

## GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.45 p.m. at The Memorial Hall, Great Witchingham on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2004

Present: Pauline Brown, Stephen Williams, Bridget Wright and Kevin Francis. Roy Church in the chair.

Clerk: Peter Dilloway, Simon Woodbridge (District Councillor), Brenda Ravencroft (County Councillor), Andy Barkway (Community Police Officer), Christine Robson (Broadland Homewatch Co-ordinator) and eight members of the public.

- (607). Apologies. John Willmore
- (608). Minutes of the meeting held 27/11/03 were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- (609). Matters Arising:
- (i). Neighbourhood watch. 4 people have expressed an interest. It was decided to put their names forward to the Co-ordinator.
  - (ii). Village Hall. A meeting was recently held involving all interested parties. A proposal for a new hall on the existing site had been drawn up and a provisional cost of £700,000 was estimated of which £100,000 would need to be raised by the parish. It had been intimated by planners that a new hall would need to be built further back than the original. This was subsequently found to be incorrect. Until the results of the parish questionnaire are known and the future of the land at Hall Walk is determined, no sensible progress can be made.
- (610). Hall Walk.
- (i). The Clerk had noticed the subject of land transfer appearing in a Broadland Council minute and had written to BDC asking if this related to the land at Hall Walk. BDC had responded that it *would*. The Meeting felt that in view of this, it appeared that whilst BDC wished to be seen to be consulting the parish, they were pursuing their own agenda regardless. The clerk was asked to write again and obtain a straight answer as to whether the land *is* being transferred to a housing association or whether the minute relate only to an intent to transfer.
- (611). Correspondence:
- (i). Most correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.
  - (ii). Deposit draft Local Plan from BDC
  - (iii). Letter to BDC advising that amenity site at Hall Walk was designated for village hall without parish consultation.
  - (iv). Copy letter from R. Church to BDC highlighting errors in local plan.
  - (v). Letter for Attlebridge Concrete apologising for spelling error on millennium patio. Clerk will accept offer to recast slab.
  - (vi). Letter to BDC requesting planning position on siting of new hall on existing site and reply letter from BDC confirming that any new hall building need not be set back any further than existing hall.
  - (vii). Letter from Norfolk Constabulary re community Policing promising response in due course.
  - (viii). Letter from B. Johnson on village matters.
  - (ix). Letter to BDC re land transfer to housing association and response from BDC (see 596 above).
  - (x). Letter to BDC Env. Health relating to sale of Clay Hall Farm requesting position on reserved planning matters.
  - (xi). Copy letter from J. Martin to BDC relating to expiry of time limit for provision of raw material reception building.
  - (xii). Copy response to above indicating that enforcement of such would be considered if the recommences operation.
  - (xiii). Reply to (x) from BDC stating that the plant has not operated since July 2003. Were the plant to commence operation without compliance to the reserved planning matters immediate action would be taken.
  - (xiv). Letter from BDC confirming that questionnaires sent to employees within the parish are to be considered separately to those sent to residents.
  - (xv). Letter from BDC advising that Dog Bin is to be located at the eastern end of the footpath between Lenwade House Drive and Common Lane.
  - (xvi). Letter from BDC enclosing draft strategy for Gypsies and Travellers (2004/7)
  - (xvii). Letter from Norfolk Recorders (the Allotment Project) requesting details of allotment provision past & present. The clerk will send details.
- (612). Planning Applications:
- (i). Planning applications received since the last meeting had been circulated.
  - (ii). Application 20031822 Agricultural Barn – Walcis Farm (retrospective). Permission granted.
  - (iii). Application 20031819 Shop Extension Lenwade News. Permission granted.
  - (iv). Application 20040189 Extension of temporary consent for marquee – Lenwade House Hotel. The application was discussed at length and the Clerk was asked to remind BDC that a number of complaints have been made from residents in Weston Longville and around the street & Lady's Row in respect of excessive noise, particularly on warm days when the marquee was open for ventilation. Councillors did not wish to see this problem continuing for several years and would prefer a purpose built building. The Clerk was asked to write to this effect.
- (613). Payments/Financial Matters:
- (i). Attlebridge Concrete. Millennium Patio. Cheque No.100358. £417.51 (retrospective approval)
  - (ii). The Audit Commission 2003 audit fee. Chq No. 100359 £58.75 (retrospective approval)
  - (iii). P. Dilloway Clerk's Expenses to 26/2/04 Chq No.100360 £65.27
  - (iv). R. Cornell. Litter/War Memorial. Cheque No. 100421 £105.00
  - (v). NCAPTC Renewal 2004/5. Cheque No. 100422 £105.52
- Payments approved by unanimous consent.

- (614). The Smell:
- (i). The Chairman advised that as discussed in the correspondence above, the plant had not operated since July 2003 and was presently for sale. If the plant commenced operation without complying with the reserved planning matters, it would be in breach of conditions of its authorisation and enforcement would ensue.

(615). Playground equipment: The matter awaits the outcome of the parish survey.

Any Other Business:

- (i). The grounds maintenance contract for 2004/7 was awarded to A & J Canham whose tender had been the most competitive.
  - (ii). The Chairman had spoken with the Community Constable PC Andy Barkway, who had recounted the actions taken in light of recent unlawful events within the village.
- (616). Date and time of next meeting: 27th May 2004 at 7.30 p.m. To be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm

**AGENDA GWPC – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2004 at 7.30 p.m.**

- (617). Apologies
- (618). Minutes of meeting 4/3/04
- (619). Matters Arising
- (620). Hall Walk
- (621). Rural Housing Project
- (622). Correspondence:
- (623). Planning Applications:
- (624). Payments/Financial Matters)
- (625). The smell
- (626). Any other Business
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