

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.45 p.m. at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 19th August 2002 (Meeting 15/8/02 abandoned due to flooding)

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

Clerk: Peter Dilloway.

- (523). Apologies. None, all members were present.
- (524). Minutes of the meeting held 23/5/02 were amended at (516) (iii) to refer to minute (514) (i) instead of (515)
- (525). Matters Arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- (526). Correspondence:
- (i). Some correspondence had been received and circulated prior to the meeting.
 - (ii). Letter from NCC in respect of culvert maintenance at fiveways/Blackwater Lane. The water now flows freely but water also flows down grove lane, across the junction and into Blackwater lane. The Clerk was requested to report this fact.
 - (iii). Letter from BDC in respect of street naming C199 (Nowhere Lane). The name has been accepted and statutory notices are in place.
 - (iv). Letter to BDC enquiring of the circumstances under which BDC would impose planning enforcement restrictions upon Clay Hall Farm.
 - (v). Letter from BDC in response to (iv) above. The conclusion of which is to encourage the building of a new plant rather than apply enforcement to the existing plant.
 - (vi). Letter to BDC requesting that the situation at Clay Hall Farm be addressed with some urgency.
 - (vii). Letter from BDC in response to (vi) above. An environmental impact statement is awaited. The matter will then be treated as a full planning application for expediency.
 - (viii). Letter to BDC expressing concern that incidents of nuisance odour from Clay Hall Farm are no longer required to be logged.
 - (ix). Letter Keith Simpson MP concerning Issues raised at (iv) to (vii) above
 - (x). Letter from BDC giving the new address for Church Farm Cottages. It has been agreed that the lane will be named Church Farm Lane.
 - (xi). Letter from BDC in response to our letter on Empty Homes & wasted Space Strategy. BDC are considering what use the land behind Hall Walk can be put to.
- (527). Planning Applications:
- (i). 20020221 two cottages Land adjacent Foxhills, Common Lane. The applicant has entered an appeal to the Secretary of State. The hearing will be held 26th November 2002.
 - (ii). 20020970 Application for Certificate of lawful use of fishing Lakes at Porters Lane. The Chairman had written and confirmed that the lakes had been in use for years.
 - (iii). 010132 Two houses adjacent 25 Fakenham Road. No objections raised
 - (iv). 20021059 Bridge Garage- Change of use to plant sales. No objections raised.
 - (v). 20020969 extensions to Lenwade House Hotel. No objections raised.
 - (vi). 20020974 Timber cabins and parking - Lake at Porters Lane. No objections raised.
 - (vii). Alterations are reported to be taking place at 21 The Street. No formal application appears to have been made and it is believed to be a listed building. The Clerk was instructed to investigate the matter.
- (528). Payments/Financial Matters:
- (i). Norfolk County Services 1st half year payment cheque 100322 £203.49. (Payment had been informally agreed prior to the meeting). Payment approved by unanimous consent.
 - (ii). Clerk's Half year salary & expenses and repair costs to notice board. Salary: £370.00, expenses to date £45.04, Repairs to notice board: £43.31. Cheque 100324 £458.35. Payment approved by unanimous consent.
 - (iii). Audit Matters. The Clerk confirmed that G. Littlewood had carried out an internal audit and read out the requirements of the Statement of assurance in the annual return. All Council members approved the statement and the Chairman and Clerk duly signed it.
 - (iv). R. Cornell for litter clearance/War memorial maintenance. Cheque 100323 £55.00. Payment approved by unanimous consent.
- (529). The Smell:
- (i). Several Councillors reported that there had been some serious instances in recent times and complained that an environmental Health Officer had not been available to act immediately. There was also an instance of foul smoke from the chimney. Problems will continue to be logged and the Parish is urged to report any nuisance to BDC immediately.
- (530). War Memorial. We continue to await an approach from the PCC.
- (531). Co-option of Council Member. Steven Williams of Lake View Close was willing to join the Council. The clerk will visit and discuss the matter. If this is not successful, Kevin Francis has also expressed his willingness to become a councillor.
- (532). Any Other Business:
- (i). John Willmore reported that both he and his neighbour, John Martin had complained that the maintenance of the heather beds at Clay Hall Farm was lacking.
 - (ii). The Chairman reported that following the re-surfacing of the A1067 there was now a steep drop at the verge, North west of Clay Hall Farm. The Clerk was instructed to write to NCC and request the verge be raised.
 - (iii). The Chairman asked if the council would like to have a copy made of the original Enclosure award for Great Witchingham which he held. It was agreed that the cost would be reported at the next meeting.
 - (iv). The Chairman had received a letter from the Parochial Church Council, asking if the Parish would consider making a donation towards grasscutting in St. Mary's Churchyard. After some discussion it was agreed to donate £100 towards the cost.
 - (v). Motorcycles continue to use Marriott's Way as a racetrack. John Willmore will monitor the situation and report any instances directly to the Police.
 - (vi). The Land behind Hall Walk is overgrown and requires cutting. The Clerk was requested to write to Environmental Health to force BDC to maintain the land appropriately.
- (533). Date and time of next meeting Thursday 7th November 2002 at 7.45 p.m.

AGENDA GWPC – 31st October 2002 at 7.45 p.m.

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- (524). Minutes of meeting 19/8/02
- (525). Matters Arising
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 - (i). Donation to G.W. Primary School for bus shelter decoration
 - (ii). NCS 2nd half year payment
 - (iii). Audit fees 2001/2
- (529). The smell.
- (530). Conveyance of War Memorial to G.W.P.C.
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