

GREAT & LITTLE WHELNETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Community Centre on 14th November 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present

Cllrs Peter Royce (Chairman) PR
 June Attwood JA
 Tonie Armstrong TA
 Howard Singh HS
 Tim Webber TW
 Diane Everitt Parish Clerk DE
 Karen Soons KS County Councillor
 Terry Clements TC Borough Councillor
 Others - 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Public Question Time.

A resident from Hambrook Close raised concerns about the condition of the road. The new Havebury development has only recently started but the road is deteriorating quickly. The issue was raised as to whether the developers would make good the damage to the road once the development is completed. The road is already adopted. County Councillor KS asked for the details to be forwarded to her. Chairman asked for copy to be sent to Clerk also.

3. Borough Council Report.

Chairman's report- PR thanked Councillors and the Community Centre for the success of the WW1 Beacon and Fireworks event held over Remembrance weekend 10/11 November. It has been suggested that the Beacon be dedicated as a Memorial. Hopefully the recent events held at the weekend will bring more support to the Community Centre. PR gave an update around parking at the school and the annual cutting off the verge by the school, also the possible change of heart over the 40mph buffer zone at the school, this has been feedback through the local MP. Speeding is still an issue through the village. Statistics show an increase in speed from the school back through the village between 8.30 and 9.00 in the mornings.

Borough Councillor's report- TC gave an update on the Council merger between St Edmundsbury and Forest Heath. The new West Suffolk Council will be in place by 31.3.18.

County Councillor's report- KS report attached with minutes and circulated to Councillors. Updates include budget and savings that need to be made. There were concerns from Councillors as to how the information from this report is made available to the public, and the short turn around for any surveys and information that is requested. KS said that some Parish Councils put her report on their websites and noticeboards. Another concern voiced was that Parish Councils do not have any powers. KS said that they do have power to put pressure on organisations such as County. KS also explained that her report needed to be quite general as it covered several villages and was an update of County Council information, not just the villages of Great and Little Whelnetham.

4. Minutes of previous extraordinary meeting held 18th October 2018 to be agreed, (any matters arising to be discussed during the meeting).

Minutes agreed **proposed TA seconded JA all in agreement.** No matters arising

5. Members declaration of interest.

HS member of SALC.

6. Police updates.

Neighbourhood Watch update, monthly figures have been sent to Councillors. There are concerns as to how the figures are reported and the categories, these can be misleading. Both NHW co-ordinator and Police to be invited to January meeting.

Action: DE to invite NHW Co-ordinator and Police to next Parish Council meeting

7. Updates.

7.1 Planning – DC/18/2208/HH Mr B Denny, Highfields Little Whelnetham Road Whelnetham, 2 bay cartlodge with workshop and studio with WC, no comments or objections. Contact with the planning department to be made as there are still queries over boundaries with the Erskine Lodge development. The Parish Council have not yet responded to this application.

Action: Clerk to email planning

7.2 Great Whelnetham School and Parking- Discussed in Chairman's report.

7.3 Railway walk update and maintenance- Trimming has taken place near power lines, this work is done regularly.

7.4 Transport and VAS signs- Spoken about in Chairman's report. Both now working and providing valuable data.

7.5 Playground report/playground equipment update- Most recent play area report shows moderate risk. On-going discussion about type of equipment and where to locate on the playing field.

7.6 Defibrillator update- Decision taken to locate at the Community Centre. Details of cost and types of Defibs to be sent to all Councillors for information and then for discussion at next meeting. Invitation to be sent to local paramedic to come to next Parish Council meeting in January. Both County and Borough Councillors have offered locality money towards the Defib. Carry forward to next meeting.

Action: DE to send Defib information out to Councillors and to invite local paramedic to next meeting

7.7 Battle Over 11.11.18 Beacon and proposed events update- Event a great success. Good attendance at the Sunday event, both in the hall and the lighting of the Beacon and fireworks.

7.8 Improving Local Communities- No update carried forward to next meeting.

7.9 Membership Update, co-option of additional Councillors- No update re prospective new Councillors. Request to be put on the website for new Councillors. Details have been forwarded from the Borough Council re local elections costs for next year's local elections, and we will again be charged twice. This has been taken up with the local MP and the Borough Council, as there is only one Parish Council and one voting place for both Villages.

8. Correspondence-

8.1 CGM Group details of Ground Maintenance.

9. For Consideration

9.1 Standing Orders 18/19 - Recommendations from SALC for changes to the Standing Orders re GDPR, discussed by Councillors, agreed to alter as recommended. Standing orders to be changed and sent to Councillors to be formally adopted at January 2019 meeting.

9.2 GDPR updates – Discussed at meeting. Clerk and Chairman to arrange to meet to set up and put in place recommended SALC procedures.

10. Finance.

10.1 Payments since last meeting and Bank Reconciliation- As attached on bi-monthly accounts statement, and cash book. Balances Current account £16212.57 Instant Access account £1134.24, total in the bank £17346.81 less cheques to be presented as below.

10.2 Payments for approval- Clerks Expenses £36.00, Website Subscription £19.19. **all in agreement**

10.3 To Approve bi monthly statement and cheques to be issued- statement approved **proposed** TA seconded JA all in agreement

11 Matters for consideration at the next meeting- None

Meeting finished 8.55pm

Next meeting 9th January 2019 at 7.30pm

Signed Chairman

Date