

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.45 p.m. at Gt. Witchingham School 26th April 2007

Present : Roy Church, Pauline Brown, Stephen Williams and Kevin Francis. Ron Cornell in the chair.
Clerk: Peter Dilloway, James Joyce (County Councillor and 23 members of the public:

- (1). Apologies: Bridget Wright and Simon Woodbridge (District Councillor).
- (2). Minutes of the meeting held 27/4/06 were agreed to be a true record proposed R. Church. seconded Mrs. P. Brown and signed as such by the chairman.
- (3). Matters Arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- (4). Chairman's Report: The Chairman's report had been circulated prior to the meeting but the Chairman read his report to those present. A copy is appended hereto.
- (5). Financial Report:
The clerk gave a brief report, but had circulated the unaudited figures for the council's perusal and made available to all present. As at the end of the last financial year the following bank balances were held to the credit of the Parish Council:

Planning Consultancy Fund	£8647.08
Current Account	£ 77.88
Business Premium Account	£ 622.77
High Interest Business Account	£1532.99
Total	£10880.72

Income for the last financial year totalled £9018.88 and expenditure £3323.00.

- (6). Great Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity:
The Chairman's and Treasurer's reports had been circulated prior to the meeting but were read out to all present and copies are appended hereto.

- (7). Clay Hall Farm

Roy Church outlined the current position. The Council and other objectors had successfully convinced both Breckland and Broadland District Councils to strongly object to the proposals. There are now some 2000 objections recorded by County.

Despite persistent lobbying County refuse point blank to take any kind of enforcement action. They do acknowledge that the work is outside of the extant permission and have some time ago informed Banhams that they continue to build 'at their own risk' a regulation 19 notice has been issued in respect of the application and Banhams are now required to provide further information on 51 points detailed in the notice. Similar questions have also been raised from the Pollution Control application made to Broadland. The amount of detailed information still required for this application far outstrips that required against the extant permission and must make its validity less sound.

The view of members is that further consultation is necessary and that County are unlikely to be in a position to make a definitive report to committee before July and possibly later.

representatives of the Council and objectors go to County tomorrow for a Planning Committee hearing the result of which is expected to be a site meeting.

David Sayer said that he now employed an Environmental Consultant who specialises in Rendering facilities specialist and was awaiting his report. One thing which had thus far been overlooked was the visual impact of the vast column of steam which would rise from the chimney throughout operating hours. Disposal of the large quantity of water produced by the process has yet to be accounted for.

- (7). Open Meeting.
 - (a). Brian Johnson said that the two buildings were not in accordance with the permission granted and therefore illegal and asked why the Council had done nothing to stop the works. The Chairman told him that no end of letters had been sent to both District and County Councils but neither was prepared to act and as a parish Council we have neither the authority nor the power to act. He also said that the work was not illegal, simply unauthorised. The work was not illegal unless permission was refused or no application was made within a specified period or an enforcement notice preventing further work was issued. Despite being similarly advised by other members of the public, Brian Johnson refuted the explanation and went on to add that he had little confidence in the actions of the Parish Council. This view was not shared elsewhere in the room.
 - (b). Tania Spelacy said that there had been a number of public meetings a high visibility protest, attendance at District Planning Committees. People from this and other Parishes had united with a common purpose. She observed that Mr. Johnson had not been present at any of these. A further protest will take place at a date yet to be specified.
 - (c). Stephen Williams asked why a stop notice couldn't be issued. Roy Church advised that it was a decision which only NCC could take but as yet are unwilling to so.
 - (d). A number of other questions were raised on the present situation but until the regulation 19 notice has been fulfilled answers are unlikely to be forthcoming.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm

Date and time of next meeting: to be confirmed

GREAT WITCHINGHAM ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
To be held at the Boardroom Lenwade House Hotel
22nd May 2008 at 7.30pm

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held 26th April 2007
- 3) Matters arising.
- 4) Chairman's report
- 5) Financial report
- 6) Gt. Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity
 - a. Chairman's report
 - b. Treasurer's report
- 7) Great Witchingham Memorial Hall – appointment of Trustees
- 8) Clay Hall Farm update
- 9) Open meeting