

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of Great Withingham Parish Council held at Great Withingham Village Hall on Monday 19 September 2016 at 7:50pm.

Present:-

Susie Rowles (In the Chair)

Herbie Burton

Pauline Brown

Alex Manson

David Sayer

David Beaumont

Sonya Blythe (clerk)

Members of the Public

Prior to the formal commencement of the meeting, the Chairman noted the sad passing of Roy Church and advised attendees of the details of his memorial service.

1676	<p>To receive apologies for absence.</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Jane Wisbey.</p>
1677	<p>To receive members' declarations of interests for meeting tonight.</p> <p>DB and DS both declared an interest as neighbours of Clayhall Farm.</p>
1678	<p>To approve the minutes of the last council meetings held on 16 May and 18 July 2016.</p> <p>The minutes of the planning meeting held on 16 May were approved and signed.</p> <p>The minutes of the council meeting held on 18 July were approved and signed.</p>
1679	<p>To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</p> <p>Item 1662 - DB asked for clarification regarding the vote to agree that the trustees should remain in post to 2020. He was advised that the vote was 4-3 in favour.</p>
1680	<p>To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation.</p> <p>Speeding within the parish was raised. The clerk had not yet received the data from the speed cameras so no progress had been made in contacting Highways. Speeding seemed to be on the increase and it was important to raise the issue more publically to raise support amongst parishioners.</p> <p>The issue was especially bad on The Street, compounded by cars parking on the road and narrowing it. A note would be added to the Wensum Diary reminding residents to use driveways and garages rather than the road, to prevent obstructions to emergency vehicles.</p> <p>The school would be contacted to suggest that moving the entrance gate may be a good idea to improve safety.</p>

1681	To consider requesting that the District Councillor starts the process to amend Broadland District Council's constitution, to allow an Independent investigation into the handling of complaints other from referral to the Ombudsman or self-investigation, if requested by the complainant.
1682	<p>DB explained the issues that parish council had experienced in asking Broadland to investigate complaints about itself in the past. This was a relevant issue as, if the waste transfer site was given planning permission, Broadland would have to manage the planning conditions.</p> <p>The proposal was seconded and agreed. The Clerk would forward to the district councillor to take forward.</p>
1683	<p>To Discuss the Playground</p> <p>SR suggested that the plans for the playground be displayed in the village hall for parishioners and school children to comment on. From this a plan of action could be established. This was agreed.</p> <p>AM agreed to discuss payment options with the Great Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity during the annual meeting.</p>
1684	<p>To discuss the war memorial</p> <p>HB reported that children had been seen climbing over the war memorial again. The Clerk would contact Broadland to ascertain who actually owns the memorial. The school would be approached to ask whether they would allow the police to attend an assembly to discuss respect.</p>
1685	<p>To discuss the village hall</p> <p>a) The Clerk reported that insuring around £30,000 of playground equipment each year would increase the insurance premium by approximately £110.40 + premium tax. The actual land in itself would be already covered under the public liability section of the insurance. A payment of £500 a year to the village hall towards maintenance had already been agreed at a previous meeting. Broadland Council would fund legal costs of up to £1000 for the transfer.</p> <p>After considering this information, it was agreed that the land be accepted from Broadland District Council. The legal process would commence.</p>
1686	<p>To consider the purchase of a village sign.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed to obtain a price for a double-sided village sign, to feature the Mill and the bridge, with swans. SR would provide pictures for the Clerk to obtain a quote.</p>
1687	<p>To Update on Environment Agency</p> <p>No update available.</p>
1688	<p>To Discuss NCC Highways Issues Affecting Parish</p> <p>a) SR reported that the NNDR joining the A47 had been the subject of the recent 7-Parishes Chairs' meeting. The red route had been agreed as the preferred route. Highways would be asked to attend a meeting to discuss options and impact.</p>

1689	To Consider any Outstanding Planning Applications or Planning Matters
a)	20161427 Foxwood Cottage – support.
b)	A response to the letter sent re Clayhall Farm in June would be chased.
c)	The clerk advised that, further to questions at a previous meeting, any complaints regarding rats at the overgrown garage should be passed to Tony Garland at Broadland Council.
d)	Regarding a query on the land on the corner of Porters Lane, the clerk would check whether this was a registered public right of way.
1690	To Discuss Finance Issues
	The following payments were agreed :-
a)	To agree payment of accounts:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk salary, tax and expenses (August and September) £372.17 (standing order for £177.86 paid monthly) (cheque for £91.48 for expenses). • Village Hall (Room hire) £20 • NALC (annual subs) £139.24 • Ladywell Accountancy (annual payroll) £40 • Broadland Council (annual dog in emptying) £166.92 • Norfolk PTS (training) £70
b)	The updated accounts were noted.
1691	To discuss correspondence received
a)	SR had made a complain to Jon Winnett from Norfolk County Council regarding cars being parked and sold in the layby in front of the shop, which prevented customers from parking nearby. He had taken three months to respond, and the response stated that no action could be taken as this only inconvenienced shop owners rather than being dangerous. It was agreed that this response was very disappointing and he would be contacted again.
1692	To Discuss Public Access Agreements and Public Rights of Way.
a)	No updates.
1693	To Raise any Other Matters (items for information only).
a)	Following an enquiry regarding recent noise, it was confirmed that the Queen of Hearts held a music licence.

Meeting closed at 20:40

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as
Monday 21 November, 7.30pm.

Signed:
Chairman