

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.45 p.m. at The Memorial Hall on Thursday 20th September 2001

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

- (477). As all the Council were present there were no apologies.
- (478). Minutes of the meeting held 14/6/01 were agreed to be a true record. Proposed by P.Thomson and seconded by J.Willmore, the minutes were signed by the chairman
- (479). Matters Arising:
- (i). The Environment agency will carry out further work on the Blackwater. The culverts around the Blackwater are still blocked. The clerk was instructed to write to David Sayer again and request that the blocked culverts be cleared.
 - (ii). Litter clearance undertaken by Ron Cornell around the village is proving effective and a noticeable difference has been made
 - (iii). Roadsigns in the village are still proving to cause confusion. The Clerk was requested to pursue the matter.
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- (480). Correspondence:
- (i). Some correspondence received had been circulated prior to the meeting.
 - (ii). Letter from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service requesting a donation from the Council.
 - (iii). Letter from BDC re Norwich area transport strategy and potential for Northern Bypass. Chairman will respond with the Council's support for the strategy.
 - (iv). Letter from BDC inviting councillors to attend Parish forum on environmental services. Noted and filed.
 - (v). Letter from Local Government Commission for England informing the council that no charges will be levied for last May's election.
- (481). Planning Applications:
- (i). Full approval granted for first floor front extension to 43 Fakenham Road.
 - (ii). Refusal for Stockman's dwelling at Walcis Farm.
 - (iii). Application for double Garage at 49 Fakenham Road. One objection received. The clerk was requested to advise BDC that provided the structure met the appropriate criteria for such a development, no objection could be made.
 - (iv). Full approval for alterations and extension to Mill Farm Gt. Witchingham.
 - (v). Refusal for demolition of existing building and erection of two bungalows at rear of Foxhills, Common Lane.
 - (vi). Full approval for conservatory 2 Lady's Row.
 - (vii). Full approval for single storey rear extension 29 Fakenham Road.
 - (viii). Structural work was reported as being carried out at the barns adjacent to Bridge Farm. The clerk was instructed to ascertain whether approval for such work has been granted.
- (482). Payments/Financial Matters:
- (i). Disposal of assets of Gt. Witchingham ratepayers Assoc. T.Wright will obtain details of the funds purpose from Mrs. Scarlett. The Clerk will arrange for the passbook to be made up.
 - (ii). Payment of Clerk's 2nd ½ year salary and expenses 15/6/01 to 20/9/01 £350.00 + £9.59
 - (iii). Chairman's allowance 2001/2002 and expenses to 20/9/01 £100 + £9.87
 - (iv). R.Cornell expenses for War Memorial maintenance and litter clearance £68.90
 - (v). Norfolk County Services 2nd ½ yearly grounds maintenance charge for the playing field £196.23
 - (vi). Donation to Norfolk Accident Rescue Service of £10.00 as made in previous years.

All payments approved for payment by the meeting. Proposed R.Cornell, Seconded P.Thomson.

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- (483). The Smell:
- (i). The Chairman reported that currently, samples of waste material for spreading are selected for testing at the discretion of Pimlotts, rather than BDC. BDC feel that this is unsatisfactory and that a change to procedures is necessary. Presently the samples are only tested for their nutrient value; no tests are made to establish whether any harmful chemicals are present. The Chairman agreed to involve MP Keith Simpson on the matter.
 - (ii). BDC are presently formalising a variation notice for Clay Hall Farm and residents are urged to report any nuisance odour.
 - (iii). The Chairman also reported that EA were presently monitoring pollutant levels at Attlebridge waste disposal site, as there is still concern about the level of waste leaching into the Wensum.
- (484). Electronic speed restriction signs:
- (i). NCC has now agreed to move the electronic speed restriction sign approximately 150 yards eastwards. Additionally the Porters Lane junction will be resurfaced to reduce skidding and the road markings will be improved. The council is continuing negotiations to improve problems for pedestrians crossing at Porters Lane.
- (485). War Memorial
- The PCC is in the process of deconsecrating the church and wish to convey the land on which the War Memorial stands to the Parish Council. The meeting agreed to accept this.
- (486). Any Other Business:
- (i). The Council agreed to put an article in the Wensum Diary covering both the variation notice for Clay Hall Farm and the speedsign changes.
 - (ii). The Council was reminded that no progress has yet been made in reducing the speed limit in the Street. The clerk was requested to pursue the matter.
 - (iii). Due to illness Trevor Wright had made no progress with the Millennium Seat. The project will now continue and a report will be given to the next meeting.
 - (iv). It is reported that there are an increasing number of non-residents parking in Hall Walk which is a nuisance to the residents. The Chairman agreed to bring the matter to the attention of P.C Barkaway.
 - (v). Motorcycles are still being driven along Marriots Way. The clerk will advise NCC.
 - (vi). Overgrown vegetation along Fakenham Road and the Street is causing a nuisance to pedestrians. The clerk will request NCC to trim where necessary.
 - (vii). It was reported that overgrown vegetation on land in The Street is causing nuisance to neighbouring properties. The clerk was asked to investigate and if necessary write to the owner.
 - (viii). All the Councillors signed statutory declarations of office as required by law.
- (487). Date and time of next meeting Thursday 13th December 2001 at 7.45 p.m.

AGENDA GWPC – 3rd January 2002 at 7.45 p.m.

(477). Apologies

(478). Minutes of meeting 20/9/2001

(488). Matters Arising

(489). Correspondence:

(490). Planning Applications:

- (i). Agricultural Dwelling Walcis Farm – Approved
- (ii). Bernard Matthews PLC – Office Building, Hall Road
- (iii). Premier Homes – Renewal of permission for marquee L/House Hotel

(491). Payments/Financial Matters)

- (i). Dispersal of assets Great Witchingham Ratepayers Assoc.
- (ii). Payment of 200/1 Audit fee
- (iii). Donation to GW playgroup
- (iv). Clerks Expenses to 13/12/01

(492). The smell.

(493). Speed limits & Restriction Signs

(494). Conveyance of War Memorial to G.W.P.C.

(495). Any other Business

(496). Date & time of next meeting