

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.45 p.m. at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 12th October 2000

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

- (426). No Apologies were received.
- (427). Minutes of the meeting held 3/8/2000 were agreed to be a true record and signed as such by the chairman.
- (428). Matters Arising: None.
- (429). Correspondence:
- (i). Some correspondence received had been circulated prior to the meeting.
 - (ii). Letter to Mr. M.Bloom in reply of a request for assistance in obtaining a place for his daughter in G.W.V.A. School.
 - (iii). Letters to and from N.C.C. in respect of the position of the electronic speed signs at the Norwich end of the village.
 - (iv). Letter from BDC in reply to our query on conditions governing firework displays. There is no requirement for approval where a display is for pleasure rather than profit, that if advised in advance BDC will encourage the organisers to take a responsible attitude.
 - (v). Letters to and from BDC in respect of the rabbit population in the village. BDC do not provide a service to control the population unless it was to represent a health hazard.
 - (vi). Letter from BDC the siting of a caravan in Common Lane.
 - (vii). Letter to BDC requesting investigation of a smell of burning fat around Common Lane.
- (430). Planning Applications:
- (i). Application to convert outbuildings into a dwelling at hawks hill. No objections received by neighbours.
 - (ii). Refusal for extension 38 The Street.
 - (iii). Negotiations underway in respect of enforcement notice, Bridge Garage, Lenwade. The Clerk was requested to obtain a formal update on the situation.
 - (iv). Application in respect of enforcement notice, Gt. Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity.
 - (v). Request for information regarding siting of mobile home at Common Lane.
 - (vi). Application for dwelling on land at rear of 'Foxhills' Common Lane. The Council did not determine any objection but advised BDC of the impact to neighbouring properties and the unadopted roadway.
- (431). Payments/Financial Matters:
- (i). R. Cornell expenses for repairs to War Memorial. £15.00
 - (ii). The matter of determining the rate of pay and hours for the clerk was discussed and in line with the recommended scales an annual salary of £650 for the current year was agreed. (Proposed M.Battams Seconded R.Cornell)
 - (iii). Clerk's expenses. To 12/10/00. £12.23 and balance of salary £400.
 - (iv). Payment of audit fees 1999/2000 Audit Commission £266.77
 - (v). Payment of half yearly playing field maintenance Norfolk County Services £178.60
- (432). The Smell:
- (i). There have been no complaints recently.
 - (ii). The smell of burning fat reported in Common lane will be monitored by BDC.
- (433). Electronic speed restriction signs:
- (i). Following correspondence between the Parish Council and NCC it has been decided to petition for the sign at the Norwich end of the village to be moved beyond the crossroads at Porters Lane and to extend the 30mph limit to the extent of the dwellings within the village. The Chairman will prepare an article for the Wensum Diary and Petitions for signature will be sited in the village.
- (434). Co-opt new Parish Councillor
- (i). As only one person had come forward, John Willmore of Blackwater Lane was unanimously co-opted to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Sylvia Scarlett.
- (435). Any Other Business:
- (i). The public footpath off Common Lane is in need of cutting. The Clerk was requested to write to NCC and request the work is carried out.
 - (ii). The Council discussed the suggestion that seating and a memorial stone commemorating the millennium be sited on parish land adjacent to The Bridge PH. It was decided that as stone benches and a stone plaque set in the ground could be purchased for around £500 and since this represents the cost of a single wooden seat the council unanimously approved the project.
 - (iii). There was concern expressed at the discourteous parking of vehicles by a resident of The Street. The clerk was instructed to write to the resident with a view to showing greater consideration to other residents.
 - (iv). It was reported that there have been a number of instances at the plantation in Rabbit Lane of the fly tipping of vehicle tyres. There have also been vehicles dumped and burned out there. The clerk was instructed to write to BDC to have the problem monitored and curtailed.
 - (v). Concerns were expressed as to the future of St. Faiths Church building. The Chairman will write to establish the alternatives.
- (436). Date and time of next meeting Thursday 21st December 2000. 7.45p.m.

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(437) Apologies

(438) Minutes of meeting 12/10/2000

(439) Matters Arising

(440) Correspondence:

most correspondence has been circulated prior to this meeting.

(441) Planning Applications:

(442) Payments/Financial Matters)

(443) The smell.

(444) Speed limits & Restriction Signs

(445) Any other Business

(446) Date & time of next meeting