

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.45 p.m. at The Memorial Hall, Great Witchingham on Thursday 24th February 2005

Present: Pauline Brown, Ron Cornell, John Willmore, Stephen Williams, Bridget Wright and Kevin Francis. Roy Church.

Clerk: Peter Dilloway.

- (648). Apologies. Roy Church & Brenda Ravencroft (County Councillor).
- (649). Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman.
- (i). Nominations received: Chairman - Kevin Francis and Ron Cornell.
Vice-Chairman – Bridget Wright, Ron Cornell.
 - (ii). Kevin Francis politely declined the nomination but indicated that if Ron Cornell was willing to accept the Chair he we would accept the Vice Chair. Bridget Wright declined nomination. All members were agreeable to this.
 - (iii). It was resolved that: Chairman – Ron Cornell. Proposed by Kevin Francis, seconded by John Willmore.
Vice-Chairman - Kevin Francis. Proposed by Bridget Wright, seconded by John Willmore. Both appointments agreed unanimously.
The Chairman expressed a vote of thanks to Roy Church for his work as Chairman and added that he was a hard act to follow. All members echoed this.
- (650). Minutes of the meeting held 2/12/04 were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- (651). Matters Arising:
- (i). The Chairman remarked that following the introduction of the 20mph speed limit for The Street the instances of speeding worsened and recently a car had ploughed through a fence whilst travelling too fast. He suggested that rather than take the matter direct to the police, instances of speeding throughout the village should be noted and the information passed to the Council to liaise with the police.
 - (ii). Pedestrian crossing. Brenda Ravencroft had advised the Clerk that the matter was now proceeding and that the public consultation had been concluded. It was expected that work would commence towards the end of March.
 - (iii). Broadband. The service is now generally available and a number of providers are able to serve the village. Pipex was considered to offer the best business connection. BT, Line one, AOL, Wannado & Tiscali all offer pre paid full services although each were subject to levels of customer dissatisfaction. Individual experiences differed. Lixxus are one of the few to offer a ‘pay as you go’ broadband service.
 - (iv). Northern Distributor route. Currently the discussions taking place seem to have taken the heat out of the Western route affecting this area. There appears to be considerable lobbying to fund, approve and complete an Eastern route first.
 - (v). Temporary repairs to Blackwater lane. Potholes are re-appearing and no permanent work has been carried out as yet. The number of HGV’s using the road has exacerbated this. The sign at ‘five-ways’ junction excluding HGV’s has been removed. The Clerk will report this to NCC Highways Dept.
- (652). Churchyard maintenance.
- (i). The Clerk had approached the PCC to establish the annual cost and invoicing arrangements. As work is carried out on an ‘at cost’ basis as and when required and is not attracting VAT. Members agreed that an annual payment of £250 would be made directly to PCC to assist with maintenance.
- (653). Correspondence:
- (i). Some Correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.
 - (ii). Letters from both Broadland and Breckland District Councils enclosing a draft statement of community involvement. This will eventually replace a local plan and should give greater consideration to parish opinion, particularly in planning matters.
 - (iii). Questionnaire from Standards Board polling opinion for changes to the code of conduct.
- (654). Planning Applications:
- (i). Planning application for timber cabins and parking - Lake at Porters Lane. As the cabins were described for holiday use, members expressed concern that approval for this application may set precedent. Given

the large number of fishing lakes around the parish the Council did not wish to see the floodgates opened for other lake owners to follow suit.

- (ii). Appeal to The Secretary of State against refusal of application 20041798 New dwelling adjacent 19 The Street. The Council's concern over the increase in traffic which a new dwelling would bring had been submitted.
- (iii). 20050170 Extension to offices Premier Homes Common Lane. Comments had already be made to BDC in respect of a site access not shown on the plan and concerns over road maintenance. No other objections were determined.
- (iv). Application 20041910 Pearce's Builders Yard – Erection of 2 dwellings – Outline. The Council held no objections to the original application but understood neighbouring properties had concerns over ground levels. This amendment seeks to address these issues.

(655). Payments/Financial Matters:

- (i). P. Dilloway Clerk's expenses to 24/2/05 Chq No.100446 £55.41.
 - (ii). Gt. Witchingham PCC. Churchyard maintenance. Cheque No. 100447 £250.00
 - (iii). Litter/War Memorial. R. Cornell. Cheque No. 100448 £75.00
 - (iv). Audit fees 2003/4. Audit Commission. Cheque No. 100445 £141.00 (retrospective)
- All payments approved by unanimous consent.

(656).

- (i). The Smell. Since the plant has ceased operation there is nothing to report although a number of lorries have been seen entering the plant. This item will be removed from the agenda, hopefully permanently.

(657). Any Other Business:

- (i). The Bridge Public House has a new licensee. The Clerk was instructed to write and advise of the arrangement with the parish land which borders the road bridge and the pub's property.
- (ii). John Willmore advised that fires had been lit under the bridge at Marriott's way. Members knew the youths responsible. In addition motorcycles had been seen using the path, the gate at Heath Lane had been vandalised, and a car had been driven along the path. The Clerk will report these matters to the Community Constable and Norfolk County Council.
- (iii). Roy Church has discussed the repeated fly tipping of tyres at Rabbit Lane with the EA. Unfortunately during the surveillance of another site fly tippers stole the infra-red camera and thus are unable to take any action at present.
- (iv). Several members felt that Norfolk Stoves looked untidy due largely to the practice of storing and cutting up pallets with a chainsaw. The clerk will poll nearby residents to see if a problem exists.
- (v). Village Hall. No further information as to the future has been forthcoming. The Vice-Chairman agreed to approach to the Chair of the Hall Committee for an update.

(658). Meeting open to the public: None were present

(659). **Date and times of next meetings: 28th April 2005. Annual General Meeting at 7.30 p.m. Followed by The Annual Parish Meeting at 8.00pm.**
23rd June 2005.
27th October 2005.
26th January 2006

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Special Meeting – 28th April 2005 6.45 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1) To receive proposals for consideration for development of BDC land at Hall Walk by Broadland Housing Association.

Present will be: Andrew Savage – Broadland Housing Assoc.
Darryl Smith (Social and Housing Policy Manager – Broadland District Council.
Hazell Ellard (Housing Enabling Officer) - Broadland District Council.

AGENDA GWPC – 28th April 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

- (660). Apologies
- (661). Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman
- (662). Minutes of meeting 24/2/05
- (663). Matters Arising
- (664). Correspondence:
- (665). Pedestrian Crossing
- (666). Planning Applications:
- (667). Village Hall
- (668). Payments/Financial Matters)
- (i). Memorial/ litter clearance
 - (ii). Insurance renewal 2005/6
 - (iii). NAPTC subscription 2005/6
 - (iv). Adoption of 2004/5 accounts
 - (v). Audit 2004/5 Statement of assurance
 - (vi). Set Clerk's salary 2005/6
 - (vii). Clerk's Salary (1st ½ year) & expenses to date
- (669). Any other Business
- (670). Date & time of next meeting 23rd June 2005 at 7.45pm