

Minutes of the Clarborough & Welham Parish Council meeting held at 7.00pm on Monday 17th October in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.

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

Others: Mrs Davies (Clerk), District Cllr Ben Sofflet and members of the public

2221/22 To receive and approve apologies for absence

Cllr Baines proposed to approve apologies and reasons from Cllr Baines; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

2222/22 To receive any Declaration of Interest in any items on the agenda

No Declaration of Interests received.

2223/22 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

The Chair suspended the meeting to hold the public session.

Mr Herdman sent his apologies on behalf of the Clarborough & District Community Association; however, he submitted his report which was circulated.

District Councillor Ben Sofflet gave his District report –

- It was noted that the new Leader of the District Council is Cllr James Nesh
- The S.T.E.P programme has been awarded to Bassetlaw on the West Burton power station site – this will bring a lot of money and employment to the area
- The willow trees on Gill Green have been reported for inspection as deemed not to be safe by a resident

At this point the Chair brought forward the agenda item regarding the Christmas event.

2224/22 To consider holding a Christmas event

Two representatives from the group that organised the Christmas event last year were present to report on what is happening this year.

Last year £250.00 was raised from the raffle; the money is to go towards a free Halloween film night on the 30th October for the children in the village. The Spa shop has donated refreshments for the evening. There is also an ongoing raffle in the Spa shop to try and raise some more funds.

On the 17th December there is also going to be a Christmas disco. The raffle money is going towards the cost of the DJ; the Spa Shop is again donating refreshments for the event.

Unfortunately, the cost to hire the hall for the above events will use up a lot of the money raised to hold the Christmas tree lighting event.

As the Christmas lighting event is in the name of the Parish Council; the insurance is covered, risk assessment will be carried out by the Chair and there is budget item to fund the event. The event will be held on 8th December 5pm to 8pm.

The Chair then reconvened the council meeting.

2225/22 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 5th September 2022

Cllr Done proposed to accept the minutes of the meeting held 5th September 2022 as a true record; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

2226/22 Finances - to approve payments as listed and receive the financial update as of 31st August and 30th September 2022

The Clerk previously circulated list of payments and copies of the 31st August and 20th September 2022 financial reports, bank statements and budget figures for the councillors to view.

Cllr Willcock proposed to approve the payments as listed and financial reports as above; this was seconded by Cllr Done and resolved by the Council.

- a) Wages & PAYE – September & October 2 x £224.57 (SO)
- b) B K Hogg & Son – carrying out work on the Parish Pasture £360.00 inc vat (2303)
- c) Holmes Groundcare Maintenance Ltd – September 1 x grass cut £209.18 (2305)
- d) C Done – reimbursement of QE II tribute flowers £25.00 (2304)
- e) CDCA - village hall annual grant £1,400.00 (2306)
- f) Parish Clerk – reimbursement of phone top up £10.00 (2307)

At this point County Cllr Tracey Taylor joined the meeting and gave her County report.

2227/22 To receive updates on any actions from the previous meeting

- The Chair has received the two Remembrance Wreaths

2228/22 To receive reports from any other meetings attended

The Chair briefly attended the Central Forum meeting – it was opened and then closed straight away due to the mourning period for the Queen.

2229/22 To receive play area inspection reports

The Chair has carried out two inspections in September which he reported on; items to note:

- One of the trees next in the play area has had its bark stripped off – this will now die
- Play area signage requires renewing
- Missing bolt on climbing wall; still secure and continue to monitor
- Dog fouling on Gill Green play area – this was collected during the inspection
- Slight damage to a seat on the Parish Pasture canal side
- Slight damage to one of the 5 memorial corpse tree guards

The Chair carried out the half year ancillary routine inspection – items to note:

- Welham corner bench has middle spar 20cm missing – no action required
- Main Street bus stop bench – middle spare damaged – no action required
- Howbeck Lane grit bin topped up
- Little Lane dog bin – lid rusted
- Village hall entrance brickwork required re-pointing – but on the budget list
- Slight damage to the village hall grit bin
- Gill Green grit bin ¾ full
- Gill Green area dog litter bin – hinge bent

It was noted that the village hall's entrance wall requires repointed at some time.

