

## GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.45 p.m. at The Memorial Hall, Great Witchingham on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2004

Present: Pauline Brown, Ron Cornell, John Willmore, and Kevin Francis. Roy Church in the chair.

Clerk: Peter Dilloway and 4 members of the public.

- (636). Apologies. Bridget Wright, Stephen Williams & Brenda Ravencroft (County Councillor).
- (637). Minutes of the meeting held 26/8/04 were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- (638). Matters Arising:
- (i). The 20mph speed limit for The Street has been approved by NCC and statutory notices have been issued.
  - (ii). Pedestrian crossing. The initial location was proposed as outside the bakery. This was an error and new submission was put forward locating the crossing outside Maxim's. This received the full support of members and the Clerk was instructed to confirm this to the contractors, who will now confirm approval with frontagers.
  - (iii). Northern Distributor route. The strongest rumours are that the orange route through Taverham & Costessey is the most likely choice, as this option will provide the most funding from development.
  - (iv). Footpath from Kings Head Terrace has now been strimmed.
  - (v). The speedsign was repaired although some doubt as to its accuracy remains.
  - (vi). Village Hall. NCC are to revise the plans for further discussion.
  - (vii). Broadband is now available throughout the village.
- (639). Churchyard maintenance.
- (i). There are 447 electors in 239 dwellings. It was proposed that the Council include in next year's precept a provisional sum of £1.00 per household toward maintenance costs. The clerk will liaise with the PCC to determine actual contract costs and report back to the Council.
- (640). Hall Walk.
- (i). The Rural Housing enabler had replied to the issue of numbers of houses, advising that it was to cover future needs. No further information on any proposals has been given to the Council at this time.
- (641). Correspondence:
- (i). Some Correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.
  - (ii). Letter of resignation from R Church (Chairmanship only)
- (642). Planning Applications:
- (i). 20041344 Front two-storey extension to 45 Fakenham Road. Full approval granted.
  - (ii). 20041020 Conservatory 5 St. Faiths. Full approval granted.
  - (iii). Easco P/C/5/2004/5009-5011 Variation to operating conditions. The Chairman had written a letter of objection to application following consultation with members. A copy letter of objection was also received from Bernard Matthews plc. The clerk will advise BM of our objections.
  - (iv). 20041798 New dwelling adjacent 19 The Street. Only one concern was raised over the increase in traffic, which a new dwelling would bring.
  - (v). 20041761. Conversion of carport to sales area Maxim's Fakenham Road. No objections.
  - (vi). 20041876. Single storey kitchen extension 90 Fakenham Road. No objections.
- (643). Payments/Financial Matters:
- (i). Grounds maintenance (Footpaths) Oct 2004. R.D.Jarvis. Chq No.100441 £29.38. Hire of Hall Dec 04.
  - (ii). GW Memorial Hall Trustees. Chq No.100442 £8.25
  - (iii). Litter/War Memorial. R. Cornell. Cheque No. 100444 £110.00
  - (iv). P. Dilloway Clerk's expenses to 2/12/04 Chq No.100443 £43.50.
  - (v). Precept 2004/5. The Clerk presented members with projected income and expenditure for the forthcoming year. Expenditure is expected to be £2545 excluding Churchyard maintenance and the precept is presently £2300. Following discussion it was resolved to request a precept of £2500.  
All payments approved by unanimous consent.
- (644).

- (i). The Smell. Since the plant has ceased operation there is nothing to report although a number of cement lorries have been seen entering the plant.

(645). Any Other Business:

- (i). Events in respect of the play area have been overtaken by it being condemned and subsequently removed. The football pitch is also in poor condition. Kevin Francis had made approaches to locate an alternative pitch. Unfortunately these were unsuccessful. The lease for the entire playing field is up for renewal in about 18 months. The Chairman will discuss the matter with the school as primary user.
- (ii). Footpath from Heath Close. The matter has been brought to the attention of both Wherry H.A. and NCC without success. The Clerk will continue to pursue the matter.
- (iii). John Willmore advised that NCC have made temporary repairs to Blackwater Lane. Permanent repairs to be effected before end December.
- (iv). The Chairman had discussed the repeated fly tipping of tyres at Rabbit Lane with the EA. They will consider appropriate counter-measures.
- (v). Further to 630(ii) above, the Chairman announced his intention to resign the post from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2004 as he chairs and is involved with a number of other committees. He asked who wished to succeed him but at this point no one was willing. A Chairman and Vice Chairman will be elected at the next meeting.

(646). Meeting open to the public

- (i). Mr Hilling asked when the pedestrian crossing would be in place. The Chairman replied that the matter was in the hands of the County Council contractors and the Parish Council has not been given any indication of timescale.
- (ii). An employee of Broadland Housing Assoc. had been seen taking photographs around the Hall Walk site and had been challenged by a member of the public. The Clerk was asked to find out what their involvement in the project.
- (iii). John Willmore asked that items for circulation should not be left outside his door, as they get wet.

(647). **Date and time of next meeting: 24<sup>th</sup> February 2005 at 7.45 p.m.**

**AGENDA GWPC – 24<sup>th</sup> February 2005 at 7.45 p.m.**

- (648). Apologies
- (649). Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman
- (650). Minutes of meeting 2/12/04
- (651). Matters Arising
- (652). Correspondence:
- (653). Churchyard maintenance
- (654). Pedestrian Crossing
- (655). Planning Applications:
  - (i). 19 The Street Appeal
  - (ii). Cabins at Porters Lane Lake
  - (iii). Extension to office Premier Homes Yard
- (656). Payments/Financial Matters)
  - (i). Memorial/ litter clearance
  - (ii). Clerk's Expenses
- (657). The smell
- (658). Any other Business
- (659). Date & time of next meeting