

# GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.45 p.m. at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2001

Present: John Willmore, Pam Thompson, Ron Cornell, Mick Battams and Pauline Brown. Roy Church in the chair. Clerk: Peter Dilloway.  
Police Constable Barkway, Community Officer for the parish.

- (447). Apologies were received from Trevor Wright. In view of Trevor Wright's anticipated lengthy absence due to illness and the Chairman's impending holiday, it was agreed that Mick Battams would act as Vice Chairman until further notice.
- (448). Minutes of the meeting held 21/12/00 were agreed to be a true record with the exception of minute 442 (iv) that should have read £25 donation. This was agreed and the minutes were signed by the chairman.
- (449). Matters Arising:
- (i). The vegetation on the footpaths around the village has still not been cut. The matter will be reviewed at the next meeting to allow both NCC and Wherry Housing time to act upon our earlier requests
  - (ii). In the absence of Trevor Wright no information on the progress of the Millennium seat was available.
  - (iii). The Drainage Enforcement Officer has inspected the drainage channels and culverts around the Blackwater and has stipulated what work needs to be carried out to rectify the problem. This will be monitored until the problems are resolved.
- (450). Correspondence:
- (i). Some correspondence received had been circulated prior to the meeting.
  - (ii). Letter from Keith Simpson MP relating to Pimlotts and Attlebridge waste site, stating that he had again requested a reply from The Environment Agency.
  - (iii). Letter from Keith Simpson MP relating to the electronic speedsign, enclosing a reply from NCC.
  - (iv). Letter from Keith Simpson MP requesting comments on the Rural White Paper. As we do not have a copy, the Clerk was requested to obtain one.
  - (v). Letter of thanks from Gt. Witchingham pre school playgroup for our donation.
  - (vi). Letter from Arthritis Care requesting a grant to hold an 'Information Day' in Gt. Witchingham. The Clerk was requested to obtain an opinion as to the value of such a day from the doctor's surgery.
  - (vii). Letter from NCC relating to basis for accident monitoring at Porters Lane Junction.
  - (viii). Letter to NCC requesting report on speed monitoring through the village as soon as the exercise has been completed.

At this point in the meeting and so not to delay the community Police Officer, a discussion took place in respect of crime in the community. It would appear that most crime is centred around the outlying industrial units and efforts are being made to install either CCTV or linked alarms to Police Stations. What was clear from the discussion is that there is little post-crime feed back from the Police and P.C. Barkway was asked to take this message back to his superiors. It was also felt that the Parish should give consideration to the services of a Special Constable under a scheme being piloted throughout the County. The Clerk was requested to make enquiries.

- (451). Planning Applications:
- (i). Permission granted for erection of offices and workshop for Lyng Forge at Station Road Industrial Estate.
  - (ii). Permission granted for repairs to car park Gt. Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity.
  - (iii). Application to erect two dwellings on land adjacent to 25 Fakenham Road. The Clerk was requested to draw the attention of the Planning Department to the previous application.
  - (iv). Application for repairs to the coach house at Gt. Witchingham House (Listed Building). No Objections received.
  - (v). Application to erect two dwellings and convert two barns on land adjacent to Bridge P.H. Personal objections have been raised by the landlord of The Bridge and further concerns were expressed about the vehicular access to the site.
  - (vi). Retrospective application to erect a conservatory at 8 Kings Head Terrace. No objections had been received.
- (452). Payments/Financial Matters:
- (i). A glass recycling payment of £32.44 had been received from BDC.
  - (ii). Clerk's expenses amounted to £4 and were held over to the next meeting.
  - (iii). The payment of £3500 being the parish's part of the cost of the electronic speedsign was discussed as we are disputing the siting of one of the signs. The Clerk was instructed to make payment in full, by a majority vote.
  - (iv). The clerk was authorised to submit a request for reclamation of VAT of £96.55
- (453). The Smell:
- (i). BDC advise that all matters relating environmental health should be addressed to Mr. T. Smith.
  - (ii). There have been few complaints recently. One of the residents of Blackwater is still engaged in pre-legal dialogue with BDC and a reply from MP Keith Simpson is also awaited.
- (454). Electronic speed restriction signs:
- (i). As mentioned at (450) above the results of speed a monitoring exercise are awaited and will progressed if not received before the next meeting. A request was made to press for a limit of 20MPH to be imposed in The Street. The Clerk was instructed to raise the matter with NCC.
- (455). Any Other Business:
- (i). The Clerk had received a complaint about the amount the amount of litter across the bridge, down Porters Lane and in Marriots Way car park, also that that some of the dog bins had not been emptied for some while. The Clerk was asked to complain to BDC and request that the matter be rectified.
- (456). Date and time of next meeting Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2001. 7.45p.m.

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- (457). Apologies
- (458). Minutes of meeting 22/2/2001
- (459). Matters Arising
- (460). Correspondence:  
most correspondence has been circulated prior to this meeting.
- (461). Planning Applications:
- (462). Payments/Financial Matters)
  - (i). BDC hire of land payment of £75.67 recd
  - (ii). VAT reclamation 1/4/00 to 28/2/01 of £96.55
  - (iii). Formally adopt standing orders and financial regulations for 2001/2.
  - (iv). Confirm findings of internal audit of accounts as carried out by G.Littlewood. Action as required.
  - (v). Formally adopt 2000/01 accounts as presented by the clerk for audit.
  - (vi). Set the clerk's salary for 2001/2 as per N.A.L.C scales.
- (463). The smell.
- (464). Speed limits & Restriction Signs
- (465). Any other Business
- (466). Date & time of next meeting