reports from any other meetings attended

No other meetings attended.

2208/22 To receive play area inspection reports

The Chair reported that he has carried out two inspections since the last meeting. It was reported that some trees have been vandalised on the play area.

The Chair reported that N.A.L.C has asked if the Parish Council would be interested in having playground inspection training; if there are enough responses for other Parish Councils then training will be organised – the Chair is interested in the training – the Clerk will pass this on.

2209/22 To consider any planning applications as listed and note any planning correspondence

Street naming application: 22/00066/NEWDEVL

Proposal: New property name – The Old Garden

Location: Land read of Apple Tree Cottage

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

2210/22 To consider quotation for addition grass cutting on Big Lane

This item is deferred as the quotation has not yet been received.

2211/22 To approve purchase of Remembrance Wreaths

Cllr Baines proposed to purchase two Remembrance wreaths for the donation of £50.00; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

2212/22 To receive update on the Parish Council website

Cllr Willcock was not present but has previously reported that no further work has taken place.

2213/22 To review the insurance for 2022-23

The Clerk reported that at this point in time the insurance quote has not yet been received; the Clerk will email the Councillors when it is received.

2214/22 To approve meeting dates

The Chair went through the proposed dates for next year's meetings as follows:

9th January 2023
 20th February
 3rd April
 15th May (election year)
 26th June
 31st July
 11th September
 23rd October
 27th November
 8th January 2024

Cllr Weingaertner proposed to approve the above dates; this was seconded by Cllr Done and resolved by the Council.

2215/22 To receive any update on the Parish Pasture and consider any expenses

Pasture Grassland - In the next couple of weeks the western side of the main Pasture (ie between the path and the hedge) will be cut, baled and removed. The grass to the eastern side will be cut and left.

Owl Box - On 5 February 2020, with the help of a local Owl specialist, and three local farmers we obtained and erected a 20ft (6.5 m) pole and a few days later added a standard owl box to it. We were told it could be several years before any Owls showed any interest in it. In May of 2022 we had reports that Owls were showing an interest in the box. Several weeks later there were further reports of chick (Owlet) noises coming from the box. On 15 June our Owl expert returned to examine the box, found two owlets and they were both ringed. In early July both Owlets were seen perched outside the box and by the beginning of August the young owls left the box, as did the adults! We did not publicize any of this activity for worry that people might gather and disturb either the chicks or the adult Owls. So - the Pasture has now had another success!

Bats - I have said for some time that we wished to install Bat Boxes on the Pasture. I have now arranged for a Bat specialist from Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust to come to the Pasture to give us advice on the location of any boxes we do install. There are a number of Bats which fly over the Pasture and, presumably, feed there, as there are many moths etc. which live in the long grasses. We will follow the advice of the expert to encourage more Bats on the Pasture. It is possible that we will invest in a Bat Monitoring device so that we can identify the species of Bat we have over the Pasture.

2216/22 To receive any update on the Mayflower Community Orchard and consider any expenses

Cllr Avery was not present at the meeting to give a report.

2217/22 To receive updates on the Flood Prevention

Cllr Avery was not present at the meeting to give a report.

2218/22 To report any Highways, Rights of Way or Service Faults

- The Chair reported that the stile on Market Hill footpath has been removed because bikes are allowed to go down them.
- Cllr Baines reported the hedge has been cut
- Cllr Weingaertner reported that a dustbin lorry had run over a car on Church Lane
- The Chair reported that he has been litter picking and filled 12 bags with litter
- Three lights on Little Lane are not working
- The grass contractor noted water bubbling out of the grass; Anglian have carried out repairs
- There was another water leak at High View Garage

2219/22 To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items

- Christmas event
- Budget items

2220/22 Time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held 17th October 2022 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.