

GREAT & LITTLE WHELNETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish meeting held at Whelnetham Community Centre on Wednesday 10th July 2013.

Present

Chris Thomson - Chairman
David Howes - Peter Royce Howard Singh
Christine Peck - Parish Clerk

Attending

Members of Public – Mr and Mrs Attwood – public question time only

Public Question Time

Mr and Mrs Attwood attended from 7.30 pm to express concerns regarding the proposed parking spaces within the Railway Line. Their concerns were discussed prior to the meeting starting at 8pm.

1. Apologies for Absence

Tim Webber Rob Ireland Mrs V Fletcher

2. Meeting held on May 8th 2013 and matters arising

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

Howard reported that as far as the notice board is concerned, according to the shop owner she has been provided with oil and treats the notice board as required. There was no knowledge of this agreement. David would speak to her to get more information.

3. Members Declaration of Interest

Howard Singh is a member of the Community Council Committee.

4. Police Matters

Although not attending, the Police reported there had been no crimes in either village since the last meeting.

New priorities which have been set for SNT are

- 1) ASB – pre-empting patrolling to cater for and to deal with ASB that might occur over the summer.
- 2) Speeding enforcement

5. Chairman's Report

Chris reported that it looked likely that Havebury would be submitting a planning application to rebuild Erskine Lodge, build affordable housing on the land adjoining and also 5 open market houses. This news was welcomed since the Council's own enquiries confirm that there is a need for affordable housing, particularly from young families with ties to the village. The site has been included as suitable in the latest version of Vision 2031.

Chris reported also that the Hambrook Close site remains listed in Vision 2031. There was considerable opposition to that site during earlier consultation on Vision 2031. The site was now designated for private housing only, with no affordable element. The Council felt that this did little for the village; increasing density but with no affordable housing for local families. Agreed we should respond to the Borough to express that view.

It was noted also that Vision 2031 suggests 1,250 houses off Sicklesmere Road and that the opportunity for a cycle path to Bury is being explored.

The speed sign had once again been removed and it would seem each time this disappears another accident occurs. Suffolk have asked for suggestions as to other locations where a sign could be located and the following were suggested –

- By school
- Approach to Community Centre from village
- Bend approaching village from Sudbury direction

Terry has made it clear that he would like to see permanent signs and suggests we contract Graham Newman, Portfolio Holder for Highways, to reiterate our views and proposal. Chris would do this, and if there is no contact within two months, we should then involve David Ruffley, MP. All agreed.

6. Updates

• Planning -

Mr and Mrs R Snelling 16 Raynsford Road Gt Whelnetham

Erection of single storey rear extension, demolition of existing conservatory.

NO OBJECTION FROM PC

Miss D Roberts Round House Bury Road Sicklesmere
Fell cherry tree in conservation area
NO OBJECTION FROM PC

Mr Farrow 4 Tutelina Road Gt Whelnetham
Erection of detached garage
NO OBJECTION FROM PC

Mr Collier Rose Cottage Bury Road Sicklesmere
Fell one leylandi tree
NO OBJECTION FROM PC

Mr and Mrs Gregory Hillcrest Station Hill Little Whelnetham
Erection of double garage and detached cart lodge
PERMISSION GRANTED

It was decided that as it was difficult for planning applications to be circulated within the time span allowed, when in future an application is received, the Clerk would inform Councillors on the planning panel who could then view these on the St Edmundsbury website. Any objections could then be emailed back to the Clerk.

- **Gt Whelnetham School -**

As suggested at the previous meeting the Clerk has written to SALC to enquire as to whether there was a National Guidance on school parking. Apparently there is not although highway rules apply and other than measurers already taken, they could not provide any further suggestions.

- **Transport -**

Peter reported that one vehicle in particular continually parks on the road outside School Cottages.

Buses appear to use the road at excessive speed

Children have been jumping off the banks directly into the road

- **Housing -**

Refer details under Chairman's report

- **Railway Walk -**

The Council discussed the points made by Mr and Mrs Attwood prior to the meeting, but agreed that it was appropriate to continue to move ahead to the next stage.

7. Correspondence

Chris had received communication from the gentleman who had previously been in touch stating that he came two weekends ago to view the Railway Walk and he would be prepared to come back and talk to us. Suggested this is done in the Autumn.

