

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.45 p.m. at Gt. Witchingham School on Thursday 10th May 2007

Present : Roy Church, Mark Pead, Ron Cornell in the chair.

Clerk: Peter Dilloway, James Joyce (County Councillor) and 5 members of the public.

(758). Apologies: Pauline Brown, Kevin Francis and Simon Woodbridge (District Councillor).

(759). Co-option of Councillors. Stephen Williams and Tania Spelacy had previously agreed to be co-opted. Members consented to this unanimously.

The Chairman welcomed new members, Tania and Mark to the Council. He also proposed that letters of thanks be written to John Willmore and to Bridget Wright for their services to the community.

(760). Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman. Ron Cornell and Kevin Francis were willing to stand again as Chair and Vice-Chair. Nominations were proposed by Roy Church, seconded by Stephen Williams, carried unanimously.

(761). Statutory Declarations were signed in the presence of the Clerk. Register of interest forms will be completed when available.

(762). Code of Conduct 2007. Members resolved to adopt the all the mandatory sections of the new code including the non-mandatory section 12 (2).

(763). Minutes of the meeting held 26th April 2007 were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

(764). Matters Arising:

(i). Charity Lakes. The Chairman had received a letter from the Chair of Trustees in response to the complaint at the last meeting. The lakes had been inspected and the work carried out was found to be entirely in accordance with the management plan prescribed by Natural England.

(765). Correspondence:

- (i). Email From Ray Gribble (Hall Committee) outlining the position of the 4 members of the committee and the present status of the hall
- (ii). Letter to the Charity Commissioners from Ron Cornell seeking advice on the disposal of the hall. A general discussion followed and it would appear that the 3 original trustees of the hall were never replaced upon death hence the legality of disposal is in question. A resolution to await a response from the Charity Commission was passed. Upon the return from holiday of Ray Gribble a meeting of the existing members of the hall committee and villagers wishing to join the committee, will be called.
- (iii). Email from Rev. Selwyn Tillett requesting assistance to improve signage to St. Mary's Church. The Clerk will advise him of the procedure.

(766). Payments/Financial Matters:

- (i). Grounds maintenance St. Mary's Church. Members discussed the matter and resolved that for the present the sum of £150 would be donated.
- (ii). Grounds maintenance GWPC. Cheque No. 100503 £150.00
- (iii). Annual Audit Return. Members were now required to approve the Annual Governance Statement. The wording and requirement of the statement had changed from previous years. Given the low level of income and expenditure involved members agreed that it was appropriate to entrust the safety of their financial matters to the Clerk's integrity. Members resolved that all sections of the statement warranted a 'yes' reply and the Chairman & Clerk duly signed the statement.
- (iv).

(767). Planning Matters

- (i). Members attended the meeting of the Planning (Regulatory) Committee at which members resolved to hold a site visit. GWPC and Sparham PC have been invited and will attend. The matter of public speaking at the site meeting remains unclear although any opportunity will be taken. Otherwise the situation remains unchanged since the council last met

(768). Any Other Business:

- (i). One of the railway sleepers on the Marriott's way bridge is sticking up and in need of repair. The Clerk will advise the project officer
- (ii). There is a vagrant sleeping in St. Faith's Church doorway. The Chairman was aware and had spoken to the lad concerned. The Chairman was happy that there was no harm being done and was a short-term act.
- (iii). Schoolchildren catching the bus to Reepham School are still posing a visibility problem by waiting outside the Post Office. Legislation has now changed and the school is responsible rather than the bus company. The Clerk will write again to the school to ensure that children wait at the prescribed location.

(iv). The Chairman expressed a preference to continue to meet at the school rather than meet outside the village. Members concurred and resolved to continue to meet at the school if available.

(769). Date & Time of next Meeting: 26th July 2007 7.45pm Gt. Witchingham School

Meeting closed 8.30pm

AGENDA
GWPC – 12th July 2007 at 7.45pm
At Gt. Witchingham School

(770). Apologies

(771). Minutes of meeting 10/5/07

(772). Matters Arising

(773). Correspondence:

(774). Planning Matters:

(775). Payments/Financial Matters)

(776). Any other Business

(777). Date & time of next meeting

7.45 pm 1st November 2007 at Gt. Witchingham School