

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting held at 7.45 p.m. at The Memorial Hall on Thursday 26th October 2006

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

Clerk: Peter Dilloway, James Joyce (County Councillor) and five members of the public: Mr. R. Gribble, Mr. M. Pead, Mr. D. Sayer, Mr. D. Beaumont and Mrs. D. Cushing. Also present Robert Todd & colleague from Fielden & Mawson Architects representing Banham Compost Ltd.

(726). Apologies. None

(727). Minutes of the meetings held 27/7/06 were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

For expediency the following item was brought forward for discussion.

(728). Planning Application - Rendering Plant Clay Hall Farm

- (i). Mr. Francis declared an interest as a business associate of Mr. Todd.
- (ii). Prior to the meeting a selection of questions had been passed to Banham's for answer. Those questions and the answers are given in appendix 1 below.
- (iii). The Chairman welcomed Mr. Todd to the meeting but expressed the Council's disappointment that that no representative from Banham Compost was present. He then outlined the history of the plant up to the present day.
- (iv). Mr. Todd apologised to the meeting for the recent power failure which had been caused by workmen at Clay Hall Farm cutting through a cable. The location of the cable was not as shown on the services plan.
- (v). Further questions relating to the rendering plant were put to Mr. Todd
 - (a) Roy Church said that in answer to appendix 1, Q7, the use of the existing process buildings had been described as 'agricultural purposes within class B2' he asked Mr Todd to specify the use, given that the acreage of land did not justify the size of the buildings. He was unable to answer the question.
 - (b) Mr. Sayer asked Mr Todd why the Environmental Statement contained errors. In particular, the reference to nearby boundaries which gave incorrect and misleading measurements. Mr Beaumont pointed out that his property, being one of closest to Clay Hall Farm was not shown on the plans or in the Environmental Statement as a receptor. Mr Todd replied that it was generally accepted that Environmental Statements are not entirely accurate.
 - (c) Mr. Sayer said that given the atmospheric conditions surrounding the site, some pollution was inevitable. He understood from the in the statement that the chimney would pass some 18 tonnes of water vapour per hour and asked what effect that might have. Mr. Todd was unable to answer.
 - (d) Mr. Sayer asked what provision was envisaged for back up power, given that on average, the area suffers at least 4 major blackouts per year. Mr. Todd was unsure, but believed that back up generators would be provided, capable of short-term cover.
 - (e) Roy Church asked where the rendered product would go. Mr Todd was unable to answer this.
- (vi). The Chairman wound up the session and asked for a views on the application. Roy Church proposed that that the objection to application be filed given:
 - (a) The inaccuracies of the Environmental Statement.
 - (b) The unknown operating hours
 - (c) The unclear waste disposal arrangements
 - (d) The unclear water disposal arrangements
 - (e) The unclear use of existing process buildings.

The proposal was seconded by John Willmore and carried unanimously.

(729). Matters Arising:

- (i). The chairman had been notified that the Village Hall Trustees will close the permanently with effect from 1st April 2007. As yet there has been no reaction from the school. After some discussion on the future of a hall in the village, Roy Church proposed that the council write to Broadland to formally request the nil value transfer of designated land at Hall Walk to the Parish Council as a site for a new hall. This would lay the basis for matched funding for the provision of a new hall.
- (ii). Clay pigeon shooting has been taking place at Clay Hall Farm. Some members asked if this required permission. Roy Church explained that up to 17 shoots per annum were permitted without need for permission, but should monitored to ensure that it did not become excessive.

(730). Correspondence:

- (i). Letter from Norfolk Accident Rescue requesting a donation to funds. The Chairman proposed a payment of £10 seconded by Roy Church. Carried unanimously.
- (ii). Letter from McMillan Cancer Support requesting a donation to funds. The Chairman proposed a payment of £100 seconded by John Willmore. Carried unanimously.
- (iii). Series of correspondence to and from the Environment Agency relating to the low water levels and monitoring of the sluices. The correspondence resulted in EA agreeing to set up a meeting with the residents at Lenwade Mill, to which a Council representative will be invited.

- (iv). Letter to, and reply from, Phil Kirby (BDC), in respect of the Whitwell Station affair, refuting the Parish's claims. The delay in replying meant that some of the issues had resolved themselves. The present situation is that the station has been put back on the market and the closing date for tender precedes any time scale which would allow its purchase as a travellers site.
- (731). Payments/Financial Matters:
- (i). Grounds maintenance Aug 06. A & J Canham. Chq no. 100484 £47.00 (Retrospective approval)
 - (ii). Memorial/ litter clearance Aug to Oct 06. R. Cornell. Chq no. 100485 £100.00
 - (iii). Norfolk Accident Rescue - donation to funds Chq no. 100486 £10.00
 - (iv). Clerk's Salary (£243.00) & expenses to date (£66.50). P. Dilloway. Chq no. 100487 £309.50
 - (v). Grounds maintenance Sept 06 A & J Canham. Chq no. 100488 £47.00
 - (vi). McMillan Cancer Support - donation to funds. Chq no. 100489 £100.00
- (732). Any Other Business:
- (i). The Clerk advised that the present 3-year grounds maintenance contract for the playing field expires at the end of the year. The School have agreed to take on the lease for the field as from April 2007. The Clerk will advise the school that they require a new contract.
 - (ii). John Willmore said that motorbikes were still using Marriott's Way. Two motorbikes travelling too fast to get their reg. Numbers eventually passing and frightening 2 elderly ladies and a mother with a pushchair at Thorpe Marriott. The Police were informed at the time. They were unable to attend quickly enough to catch anyone.
 - (iii). Morse close has been confirmed as unadopted and any repairs are therefore at the expense of frontagers.
- (733). Date and time of next meeting: 25th January 2007 at 7.45pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

AGENDA GWPC– 25th January 2007 at 7.45pm

(734). Apologies

(735). Minutes of meeting 26/10/06

(736). Matters Arising

(737). Correspondence:

(738). Planning Matters:

- (i). Clay Hall Farm: to include update on situation and
- (ii). Consideration of precepting funds for professional assistance in presenting objection to the above.
- (iii). Set agenda for meeting 2/2/07 with Keith Simpson MP.

(739). Payments/Financial Matters)

- (i). Precept 2007/8
- (ii). Audit fees 2005/6
- (iii). Memorial/ litter clearance £To be advised
- (iv). Clerk's salary & expenses to date £To be advised

(740). Any other Business

(741). Date & time of next meeting AGM 22nd March 2007 at 7.45pm