

## GREAT & LITTLE WHELNETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes** of Parish Council meeting held at Community Centre on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

### **Present**

Chris Thomson            Chairman            Peter Royce

Christine Peck            Parish Clerk            Tim Webber

David Howes

Member of Public - Mrs Fletcher

### **In attendance -**

#### **1) Apologies for Absence**

Howard Singh (SALC meeting)

Rob Ireland (Work commitment)

#### **2) Public Question time**

Mrs Fletcher asked what the position was regarding the refurbishment of the notice board which has not been carried out. David confirmed that he had given instructions for this to be done and would chase the matter.

At this point Chris announced that he wished to resign as Chairman due to work commitments but David was prepared to take on the duty. Tim then proposed that Chris should remain as Vice Chairman. All agreed.

David then continued to chair the meeting.

#### **3) Police matters**

Not attending but reported that there had been two incidents in Raynsford Road when parked cars had been scratched on the passenger side.

There has been a spate of purse thefts in the area.

An increase in the number of burglaries in private dwellings

Speed boards have been deployed on 33 occasions

#### **4) Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014 and matters arising**

Minutes having been emailed to Councillors were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

#### **5) Members Declaration of Interest**

None present

## 6) Chairman's Report

Chris reported that he had received a lease on a 99 year basis at a peppercorn rent relating to the far end of the Railway Line but had returned same making amendments to the conditions.

VAS – there has been no further progress in relation to purchase of our own a sign.

## 7) Updates

- **Planning**

The Clerk reported that although we had raised an objection permission had been granted for the building of bungalow at 39 Raynsford Road.

Tom Keane Art & Antiques Sudbury Road Gt Whelnetham – change of use from Class A1 shops to C5 dwelling for first floor.

NO OBJECTION

- **Whelnetham School** - no report available

- **Transport**

Peter reported that he had received confirmation that remedial work to the A134 to Bury St Edmunds would commence June/July.

Peter was concerned at the prospect of increased traffic when the changes come into force at the school.

Also the proposed development to build a World War One army camp in Bells Lane would also increase traffic. Although this is in Hawstead parish of Bells Lane, traffic would still be using Stanningfield Road.

- **Housing** - no known further developments

- **Railway Walk**

There have been further complaints regarding the trampoline along the line. As this has not been claimed, it was decided it should now be removed. David to ask Tony to dispose of same.

## 8) Finance

Instant access account	£1,131.41	as per bank statement 50
Current account	£4,162.57	as per bank statement 53
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,293.98</b>	

Payment since last meeting

£450.00 Old Parsonage Garden Services

Payments to agree

Clerk's expenses - £58.97

HMRC PAYE £102.99

**9) Correspondence**

The Clerk had received a letter from Magpas asking if we would consider supporting their Charity. After discussion it was decided that any support should be given to local organisations.

**10) Risk Assessment**

This was reviewed and amendments as follows

Item 2 – Clerk to email cash book record to Chairman on monthly basis

Item 6 - David to arrange for check on structure of notice board

Item 7 – Chris now reporting on any developments

**Any other business**

Peter reported that fibre optic broadband should be available in Sicklesmere by June.

Tim enquired as to whether ownership had been found on piece of land opposite the Rushbrooke. Chris agreed to do Land Registry search.

It was agreed we should know exactly where our parish boundaries are located. It was therefore agreed we should mark details on an Ordnance survey map. Clerk to purchase.

Meeting ended at 8.30 pm

**Next meeting - Annual and Annual Parish Meetings 14th May 2014.**

**Signed Chairman .....**      **Date .....**

