

GREAT & LITTLE WHELNETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Community Centre on 11th November 2015

Present

Peter Royce Chairman Cliff Dive Vice-Chairman

Howard Singh David Howes Tim Webber June Attwood Steve Smith

Christine Peck Parish Clerk

Members of Public - Valerie Fletcher Toni Armstrong Mrs Balmer Mr Cartwright

Apologies for absence

Terry Clements

Police Report Not attending but reported that there had not been any incidents reported since the last meeting.

Sergeant Kevin Jay from the SNT team has now retired and has been replaced by Anna Whybro. Our dedicated PCSO is 3314 Rebecca McDaid

Public Question Time Both Mrs Balmer and Mr Cartwright expressed their concerns as to the condition of the Railway Line. Mr Cartwright stated that the Parish Council should reinstate the level of maintenance, the banks are unstable and the area is overrun with badger sets, deer and rabbits. Mrs Balmer emphasised how the flora had disappeared. David stated that previously this was up kept by a band of volunteer and since then the Parish Council have continually been up against funding costs. Whilst he was Chairman David stated he had endeavoured to get a group of volunteers together but there was a lack of response. A quotation from a professional company was obtained for £10,000 which was totally out of the means of the Parish Council. Also it was suggested the notice boards along the line should be replaced and some history of the line be introduced. David agreed to investigate costings. In summary Peter gave assurance that he had noted all comments and remarks and these would be discussed further by the Parish Councillors.

Minutes of meeting held on 9th September 2015 and matters arising

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

Member's declaration of office

Howard Singh is a member of SALC and Whelnetham Community Centre

Chairman's Report

Peter confirmed that there had been a good response to the public meeting held by Havebury Housing regarding the Erskine Development, both positive and negative feedback. He did state that he had researched previous correspondence and under RV20 this clearly indicated a development of 21 houses for Gt Whelnetham and which at the time the Parish Council were in agreement with.

Further developments are now awaited following the Sustainable Working Party meeting on 18th November and a planning application being submitted to St Edmundsbury.

Updates

- **Planning** – Mr A Thornton the Hall Little Whelnetham – erection of garage, car port for two cars, garden store incorporating basement store. AGREED
- **Whelnetham School** – No report available
- **Transport** – Peter has downloaded the latest data from the VAS from outside the Rushbrooke Arms which indicated in a three week period 100,000 vehicles

1 at 90 mph

5 at 80 mph

15 at 75 mph

38 at 70 mph

123 at 65 mph

200 at 60 mph

48,000 within correct speed

The street light opposite Grove Cottages has still not been installed although a three month time was put on the work for June. Although Peter and the Clerk have been in touch with Suffolk CC no date has been given as yet.

- **Housing** – See Chairman's report above
- **Railway Walk**. Refer above

Finance

Instant access account	£1,132.29
Current account	£7,282.94 as per bank statement 73
Total	£8,415.23

Payments to agree - Clerks expenses £25.26 (postage and ink cartridge)

The Clerk has received the application for Precept form which was briefly discussed. It was agreed that probably £500 would be required if the notice boards along the Railway Walk are replaced and funds would be required for the play area. I was agreed donations would not be made in the next financial year. The application will be finalised at the next meeting.

Correspondence None received

Any other business Pater reported that he had received a resignation letter from the Clerk indicating that she wished to terminate the position on 31st December 2015. He had spoken to Terry who would produce a list of Clerk's in the area who undertakes the position for more than

one parish to see if there is any interest. Tim mentioned that the Clerk to Hawstead PC resides in the village and wondered if she would be inserted. Peter to enquire.

The Clerk has obtained a further quotation for cutting the railway line from St Edmundsbury Borough Council for flail cutting on a monthly basis for £83.03 plus VAT. After discussion it was unanimously agreed to accept this quote. This means we will dispense with Toms services completely.

Steve mentioned the large puddle on the road at the Little Whelnetham/Bradfield junction. This is a matter for Suffolk Highways.

Tim reported that there is still a problem with overhanging trees outside St Thomas's Lodge. Clerk to report to Suffolk C C once again.

June reported narrowing of the path towards Bury opposite the Rushbrooke Arms. Again a matter for Suffolk CC. She would report.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Next meeting – 13th January 2016

Signed Chairman

Date