

GREAT & LITTLE WHELNETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Community Centre on 12th July 2017 at 7.30pm.

Present

Cllrs Peter Royce (Chairman) PR
June Attwood JA
Howard Singh HS
Stephen Smith SS
Clifford Dive CD
Tonie Armstrong TA
Tim Webber TW
Terry Clements Borough Councillor TC
Karen Soons County Councillor KS
Diane Everitt Parish Clerk DE
Others - 4 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Kath Parkin KP Head Teacher

2. Public Question time.

A member of the public raised the issue of flooding on St Thomas's Way, Raynsford Road by the garages due to blocked drains. The drains are on private land and as such is a private issue over which the Parish Council has no influence as previously explained to concerned residents. The information collected would be forwarded to the member of the public. Ownership of the land needs to be established and then a private arrangement made for clearing the drains to prevent future flooding.

Actions: PR to provide all the correspondence the Parish Council has on this matter to the member of public and contact details. Parish Council to write to Borough Council to try a facilitate a meeting.

It was highlight that the footpath along main road left hand side from Water Lane towards Sudbury opposite garage needs clearing. Suffolk County Council own footpath.

Action: Clerk to write to County Council

3. Chairman's Report – Peter Royce

Correspondence has been received from the owners of Crutched Friars on the A134 reference speed limits in this area. There are several areas more densely populated in the village that could benefit from reduced speed limits, warning signs. PR said that the area near the school should be getting warning signs to make drivers reduce speed. This should have some effect in bringing down speed. KS is looking to get a meeting with Keith Samson to look at other area's in the village.

Borough Councillor report – Terry Clements

The report is filed with the minutes, TC gave an update re the Borough Council merger with Forest Heath, also the 2031 Borough plans. He highlighted that under this the Fenton Farm development

was not due to be completed until a later date, also that with the Erskine Development this would mean Great Whelnetham has 2 significant developments in a short space of time. With reference to the Fenton Farm plans, there are already drainage and flooding issues in Hambrook Close.

4. Minutes of previous meeting dated 10th May 2017 to be agreed (any matters arising to be discussed during course of meeting)

Minutes from previous meeting agreed and signed by Chairman.

Proposed by Clifford Dive **Seconded by** June Attwood **agreed by all. All matters arising completed**

5. Declarations of interest.

Howard Singh member of SALC but no longer sits on Community Council, attends as a member only

6. Police Matters

Copies of the SNT newsletter handed out. This can be found on the Police website. A Police representative will be attending the September meeting.

7. Updates

7.1 Planning – DC/17/1037/HH Mr P Royce, 2 Grove Cottages, no concerns, PR declared an interest at a previous meeting reference this application and was excluded from the Parish Councils consultation, emails, on this application. DC/17/1295/HH Mr Barabas, The Coach House Little Whelnetham, no concerns. The Parish Council receives monthly updates re Erskine Lodge these are displayed around the village.

7.2 Gt Whelnetham School and Parking - KP Head Teacher not at meeting. Email update received. A nominated School Governor Rob Ireland has offered to have a separate committee to deal with parking and road issues so that KP can concentrate on moving the school forward. In the future, he could attend Parish meetings with KP for updates.

7.3 Railway line – The current rules to be observed by all users need to be updated as they go back to 1983. Councillors asked to email with thoughts of any updates

Action: Clerk to send out current rules to Councillors

7.4 Transport and VAS Speed signs – Batteries have been purchased for the VAS signs. Community Speed Watch is operated in some local Villages. The decision was taken by this Parish Council not to do this.

7.5 Lights Tutelina Road – Lights have been replaced around the Village. There is an issue with one light in Tutelina Road as this is now shining directing into one house. This light is to be replaced, but unfortunately this will not solve the problem of lighting around the garage area.

7.6 Proposal to avoid double election costs – Currently with NALC, and was raised at SALC AGM by HS on 14th November 2016. There is no update.

7.7 Playground report/fence, playground equipment replacement seats and maintenance – The latest Playground report has been circulated to all Councillors; there is nothing outstanding and it is minimal risk. It has been noted that the fence is in a poor state and the gates do not close properly. TA has a meeting with a company re sourcing additional adult equipment.

7.8 Improving Local Communities – TA distributed a demonstration sheet as to what is proposed to be delivered around houses in the villages. JA has offered to distribute in Little Whelnetham.

7.9 Membership update, co-option of additional Councillors – None

7.10 Battle Over Beacon – Discussion around options and what the Parish Council wanted. TA to get quotes for permanent structure of wood, with gas. A suggestion was made that a local veteran could be asked to light the Beacon.

8. Correspondence

Dial a Ride, the Voluntary Network- Discussed at last meeting, the service is available in this area. No donation to be made this year, but will display and publicise their services.

MAGPAS- To be considered at end of year

Suffolk Accident Rescue Service- To be considered at end of year

Seafarers – Reference flying the red ensign flag on Merchant Navy day 3rd September 2017

Action: Clerk to set up spreadsheet for charity/donation letters

9. For Consideration

9.1 Budgeting ideas for 18/19 – For Parish Councillors consideration.

9.2 Councillor training programme dates – Two possible dates identified 7th and 14th of October 2017. Consideration to be given to inviting other local councils to share the cost.

Action: Clerk to contact SALC and arrange.

9.3 Blocked drains Stanningfield Road – to be removed from agenda.

9.4 Campaign for Cycle Path from town to Sicklesmere – To be removed from the agenda.

10. Finance

10.1 Payments since last meeting and bank reconciliations- As attached on bi monthly accounts. Balances current account £17222.80 Instant Access account £1133.47 total in bank £18356.27 less cheques to be presented as below £2082.59.

Proposed JA Seconded SS

10.2 Payments for approval- Clerk £43.49 expenses, Westcotec Ltd £456.00, Community Assoc donation for curtains £1000.00, HMRC Revenue clerk's income tax £99.00, also St Edmundsbury Borough

Council Gardening services £158.40. Donations to both churches for maintenance of church yards, 2x £150.00. SALC clerks networking day and purchase of books £25.70.

Proposed JA seconded SS

10.3 Review of Financial Regulations and current Standing Orders – Copies of both given to all Councillors to be discussed at September meeting

10.4 Title Deeds storage – These are currently kept with different Solicitors, it was agreed unanimously to store all together at the same Solicitors in Bury.

11. Any other business

To be put on the agenda for next meeting under considerations possible crossing by the Post Office where the Buses stop also to extend the layby outside the Post Office.

Meeting finished 9.35pm

Next meeting 13th September 2017 at 7.30pm

Signed Chairman

Date