

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.45 p.m. at Gt. Witchingham School on Thursday 12th July 2007

Present : Roy Church, Mark Pead, Pauline Brown, Kevin Francis, Stephen Williams, Tania Spelacy and Ron Cornell in the chair.
Clerk: Peter Dilloway and 3 members of the public. James Joyce (County Cllr) & Simon Woodbridge (District Cllr) to arrive late.

- (770). Apologies: None
- (771). Minutes of the meeting held 10th May 2007 were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- (772). Matters Arising: None
- (773). Correspondence:
- (i). Acknowledgement from NCC re formal complaint on enforcement. Promise of full response next week.
 - (ii). Letter from Reepham High School re children waiting at Post Office. Suggestion of bus shelter provision. The Council will look into this.
 - (iii). Letter of thanks from Sally Acloque on behalf of GW PCC for donation towards grounds maintenance.
- (774). Payments/Financial Matters:
- (i). Annual Audit Return. The internal audit has been successfully complete and external audit is now awaited.
 - (ii). Counsel's Opinion Morag Ellis QC. Cheque no. 100504 £1321.88 (retrospective approval)
 - (iii). Planning Consultancy to June 07. M. Haslam Cheque no. 100505 £4390.80 (retrospective approval)
 - (iv). Clerk's Salary (£243.00) & expenses to date (£273.04). P. Dilloway. Chq no. 100506 £516.04
N.B. expenses include purchase of computer printer (Council property).
 - (v). War memorial/ litter clearance Apr-Jul. R Cornell. Cheque no. 100507 £80.00
- (775). Planning Matters
- (i). Planning application 20070814. Erection of dwelling adjacent 25 Fakenham Road. Members had received no representations to this application. The general view was one of overcrowding. It was recommended that the District be advised to deal with matter under local plan policy.
- (776). Clay Hall Farm.
- (i). The Clerk gave an update on the situation. Despite much protestation and legal argument, the matter remains much unchanged. The original application is in abeyance pending further information. Works continue apace and neither planning authority considers enforcement action to be appropriate.
 - (ii). James Joyce advised that the new application made in June to regularise works has today been validated and consultation will follow shortly. Council will arrange to meet again to consider this when the application is received. It would appear that this application will be determined by NCC at their Planning Committee meeting 17th August 2007.
 - (iii). The council has received a letter of complaint from Banham Compost over its opposition to their application. Members had been given copies of the letter prior to the meeting together with a draft response. The clerk advised that further information was required to complete the response and this would be available next week at which time the complete draft would be put to council for approval.
 - (iv). Simon Woodbridge said that Broadland were still processing the Pollution Control application and the decision as to granting a licence will probably not be made until September. He asked if members would allow him sight of the Counsel's opinion obtained by GWPC. Members considered that at present it was not prudent to so.
- (777). Any Other Business:
- (i). Village Hall. Roy Church has obtained a quotation for demolition of the building at a cost of £15,000. Before this can be considered, it is necessary to secure land at Hall Walk from Broadland as a potential site for a new hall.
 - (ii). The bushes on Lenwade Bridge are overgrown onto the footpath. The Clerk will notify the Highways Engineer.
 - (iii). Several residents have asked that the bus shelter seat be re-instated. Council resolved that this should be done and the clerk will attend to it. In addition permanent No Smoking signs will be fitted to the shelter to comply with legislation.
 - (iv). A47/A1067 link road. Councillors were unable to attend the meeting hosted by Hockering. After discussion on the minutes of that meeting, members agreed that Wood Lane to Lenwade with a roundabout at either end was a preference at this time.
 - (v). Low cost Housing scheme. BDC are having an open day at the Bridge car park on 18th July to display their proposals for land adjacent to Hall Walk. Given that the original need was identified as two dwellings, and that the promise of a new hall and subsequently just land for a hall have not yet materialised, the council is minded not to support the proposal. Members thought that the number of houses proposed amounted to 'ticking the right boxes' for government.
 - (vi). Motorbikes on Marriott's Way. We have at last a registration number of one offender and this will be passed to the police.
 - (vii). The Council will investigate if Lenwade House Hotel is a more suitable venue for meetings, now that it has re-opened.
- (778). Date & Time of next Meeting: 1st November 2007 7.45pm Gt. Witchingham School.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

AGENDA
GWPC – 1st November 2007 at 7.45pm
At Gt. Witchingham School

- (779). Apologies
- (780). Policing issues (if beat officer able to attend)
- (781). Rendering plant - Clay Hall Farm (Q & A session with NCC Planning Officer)
- (782). Minutes of meeting 12/7/07
- (783). Matters Arising
- (784). Correspondence:
- (785). A47/A1067 link road
- (786). Memorial Hall
- (787). Planning Matters:
 - (i). Low cost Housing development adj. Hall Walk
- (788). Payments/Financial Matters)
 - (i). Litter clearance/war Memorial maintenance payment
 - (ii). Clerk's salary & expenses
 - (iii). Olen trip costs (£698.92)
 - (iv). Precept 2007/8
- (789). Any other Business
- (790). Date & time of next meeting **To be advised**