

GREAT & LITTLE WHELNETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Annual meeting held at Community Centre on 14th May 2014.

Present

Chris Thomson - Vice Chairman

Peter Royce

Christine Peck Parish Clerk

Howard Singh

Member of Public - Mrs Fletcher

In attendance - Terry Clements Borough Councillor

1) Apologies for Absence David Howes

2) Election of Chairman

Although not attending, Chris stated that David Howes was prepared to stand as Chairman. This was unanimously agreed. However, David would prefer to relinquish the job of responsibility for the play area. Howard agreed to take this on.

3) Election of Vice Chairman

Chris stated that David had intimated that he should remain as Vice Chairman. Again, this was unanimously agreed.

4) Election of Planning Sub-Committee

David, Howard and Tim would remain, but in the absence of Rob being unable to attend meetings, it was decided not to include him again on this committee.

5) Election of Transport representative

Peter was prepared to continue

6) Minutes of Meeting held on 12th March 2014 and matters arising

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

Matters arising – Chris had carried out a Land Registry check and the land opposite the Rushbrooke Arms is in fact unregistered land, however there is a greenhouse sited on the land belonging to resident of 4 Hawstead Lane.

The Clerk has purchased an ordnance survey map in order to highlight the parish boundaries.

7) Declaration of interests

Howard is a member of the Community Centre Committee

8) Updates

- **Planning** - A Edwards, Homelea, Sudbury Road. Following our objection planning permission granted for continued use of detached dwelling for residential purposes, continued use of detached workshop and attached storage building for repair/refurbishment of second hand furniture.

However it has been noted that the selling aspect now appears to have been moved across the road to property of Oakland House. David has therefore requested the Clerk to inform Planning Department accordingly.

Mr & Mrs I Leggett - 23 St Thomas's Way – single storey extension and front porch.

- **Great Whelnetham School** - Terry reported that work with Lawshall school was still ongoing. He had ordered posts and barrier for the school area on 23rd November 2013 and these were still awaited.
- **Transport** - Peter reported SALC had issued an invite for Parish Councils to make comments for the SCC Scruting Committee on Highways arrangements. He duly made a report relating to the A134 road.
- **Housing** – no known development
- **Railway Walk** – Chris reported that the trampoline has now been removed and fallen trees dealt with. Also, with regards to the proposed lease on the far end of the Railway Line, SCC had wanted the Parish Council to maintain an area of tarmac which serves as a turning area for four properties. David and Chris considered this was not possible and therefore withdrew interest. Since that time SCC have offered to renegotiate but David still decided to forget the idea.

Chris also reported that David had agreed dates for a grass cutting schedule. Details were placed in the notice boards and on the website.

- **Speed Signs** SCC has now decided Parish Councils can purchase their own VAS. Chris has therefore submitted an application. The form is currently with Anthony Smith for assessment.

9) Finance	Current Account	£3,017.97
	Instant Access	£1,131.55
	Total	£4,149.52

Payment since last meeting -

Tony Gillam Notice board repair/removal of trampoline £360

Payments to agree -

Clerk's expenses - £50.77

SALC membership renewal £322

Community Action Suffolk membership renewal £30

Old Parsonage Garden Services £150

The Clerk pointed out that an allowance was not included in the budget for purchase of a VAS as in November last year when this was made we were under the impression it was not going to be possible to purchase same. However, Terry responded by saying he was hoping to assist from his budget.

The end of year accounts was circulated to Councillors and as there were no queries these were adopted and pages 1 and 2 of the annual report were duly completed and signed.

Chris went through the new Financial Regulations making amendments as required and these were then adopted.

10) Any other business None

The meeting ended at 8.50 pm

Next meeting - 9th July 2014.

Signed Chairman **Date**