

## **DRAFT ONLY**

### **GREAT & LITTLE WHELNETHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of Parish Council Meeting held at Community Centre on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015

#### **Present**

Peter Royce Chairman

Howard Singh David Howes Christine Peck Parish Clerk

Members of Public - Valerie Fletcher Steve Smith Jim Armstrong Toni Armstrong

#### **Apologies for absence**

Cliff Dive Tim Webber Terry Clements

In the absence of Terry a copy of his August 2015 update was circularised

**Police Report** Not attending but reported that there had only been one incident since last meeting. Theft from motor vehicle overnight 20<sup>th</sup> August a van parked in Stanningfield Road was broken into and tools stolen.

Community speed watch teams have been active and over the last month have completed 19 checks resulting in 115 warning letters being sent.

Our dedicated PCSO is now 3314 Rebecca McDaid

#### **New Members**

Having previously expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council Steve Smith was duly co-opted to represent Little Whelnetham. Proposed by David Howes Seconded by Howard Singh.

Also Mrs June Atwood volunteered to join. She was also co-opted to represent Little Whelnetham. Proposed by Howard Singh Seconded by David Howes.

#### **Public Question Time**

Mrs Armstrong reported an incident of fly tipping by the Erskine Lodge site and had reported to St Edmundsbury although nothing appears to have been removed. Clerk would report again.

#### **Minutes of meeting held on 13th May 2015 and matters arising**

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

#### **Members declaration of office**

Howard Singh is a member of SALC and Whelnetham Community Centre

## Chairman's Report

Peter suggested that as well as displaying agenda in the notice boards, this should also be put on the website. Agreed.

The Chairman expressed concern at the continual speed of vehicles on the A134 and suggested that we seek to get two additional posts sited for the VAS. His suggestion was towards Sudbury by the Old Eagle car park and towards Bury by the old Overland site. Unanimously agreed. David stated that it was possible to obtain information from the VAS as to vehicle speeds, time etc. which could be used in evidence to substantiate our case.

Peter was concerned as to the condition of the brickwork of the bridge at the junction of Cocks Green Lane along the Railway Walk. However, as this had been the same for at least the last twenty years, it was agreed no action was required at this stage.

With regards to the old no cycling sign at the end of the Railway Walk, Peter pointed out that we may need to update this and add extra signs. However, after discussion it was decided to leave this alone.

Peter suggested the possibility of resurrecting the idea of planting a community orchard along the Railway Walk. However questions were raised as to who would oversee this and the area in question was in any event contaminated land. It was therefore agreed not to pursue this.

## Updates

- **Planning** – Mr & Mrs Maycock Nunns Glebe Parsonage Lane Little Whelnetham – Tree preservation weeping willow lift crown to 2.5 metres above ground level, ash and oak trees reduce in height.
- **Whelnetham School** – No report available
- **Transport** – A vehicle had left the A134 road and landed in hedge. David requested additional help in moving the VAS around. Peter and Steve agreed to help. Peter to make a rota as to locations and when.
- **Housing** – The Community Centre has been booked by Havebury Housing on 29<sup>th</sup> September between 1pm and 8 pm for a public meeting
- **Railway Walk.** Refer Chairman's report above

## Finance

Instant access account    £1,132.24

Current account            £7,999.00

**Total                        £9,131.24**

Payments to agree -        HMRC   £105.48 All agreed

**Correspondence** Suffolk County Council intends to make an order to close Friars Way Gt Whelnetham from 21<sup>st</sup> September to 29<sup>th</sup> September to enable BT duct installation.

Anglian Water Services will be carrying out work at the water recycling centre in the village to improve water quality from October 2015 to March 2016.

**Any other business** two quotations have been obtained for grass cutting of the various areas currently cut by Tom and it was agreed to accept the quotation from St Edmundsbury for next season. Furthermore it was suggested a quotation is obtained from St Edmundsbury for maintenance of the Railway Walk.

Peter suggested it might be an idea to set up a village plan. Howard would enquire with SALC as to the process needed to do this.

Carried forward from the previous meeting the question of a Village Sign. The queries raised were which village would this be erected in (Howard suggested opposite the shop as a central point) and what would the content relate to. David reminded that he did a survey at the time of being Chairman and only two responses were received stating this would be a good idea.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

**Next meeting – 11<sup>h</sup> November 2015**

Signed Chairman .....

Date .....