2230/22 To consider any planning applications as listed and note any planning correspondence

Application: 22/00814/FUL

Proposal: Erect agricultural store to service 6.4 acres of grassland and hedgerows (resubmission of P.A. 22/00814/FUL)

Location: Welham House, Main Street, Welham

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

Application: 22/01246/FUL

Proposal: Erect and install a 5kw wind turbine

Location: High View Cottage, Clarborough

After discussion, Cllr Done proposed not to make any objections but to make comments regarding concerns raised by the Councillors; this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

2231/22 To consider quotation for addition grass cutting on Big Lane

The Chair reported that the contract has cut the grass on Big Lane but at no extra charge as this point in time.

2232/22 To receive update on the Parish Council website

Cllr Willcock had no updates to report.

2233/22 To review the insurance for 2022-23

Cllr Baines proposed to approve the renewal of the insurance with Gallagher for 2022-23 at ££654.31 this was seconded by Cllr Palfreman and resolved by the Council.

Insurance cheque number (2302) @ £654.31.

2234/22 To consider any projects for 2023-24 budget

The Clerk asked if the council would like to think about including any additional projects for next year's budget. It was noted to continue to build the ear marked funds up which are already in place.

Cllr Baines reported on behalf of the WI Group that they are not able to hold the Senior Citizen's Christmas dinner this year due to not having enough members to do the work. However, they have booked the hall for 13th May next year to do something for the Senior citizens the week after the King's Coronation. Therefore, this year's £500 budget can be put forward to be put in the EMR for this event in next year's budget.

2235/22 To consider the review of the Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Willcock reported that apart from Cllr Avery; no one has shown an interest in being involved with the Neighbourhood Plan review. Therefore, Cllr Willcock suggested that the Parish Council considers what items are important e.g. – the Parish Pasture turned into a local green space, the District council's Green Gaps policy that separates Clarborough with Welham with green space and the Village Envelope.

If the Council can put some ideas forward; then Cllr Willcock will meet the Neighbourhood Plan Officers to see if only the important items can be worked on without having to go through the whole process again.

2236/22 To receive any update on the Parish Pasture and consider any expenses

Cllr Willcock reported that there is little to report except that the whole Pasture has been cut and the rest bales and removed. Cllr Willcock has started the preparation for painting the memorial seat.

The Council will receive more Woodland Trust tree whips at the beginning of November. Some are allocated to go on the eastern side of the Pasture, some are being offered to any householder in the parish who wants one; and some are to go on land in the Parish where there are no trees and the owner is happy to have some planted! If you wish to have a tree, please put your request in.

The Chair reported that the solicitors have sent him some revised maps for the Parish Pasture; the Chair and Cllr Willcock have signed and returned them.

2237/22 To receive any update on the Mayflower Community Orchard and consider any expenses

Cllr Avery submitted a report in his absence. The Orchard requires mowing; the tree protectors have been attacked by something; the trees have continued to be watered and survived the hot weather.

2238/22 To receive updates on the Flood Prevention

Cllr Avery was not present to give an update. County Cllr Tracey Taylor reported that she has spoken with the Flood engineer to see how he was progressing. Unfortunately, he cannot progress an engineered solution until he receives clarity from the District Council that they are still holding the funding for us for the work required.

2239/22 To report any Highways, Rights of Way or Service Fault

Items to note:

- Little Lane is overgrown
- The damaged BT manhole still has bollards around it for around 9 months – this is causing obstruction on the pavement
- The dyke on Big Lane is now overgrown with vegetation which will cause flooding – the Chair has already reported this to the County Council.

2240/22 To receive any correspondence or information for future agenda items

No items were put forward for the next agenda.

2241/22 Time and date of the next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 28th November 2022 at 7pm in the Clarborough Village Hall, Main Street, Clarborough.