

## GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.45 p.m. at The Pightle, Great Witchingham on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2003

Present: John Willmore, Ron Cornell and Trevor Wright & Stephen Williams. Roy Church in the chair.  
Clerk: Peter Dilloway.

(545). Apologies. Pam Thompsom, Pauline Brown, Brenda Ravenscroft (County Councillor) and Simon Woodbridge (District Councillor).

(546). Minutes of the meeting held 14/11/02 were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

(547). Matters Arising: None

(548). Correspondence:

The Chairman had received correspondence, listed below, which he read to the meeting.

- (i). Some correspondence had been received and circulated prior to the meeting.
- (ii). Letter from BDC advising that outline permission was about to be granted for a new rendering plant at Clay Hall Farm, but that there were still some matters to be resolved.

A discussion took place on the subject

John Willmore advised that he and John Martin had been to see the Planning Department to discuss the matter in some depth and will shortly be submitting their personal representations.

The Department of Health have served a variation notice for the installation of a reception centre.

The Chairman agreed to submit representation on behalf of the Parish Council.

- (iii). Article detailing similar environmental issues describing how the District Council eventually achieved a desirable solution.
- (iv). Letter to BDC asking whether Clay Hall Farm were authorised to process feathers and a reply confirming that no authorisation has been given.
- (v). Letter to Brenda Ravenscroft requesting assistance in improving and repairing the road surface in Blackwater Lane (no reply received as yet)
- (vi). Letter to Keith Simpson MP concerning Blackwater Lane. He awaits a reply from NCC.
- (vii). Acknowledgement to letter concerning intensification at Easco
- (viii). Letter from BDC naming new property in Furze Lane, The Long Barn.

(549). Planning Applications:

The following applications had been circulated prior to the meeting:

- (i). 20030049 Installation of fishing lakes, Porters Lane. No objections.
- (ii). 20021806 Station Yard Ind Estate Storage units. No objections.
- (iii). 20021854 Station Yard Ind Estate Storage units. No objections.
- (iv). 20020885 Norfolk Wildlife Park Erection of aviaries. – Full approval received
- (v). 20021059 Bridge Garage Lenwade Change of use to plant sales. – Full approval received
- (vi). 20021444 Upper Paddocks Gt. Witchingham Removal of Agricultural restriction/ erection of stables. - Refusal
- (vii). 20021604 88 Fakenham Road single storey rear extension. – Full approval received.
- (viii). 20021475 92 Fakenham Road two storey side extension. - Full approval received.

(550). Payments/Financial Matters:

- (i). Parish precept. It was unanimously agreed to request the sum of £2250 from Broadland, as last year
- (ii). Clerk's expenses to date. Chq. 100332 £27.69.
- (iii). R. Cornell for litter clearance/War memorial maintenance. Cheque 100333 £25.00  
both payments approved by unanimous consent.

(551). The Smell:

Discussion took place during (548) above

(552). War Memorial. We continue to await an approach from the PCC. The area needs re-stoning and D. Barrett will deliver upon request.

(553). Playground equipment: The Clerk had been unable to secure an inspection by a specialist firm. The Chairman will arrange for a timber specialist to view the equipment.

(554). Freedom of Information Act.

After a brief description of the requirements of the act by the clerk The Council passed the following resolution:

- (i). Great Witchingham Parish Council acknowledges the duty placed upon it by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to adopt and maintain a publication scheme. The Council resolves to adopt the Model publication scheme for local councils (core Classes only)

(555). Any Other Business:

- (i). Trevor Wright had been asked to establish whether the Parish Council would be willing to contribute towards necessary repairs to Common Lane. The Council discussed the subject at length. The view taken was that: a) The Council did not wish to set a precedent for future repairs to any of the unmade roads in the parish. b) That contribution may give liability in the event of an accident resulting from work carried out.
- (ii). The Chairman advised that estimates have been received for the Millennium seat (£500 labour & £540 materials) Arrangements will be made to proceed with the work and the seat will be sited on Parish land between the pub and the river.
- (iii). Ron Cornell advised that the gritting bin near the Memorial hall was empty and requested that a second bin be obtained at the other end of The Street near the bend. The Clerk will investigate this.
- (iv). It was reported that the car abandoned at the equestrian centre in Blackwater Lane is still there. The Clerk was requested to again report the matter to BDC.
- (v). Stephen Williams reported that he had looked into the EEDA broadband competition. The possibility of our parish being able to receive the service was unlikely, except via satellite. BT are due to launch 'Midband' and he will investigate this. An article will be put in the Wensum Diary.

(556). Date and time of next meeting Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2003 at 7.45 p.m.

**AGENDA GWPC – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2003 at 7.45 p.m.**

- (557). Apologies
- (558). Minutes of meeting 17/1/03
- (559). Matters Arising
- (560). Correspondence:
- (561). Planning Applications:
- (562). Payments/Financial Matters)
  - (i). Clerk's Salary for 2003/4
  - (ii). Clerk's 1<sup>st</sup> half year salary & expenses
  - (iii). NAPTC subscription renewal
- (563). The smell.
- (564). Conveyance of War Memorial to G.W.P.C.
- (565). Playground equipment.
- (566). Any other Business
- (567). Date & time of next meeting