

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.45 p.m. at The Memorial Hall, Great Witchingham on Thursday 26th August 2004

Present: Pauline Brown, Stephen Williams, Ron Cornell, John Willmore, Bridget Wright and Kevin Francis. Roy Church in the chair.
Clerk: Peter Dilloway and 3 members of the public.

- (626). Apologies. None.
- (627). Co-option of members. Following the recent election, 4 members had not got their nomination papers in on time and were unanimously co-opted back onto the Council: Pauline Brown, Ron Cornell, John Willmore & Stephen Williams.
- (628). Minutes of the meeting held 27/5/04 were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- (629). Matters Arising:
- (i). The 20mph speed limit for The Street has been approved by NCC and a scheme submission will be presented in due course
 - (ii). Following the refusal to install a pedestrian crossing on Fakenham Road, NCC has now reconsidered the request and has agreed to install a traffic controlled crossing. The location will be determined during the next few months.
 - (iii). Northern Distributor route. Stephen Williams reported that the western most route under consideration runs from Hockering towards Gt. Witchingham, although there are several sub-options to this proposal. It was not clear whether the western routes are formal proposals and the clerk was asked to ascertain this. The meeting heard that as funding for the NDR is limited it is unlikely that any route would be brought this far west.
 - (iv). Gt. Witchingham PCC has requested assistance with the churchyard maintenance. A sum equivalent to approximately one pound per household per annum was deemed appropriate. The clerk will prepare the calculations and report to the next meeting.
- (630). Hall Walk.
- (i). The Rural Housing Enabler has identified an immediate need for four dwellings but has recommended that eight be built. The Chairman had Met with The BDC Housing Officer and had been advised that Broadland Housing Association were unable to fund a project at the moment and the BDC were now looking to Wherry Housing Association to provide a scheme proposal. The Clerk was requested to write to the Enabler and ask why eight should be built at this time.
- (631). Correspondence:
- (i). All Correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- (632). Planning Applications:
- (i). 20041344 Front two-storey extension to 45 Fakenham Road. The proposal was within the Parish settlement boundary and appears to be in accordance with BDC planning policy. The Council could not determine any objection to the proposal and instructed the Clerk to write to this effect.
- (633). Payments/Financial Matters:
- (i). Grounds maintenance May 2004. A & J Canham. Chq No.100429 £47.00. (Retrospective approval)
 - (ii). Removal of play equipment. R.D. Jarvis. Chq No.100430 £470.00. (Retrospective approval)
 - (iii). Grounds maintenance June 2004. A & J Canham. Chq No.100431 £47.00. (Retrospective approval)
 - (iv). Grounds maintenance July 2004. A & J Canham. Chq No.100432 £47.00. (Retrospective approval)
 - (v). Hire of Hall April-August 04. GW Memorial Hall Trustees. Chq No.100433 £99.00
 - (vi). Litter/War Memorial. R. Cornell. Cheque No. 100434 £110.00
 - (vii). P. Dilloway Clerk's salary 2nd half year (£431) and expenses to 27/5/04 (£45.36) Chq No.100435 £476.36.
 - (viii). R. Church. Chairman's expenses. Cheque No. 100436 £12.50
- Payments approved by unanimous consent.
- (634). Any Other Business:
- (i). St Faiths Church. No further decisions as to the future of the building have been made.
 - (ii). The parish has a new Community Officer, P.C. Barry Cresswell. His telephone number and email address are on the notice board and will appear in the Wensum Diary.
 - (iii). Following an inspection by BDC the Parish were instructed to remove all equipment from the play area as a matter of urgency. The work was carried out several days later. The Council must therefore consider what options are open for the future, bearing in mind that the lease of the playing field comes up for renewal within 18 months. One consideration is that, as prime users, the school may wish to take up the lease. In the short term the Clerk was asked to ascertain what funding may be available for new playground equipment.
 - (iv). Residents of King Head Terrace had asked that the path to the field be strimmed. The Chairman will arrange this.
 - (v). A resident in the Street is persistently dumping grass clippings on the highway verge. NCC have been notified and did clear up. They will be notified again to take appropriate action.
 - (vi). The electronic speedsign appears to be malfunctioning. The Clerk will advise NCC Highways.
 - (vii). The village sign has gone missing and has already been reported to NCC
 - (viii). Village Hall. No progress at this stage
 - (ix). Broadband BT are currently running trials to extend the present range to the village.
 - (x). The Clerk advised that the Council's computer had reached the end of its useful life and needed replacing. The clerk will liaise with Stephen Williams to secure a replacement.
- (635). Date and time of next meeting: 2nd December 2004 at 7.45 p.m.

AGENDA GWPC – 2nd December 2004 at 7.45 p.m.

- (636). Apologies
- (637). Minutes of meeting 26/8/04
- (638). Matters Arising
- (639). Churchyard maintenance (447 electors 249 dwellings)
- (640). Hall Walk
- (641). Rural Housing Project
- (642). Correspondence:
- (643). Planning Applications:
 - (i). Maxims
 - (ii). 19 The Street
- (644). Payments/Financial Matters)
 - (i). Grounds Maintenance (retrospective)
 - (ii). Memorial/ litter clearance
- (645). The smell
- (646). Any other Business
- (647). Date & time of next meeting