

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.00 p.m. at The Memorial Hall on Thursday 27th April 2006

Present : Roy Church, Bridget Wright, Pauline Brown, Stephen Williams and John Willmore. Ron Cornell in the chair.

Clerk: Peter Dilloway, James Joyce (County Councillor). Hazel Ellard (Rural Housing Enabler) & Ed Mumford-Smith (Broadland Housing Association).

Four members of the public: Mr. & Mrs. Gribble, Mrs. Burchinshaw & Mrs. Kinsley

(708). Apologies. Kevin Francis

(709). Hall Walk (for the convenience of the RHE and BHA personnel this matter was brought to top of the agenda.

(i). Broadland Housing Assoc. has been granted funding for a housing development adjacent to Hall Walk and behind the properties fronting the A1067. The proposal is to consist of 11 rental and 4 shared ownership dwellings. The proposal also indicates that access to site would be via a new roadway off the A1067, which would require the demolition of 62 Fakenham Road.

Whilst the earlier proposal included the possible provision of a new village hall (or funding) this proposal does not. Any provision can only be provided by BDC obtaining planning permission for a number of full market value (FMV) dwellings. Any permission will only be achieved if the village planning envelope is re-defined to include the Hall Walk land. Members discussed the matter and requested that the Rural Housing Enabler establish whether the envelope can be re-defined. The proposed plan will be displayed at Lenwade News for public inspection. A meeting will be held during June to receive public comment at a date to be arranged.

The recent Housing Survey highlighted a need for 4 dwellings and proposed providing 8. Council holds the view that the provision of 15 dwellings without any funding gain for a hall is not entirely suitable and is contrary to the original concept. Until the issue of FMV housing is resolved the Council reserves judgement on the proposal.

(710). Minutes of the meeting held 23/3/06 were found to have omitted the subject of provision of a village skip. This item will be added and the minutes confirmed at the next meeting.

(711). Matters Arising:

(i). A47/A1067 link Road. A traffic census has recently taken place. It is almost certain that the A1067 end will terminate in a roundabout at the Porter's Lane junction.

(712). Village Hall. The County Councillor could find no evidence of the plans having been updated but would investigate further. The matters of Land at Hall Walk, St. Faith's Church, the War Memorial and the school's requirements all have some input to a future village hall and will make any decision complex.

(713). Correspondence:

(i). Reply from Rev. Tillett re use of St. Faith's Church. Use of the Church is not publicly advertised and entry is entirely at own risk.

(ii). Blackwater Lane. The Highways Engineer has inspected the road. The structure is considered to be sound although ride quality is not ideal. Due to budget constraints the road will not be re-surfaced entirely but surface dressed in a future year. This is considered most unsatisfactory and will lead to litigation if resident's vehicles continue to suffer from premature suspension failure.

(714). Planning Matters: None

(715). Payments/Financial Matters:

(i). Adoption of 2005/6 accounts. Members had been presented with the statement of accounts. Adoption proposed Roy Church Seconded Ron Cornell. The Chairman duly signed the statement.

(ii). The clerk had prepared the Annual Audit Document; members agreed that the chairman should sign both the document and statement of assurance. Proposed Roy Church Seconded Ron Cornell.

(iii). Renewal of Insurance premium. The renewal includes play equipment, fencing and street lights. A reappraisal of the values will be undertaken before renewing the policy.

(iv). Litter/War Memorial maintenance. R. Cornell. Cheque No. 100474 £40.00.

(v). Set Clerk's Salary. The new NALC salary scales show an increase of 26.8p per hour. Members agreed unanimously to this and the clerk's salary was set at £972.00 pa (£9.348 x 2hours x 52weeks)

(vi). P. Dilloway Clerk's salary Apr-Jun & expenses to 27/4/06 Cheque No. 100475 £274.88.

(vii). Hall Hire The hall secretary had presented bills for the hire of the hall. The Clerk will arrange payment to be made once the invoices have been checked.

(716). Any Other Business:

As the APM follows this meeting any further business will be discussed then.

(717). Date and time of next meeting: 27th July 2006 at 7.45pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.00pm

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- (718). Apologies
- (719). Minutes of meeting 23/3/06 (corrected) & 27/4/06
- (720). Matters Arising
- (721). Correspondence:
- (722). Planning Applications:
 - (i). Extension – 8 The Street
 - (ii). Extension – 39 Fakenham Road
- (723). Payments/Financial Matters)
 - (i). Grounds maintenance Mar & Apr 06 £76.38
 - (ii). Insurance renewal £466.08
 - (iii). Grounds maintenance May 06 £47.00
 - (iv). Grounds maintenance Jun 06 £47.00
 - (v). Hall Hire £To be advised
 - (vi). Memorial/ litter clearance £To be advised
 - (vii). Clerk's expenses to date £To be advised
- (724). Any other Business
- (725). Date & time of next meeting 26th October 2006 at 7.45pm