

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held at 7.45 p.m. Lenwade House Hotel on Thursday 24th January 2008

Present : Roy Church, Mark Pead, Pauline Brown, Kevin Francis, Stephen Williams, Tania Spelacy and Ron Cornell in the chair.
Clerk: Peter Dilloway, and 12 members of the public

- (819). Apologies: James Joyce (County Cllr) to arrive late.
- (820). Policing issues. The beat officer was unable to attend and the matter was deferred to the next meeting.
Minutes of the meeting held 12th July 2007 were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- (821). Minutes of the meetings held 1st November and 10th December were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.
- (822). Matters Arising: None
- (823). Correspondence:
- (i). Request for donation to funds from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service. The Council has always supported this service and resolved to donate £20.
 - (ii). Request for donation to funds from Wensum Valley Trust (deferred from last meeting) R. Church declared an interest as Chair of the trust. Members discussed the matter and felt it appropriate to donate £150 at the present time.
 - (iii). Request for donation to funds from Gt. Witchingham PCC towards the cost of grass cutting. Provision for a donation has been included in the precept and members resolved to donate £150 for the present.
 - (iv). Quotation from J&M Builders to board up the village hall at a cost of £750 +VAT. The quote was considered too expensive.
- (824). A47/A1067 Link Road. Option 6 (as supported by this council) has been withdrawn from the next round of consultation by the County Council. Our view is that it still represents a good value, sensible option, and that the costing analysis is flawed. The design layout and costing for a junction/roundabout at Lenwade has still to be carried out, therefore the true cost of any route terminating at Lenwade is unknown. Flooding of the existing road at this point is also an issue. After general public discussion it was resolved that this Council will continue to object to any proposal terminating at Lenwade in the absence of detailed design and accurate costings.
- (825). Memorial Hall/War Memorial. Roy Church gave a resume of the present situation:
- (i). The Rating Officer has now accepted that the hall is derelict and has removed it from rating.
 - (ii). The hall is now covered against public liability under the Parish Council insurance policy.
 - (iii). The application for outline planning permission for a dwelling has been delayed for the want of a flood risk assessment by BDC, discussion with the planning Officer and District Councillor will take place shortly to establish viability of permission. The sale of hall site represents crucial funding for a new hall.
 - (iv). The low cost housing scheme has received full planning approval and the provision of a lighting scheme has been included as a condition. The Planning Committee also agreed in principle that the roadway, whilst below highways approved standard, is of a standard to allow permission to be granted for the erection of a village hall to the rear of the development.
 - (v). The land for the village hall has yet to be transferred at nil cost to the parish. Without that land the parish has no basis to obtain funding for a new hall on that site.
 - (vi). If the old hall site does not receive planning permission, the location of a new hall will have to be reconsidered.
 - (vii). There were suggestions from the public that a new hall should be shared with the school. This has already been considered and found to be unviable. The arrangement has not worked in practice in other parishes. The cost of a hall to education standards is also prohibitive.
- (826). Planning Matters:
- (i). Application C/5/2007/5005 - Rendering Plant - Clay Hall Farm. The Full application is now a year old and remains suspended for the want of information.
The second application to vary a condition of the original permission has received approval to proceed to planning committee without a renewed Environmental Impact Assessment. Some issues of generator noise remain to be resolved but there remains a chance that the matter will be heard on Friday 15th February at County Hall. The principal objectors are all of the opinion that a fresh EIA is required and will continue to press for one. The Chairman stressed that it was vital to our case that as many objectors as possible attend the planning committee when the matter is to be determined. If this application succeeds it will clear the way for further development which would be almost impossible to prevent.
 - (ii). Application 20071416 - Low cost housing scheme off Fakenham Road. 15 dwellings for Broadland Housing Association. Permission granted to include a lighting scheme as requested by GWPC.
 - (iii). Application 20080068 - 27 Fakenham Road – rear extension. Members viewed the plans and found no objection.
 - (iv). Application 20080043 – 5 The Street – Utility room (retrospective). Members viewed the plans and found no objection.
 - (v). Application 20071775 – Construction of Lake, Aisle Valley Farm. Members viewed the plans and found no objection.

- (827). Payments/Financial Matters:
- (i). Purchase of Parish Laptop (ratify payment agreed at last meeting) P. Dilloway chq no. 100513 £518.47 inc VAT. Sparham & Lyng PC's have contributed £191.25 and a further £50 cashback from the manufacturer is awaited. The net cost to the parish is £200.00.
 - (ii). War memorial/ litter clearance Nov - Jan. R Cornell. Cheque no. 100514 £80.00
 - (iii). Clerk's Salary (£243.00) & expenses to date (£86.80). P. Dilloway. Cheque no. 100515 £329.80
 - (iv). Audit fees 2006/7 – Audit Commission. Cheque no. 100516 £141.00.
 - (v). Professional fees (CHF) – Morag Ellis QC. Cheque no. 100517 £1321.88.
 - (vi). Donation to funds – Wensum Valley Trust. Cheque no. 100518 £150.00
 - (vii). Donation to funds- Norfolk Accident Rescue Service. Cheque no. 100519 £20.00.
 - (viii). Donation to funds – Gt. Witchingham PCC. Cheque no. 100520 £150.00
- All payments approved by unanimous consent.
- (828). Meeting Venue. Members resolved to continue to use the hotel facilities for the next two meetings to assess suitability.
- (829). Any Other Business:
- (i). Roy Church said that Great Witchingham Fuel Allotment Charity would consider the distribution of personal alarms to anyone in the village who feels vulnerable following the attack on Mrs. Gray in November.
 - (ii). Stephen Williams asked whether any further parish land had been identified. It is believed that some exists under an enclosure award adjacent to Hall Walk. This will be investigated further.
 - (iii). There is no further information on the proposed sale of St. Faiths or the future of the War Memorial.
 - (iv). A number of residents asked if consideration could again be given to a one-way system in The Street. The Clerk will write to NCC.
- (830). Date and Time of next meeting: Council AGM 3rd April 2008 at 7.45pm to be held in the conference room, Lenwade House Hotel.

Meeting closed 9.00pm

AGENDA
GWPC – AGM – 3rd April 2008 at 7.45pm
At the Boardroom, Lenwade House Hotel

- (831). Apologies
- (832). Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman
- (833). Policing issues (if beat officer able to attend)
 - (i). Elderly or vulnerable residents
- (834). Minutes of meeting 24/1/08
- (835). Matters Arising
- (836). Correspondence:
- (837). A47/A1067 link road
- (838). Memorial Hall/Low cost housing scheme
- (839). Planning Matters:
 - (i). Rendering plant - Clay Hall Farm
- (840). Payments/Financial Matters)
 - (i). Litter clearance/war Memorial maintenance payment
 - (ii). Clerk's salary & expenses
- (841). Any other Business
- (842). Date & time of next meeting: **Annual Parish Meeting** Thursday 22nd May 2008 at **Lenwade House Hotel**