

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30 p.m. at Gt. Witchingham School Thursday 25th March 2010

Present : Roy Church, , Ron Cornell, Mark Pead, and Kevin Francis and Stephen Williams in the chair.

Clerk: Peter Dilloway, James Joyce (County Councillor) John Lemmon (Beat PCSO) & Colleague and 3 members of the public:

(1). Apologies: Pauline Brown.

(2). Minutes of the meeting held 26/3/09 were agreed to be a true record, proposed, seconded and duly signed as such by the chairman.

(3). Matters Arising:

- (i). The Reepham school bus is still collecting children from outside the Post Office rather than the official point. This continues to be a hazard. As neither the school nor the bus operator appear able to manage the problem it was suggested that consideration be given to the provision of a bus stop & shelter at the proper location. The Clerk will write to NCC requesting provision of same.

(4). Policing Matters. PCSO John Lemmon told the meeting that although there had been a spate of crimes recently a good number had resulted in prosecutions. In real terms the crime rate remains low. There is still a need for Home Watch co-ordinators. Helen Gribble volunteered her services as coordinator in her cluster. A note will go in the Wensum Diary to attract more volunteers.

Chairman's Report: The Chairman's report had been issued to all present at the meeting and a copy is appended.

(5). Financial Report:

The financial report had been issued to all present at the meeting and a copy is appended hereto as at 17th March 2010 the following bank balances were held to the credit of the Parish Council:

Planning Consultancy Fund	£4429.35
Current Account	£ 35.97
Business Premium Account	£3115.92
High Interest Business Account	£1591.33
Total	£9172.57

(6). Great Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity:

- (i). The Chairman's and Treasurer's reports had been issued to all present at the meeting and copies are appended hereto. At the time of producing the report, fishing income for 2010/11 was given as around £9K. By the time this meeting was held, that figure had risen to £16K and a total of £18K is anticipated.
- (ii). Election of Trustees: The following have put their names forward for election as trustees
Ron Cornell and Bridget Wright. Both were duly elected.

(7). Great Witchingham Village Hall: Report of Trustees.

No formal report was available but Chris Cate had asked that the meeting be informed that the Hall trustees were extremely disappointed by the response to the flyer circulated with the Wensum Diary. Of the 240 delivered only 11 responses were received and one of those was from the Chair of Trustees. A second flyer will be circulated door to door by hand and the importance of mass response made clear.

(8). Open Meeting.

- (i). Roy Church said that the Fuel Allotment Charity, like many other commercial fisheries had suffered otter predation. As the species is protected and are not subject to any form of management, predation will rapidly spiral out of control due to the unnatural abundance of food sources. Most fisheries locally are, or have invested in otter proof fencing. As a result there was no option other than to also erect an otter-proof fence. Not to do so would leave the lakes an easy target. It is estimated that phase 1 will cost around £12K and if insufficient an equally expensive phase 2 would have to be carried out also.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.00pm.

Date and time of next meeting: at the Great Witchingham School Thursday 24th March 2011 at 7.30pm

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AGENDA

- 1) Apologies.
- 2) Minutes of the meeting held 25th march 2010
- 3) Matters arising.
- 4) Policing Matters
- 5) Chairman's report
- 6) Financial report
- 7) Gt. Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity
 - a. Chairman's report
 - b. Treasurer's report
- 8) Great Witchingham Memorial Hall – Report of Trustees
- 9) Open meeting
- 10) Date & time of next meeting 22nd March 2012 at 7.30pm at Gt. Witchingham School.