

## GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.45 p.m. at The Memorial Hall on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2006

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

Clerk: Peter Dilloway. Simon Woodbridge (District Councillor).

(689). Apologies. John Willmore. James Joyce (County Councillor).

(690). Minutes of the meeting held 27/10/05 were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

(691). Matters Arising: None

(692). Village Hall. No further information had been forthcoming from the hall committee. The County Councillor was asked to establish the position in respect of the new build plans drawn up by NCC education Dept.

(693). Correspondence:

- (i). Most Correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- (ii). Email from NCC acknowledging receipt of correspondence to & from Banham Poultry. NCC will keep us informed.
- (iii). Letter from Overburys Solicitors concerning a personal injury accident in Hall Walk. The Clerk was instructed to reply.
- (iv). Email from BDC advising that the Council had appointed an Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator to give advice and support to the community. The details will be posted on the notice board and in Wensum Diary.

(694). Planning Applications:

- (i). Update on Clay Hall Farm. The Parish Council had received no further information. Councillor Woodbridge said that as far as he was aware, the Composting plant was presently held in abeyance. The applicant had been unable to demonstrate the integrity of the composting technology proposed. He expected a full detail application for a new rendering facility to emerge. He did however promise that if this were the case, there would no compromise on the standard of operating regulations. He added that whilst composting was widely regarded as the way forward by government the science to fully understand the health and safety hazards is not yet in place. Councillors felt that the cost of such a plant was prohibitive given the market for rendered material.

(695). Payments/Financial Matters:

- (i). Litter/War Memorial. R. Cornell. Cheque No. 100467 £85.00
- (ii). P. Dilloway Clerk's expenses to 27/1/06 Chq No.100468 £54.96
- (iii). Clerk's Telephone expenses. The Clerk had approached the Chairman with a new proposal following analysis of the past 12 months' telephone and internet charges. In essence, charges had reached a level where use of an unlimited call based charge for phone calls and a similar broadband internet scheme were now wholly justifiable. On present costings the cost to the parish was expected to be around £110 p.a. against £98 paid by the parish for the last year. An agreement in principle to the change was sought. Members discussed the matter and gave agreement. The Clerk will seek quotations for telephone and broadband supply.

(696). Any Other Business:

- (i). The Chairman advised that he had been approached by residents of The Street to start a petition to have speed humps sited as the 20mph speed restriction is being disregarded. The clerk will prepare some sheets for circulation.
- (ii). A1067/A47 link road. The Chairman had attended a meeting at Hockering to discuss the options. Consensus of opinion was that the road would start at Lenwade Bridge but be routed away from Hockering. Whatever conclusions result, junctions at either end would likely have roundabouts.

There is much discussion to take place and many issues to be resolved before a firm decision is reached.

- (iii). Parish Website. The Chairman had made no progress on this, but Stephen Williams will continue dialogue with UEA.
- (iv). War Memorial. The Chairman was awaiting a quote for repairs and had received grant funding information.
- (v). Hall Walk Development. The outcome of the funding application is awaited.
- (vi). The Hedge at Gothic House is leaning into the roadway pushing traffic out. The Clerk will contact NCC highways.
- (vii). Mr. Woodbridge advised that the Broadland domestic rate will increase by 2.7% this year.
- (viii). Fly tipping. Following a major tip of asbestos material in Ringland, members were told that BDC had now cleared this and were working on a strategy to counter further tipping. It was hoped to widen this strategy throughout the district to reduce the incidence of fly tipping.
- (ix). Emergency Plan. With the threat of bird flu in mind, Stephen Williams asked whether a plan was in place for this or any other major eventuality. Simon Woodbridge replied that at present District and County Councils were formulating plans, and that this would filter down to Parishes in due course.

(697). Date and time of next meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2006 at 7.45pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

**AGENDA GWPC AGM – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2006 at 7.45 p.m.**

(698). Apologies

(699). Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

(700). Minutes of meeting 26/1/05

(701). Matters Arising

(702). Correspondence:

(703). Planning Applications:

(i). Clay Hall Farm (update on situation)

(704). Payments/Financial Matters)

(i). Memorial/ litter clearance

(ii). Clerk' expenses to date

(705). Any other Business

(706). Date & time of next meeting

AGM - 27<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at 7.15pm

Followed by Annual Parish Meeting 7.45pm