

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.45 p.m. at the Memorial Hall 3rd August 2000

Present: Trevor Wright, Pam Thompson, Ron Cornell and Pauline Brown. Roy Church in the chair. Clerk: Peter Dilloway.

- (415). No Apologies were received.
- (416). Minutes of the meeting held 27/4/2000 were agreed to be a true record and signed as such by the chairman.
- (417). Matters Arising:
- (i). The footpath adjacent to Bridge Garage at the junction with Porters Lane remains unsatisfactory. The Clerk had again progressed the matter. The clerk was instructed to pursue the matter.
 - (ii). Repairs to the playing field fence are still awaited. The matter was discussed and Trevor Wright advised that he was awaiting the arrival of some wire fencing.
 - (iii). The Chairman had discussed the matter of reopening the footpath from the water meadow to Rabbit lane with the landowner who, at this time was unwilling to allow the path to be used again. The matter has been passed over to The Wensum Valley Project for their assistance.
- (418). Correspondence:
- (i). Some correspondence received had been circulated prior to the meeting.
 - (ii). Letter from The Citizens Advice Bureau requesting a donation. The Council voted to donate £10 to support the bureau.
 - (iii). Letters from NCC Planning & Transportation in response to our letters relating to The Street. No signs could be provided at the corner adjacent to the Memorial Hall. The Council agreed to send copy correspondence to the school.
 - (iv). Letter from BDC giving notice that they intend to adopt the local plan. The Parish Council had made representation to amend the village development envelope, as designated in the plan. The clerk was instructed to write and clarify whether our representation had been successful.
 - (v). Letters (2) From Norfolk & Norwich Health Care Trust. The first, advising, that they wished to name a ward after Lenwade. The second, advising that due to a shortage of unnamed wards, they were unlikely to do so.
- (419). Planning Applications:
- (i). Application to remove agricultural restriction at Walcis House for M. Rogers. The Council discussed the matter and resolved to agree with the planning policy currently relating to agricultural dwellings.
 - (ii). Refusal for replacement dwelling at Aisle Valley Farm.
 - (iii). Negotiations underway in respect of enforcement notice, Bridge Garage, Lenwade.
 - (iv). Warning letter in respect of enforcement notice, Gt. Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity. The Charity will make a retrospective application and it was agreed that the Parish Council would make the application on their behalf to reduce fees.
 - (v). Acknowledgement to complainant in respect of mobile home at Common Lane.
 - (vi). Whilst discussing Planning matters, several members had received complaints in respect of firework displays held late at night on three separate occasions. The clerk was instructed to write to BDC to clarify what constraints operate on these occasions.
- (420). Payments/Financial Matters:
- (i). R. Cornell expenses for repairs to War Memorial. £15.00
 - (ii). Clerk's expenses. To 31/7/00. £61.80
 - (iii). The Matters arising from the Audit commission report were discussed. The clerk reported that all the items brought to his attention had been implemented for the current year. The matter of determining the rate of pay and hours for the clerk will be deferred to the next meeting allowing the Councillors time to consider the relative papers. The clerk agreed to keep a timesheet so that a fair number of hours could be set.
 - (iv). Payment of 1st ½ year Grounds maintenance to NCS £178.60 (made 9/6) Decision ratified. As contract 30/12/00 (min. 389)
 - (v). Hire of Village hall 24/4/99 to 27/4/00 £38.50 (made 9/6) Decision ratified.
 - (vi). Payment of Local Council Insurance to Cornhill Ins. £264.65 (made 7/7). Decision ratified.
- (421). The Smell:
- (i). There have been a few complaints recently. Pam Thompson took the matter up with John Barber at BDC.
 - (ii). There has also been a smell reported in Common lane, which is not, attributed the duck farm. The clerk was instructed to write to BDC Environmental Health Dept and request that the matter be investigated.
- (422). Electronic speed restriction signs:
- (i). Norfolk County Council has now confirmed that subject to no objections being received to the Statutory Traffic Regulation Orders; the signs should be installed and operational by mid to late September.
- (423). Co-opt new Parish Councillor: Several people had been considered for the post and a decision will be made at the next meeting.
- (424). Any Other Business:
- (i). Following the resignation of Bridget Wright as a trustee of the fuel allotment charity the council unanimously accepted the proposal of Trevor Wright in her place.
 - (ii). The clerk was instructed to contact NCC with regard to the removal of excess vegetation around footpaths.
 - (iii). The clerk was requested to obtain a reply from The Bridge PH in respect of use of Parish land adjacent to the pub.
 - (iv). It was noted that Amberly Lodge is for sale and that the office building which does not have residential planning permission has been described as a cottage.
 - (v). Concern was expressed about the growing population of rabbits within the parish, particularly since parishioner's garden produce has become the staple diet of many of the rabbits. The clerk was requested to contact BDC with a view to curtailing the problem.
- (425). Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 26th October 2000. 7.45p.m.

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- (426) Apologies
- (427) Minutes of meeting 3/8/2000
- (428) Matters Arising
- (429) Correspondence:
 - most correspondence has been circulated prior to this meeting.
- (430) Planning Applications:
 - Erection of bungalow behind Foxhills, Common Lane
 - Refusal of permission for extension 38 The Street
- (431) Payments/Financial Matters)
 - Glass recycling payment of £59.73 rec'd
 - District Auditors account 1999/2000 £266.77
 - Norfolk County Services, Playing field maintenance ½ year £178.60
 - Clerk's Salary and expenses 2nd half (rate to be set for current year)
- (432) The smell.
- (433) Speed limits & Restriction Signs
- (434) Co-opt new Parish Councillor
- (435) Any other Business
- (436) Date & time of next meeting