

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a special meeting held at 7.45 p.m. at The Pightle on Monday 10th December 2007

Present : Roy Church, Pauline Brown, Kevin Francis, Stephen Williams, Tania Spelacy and Ron Cornell in the chair.
Clerk: Peter Dilloway and Hazell Ellard (Broadland DC Housing Enabler)

(815). Apologies: Mark Pead

(816). Planning Application 20071416 - Low Cost Housing Scheme Adj. Hall Walk . An amended site plan had been produced giving rise to better layout of dwellings within the site. The proposal for a site for a new village hall was also described on the plan. Members viewed the plan and raised a number of points:

- (i). The access roadway into the site is 6.75 metres wide including a single footway of 1.75 metres. At 5 metres the road is the same width as Heath Close. This was felt quite adequate for the housing scheme in its present form, but should further housing and/or a village hall added, roadway would have much more traffic using it. Despite there being provision of 32 parking spaces, the likelihood of vehicles parking on the roadway cannot be discounted. The Council fears that should a subsequent application be made to erect a hall, there will be onus on the parish to fund necessary alterations to meet highways criteria.
- (ii). BDC need to establish what rights of access are capable of being granted to a new village hall behind the site, including access from Hall Walk.
- (iii). There appears to be no provision for street lighting within the development.

The Housing enabler will take away the points raised for further consideration.

(817). Any Other Business:

- (i). Parish Laptop. The Clerk has purchased a laptop for use among the four parishes he serves. Members had discussed the matter of contribution informally and resolved to purchase the computer at a total cost of £518.47. With Contributions from two other parishes and the Clerk, and reclamation of VAT the net cost to the parish is £200.00.
- (ii). There was a considerable disturbance with fighting and anti-social behaviour outside the Bridge PH on Friday 7th December. A number of acts of vandalism also occurred. The Clerk was instructed to complain to BDC and the local beat Officer.
- (iii). Loud music had been heard emanating from Lenwade House Hotel. Not all members had been disturbed by the noise.
- (iv). Lake groundworks - Hall Walk. The new owner has set about considerable clearance work, removing trees and digging two lakes into one. Unfortunately such work requires planning permission and the lakes are within a county wildlife site. The ownership of the site is also in question as at one time it was certainly the highways surveyor's pit and would have vested in the parish. The Clerk was instructed to ensure that appropriate authorities are informed.
- (v). The Policing budget has been cut and there is a likelihood that the intended 'visible' policing will fall by the wayside. As our County Councillor is a member of the Norfolk Police Authority, the Clerk will ask for an update from him.
- (vi). George Williams has kindly donated a new notice board for the parish. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter expressing the Council's thanks to Mr. Williams.

(818). Date and time of next meeting: 24th January 2008 at 7.45pm To held in the Boardroom, Lenwade House Hotel.

Meeting closed 9.15 pm

AGENDA
GWPC – 24th January 2008 at 7.45pm
At the Boardroom, Lenwade House Hotel

- (819). Apologies
- (820). Policing issues (if beat officer able to attend)
- (821). Minutes of meeting 1/11/07
- (822). Matters Arising
- (823). Correspondence:
- (824). A47/A1067 link road
- (825). Memorial Hall
- (826). Planning Matters:
 - (i). Low cost Housing development adj. Hall Walk
 - (ii). Rendering plant - Clay Hall Farm
- (827). Payments/Financial Matters)
 - (i). Litter clearance/war Memorial maintenance payment
 - (ii). Clerk's salary & expenses
 - (iii). Donation to Wensum Valley Trust
 - (iv). Donation to Norfolk Accident Rescue
- (828). Any other Business
- (829). Date & time of next meeting: **AGM Thursday 3rd April 2008 Venue To be advised**