

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a Meeting held at 7.30 p.m. Gt. Witchingham School on Thursday 22nd July 2010

Present : Roy Church, Ron Cornell, Pauline Brown, and Stephen Williams in the chair.

Clerk: Peter Dilloway, James Joyce (County Councillor) and 1 member of the public

(980). Apologies: Kevin Francis, Mark Pead.

(981). Minutes of the meeting held 27th May 2010 were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

(982). Matters Arising.

- (i). The Headmistress has agreed that the schoolchildren will decorate the bus shelter as soon as paint and brushes have been acquired. RC will organise a basecoat of white emulsion beforehand.
- (ii). Telephone kiosk has been removed.

(983). Correspondence:

- (i). NCC – notification of A1067 closure for 3 weeks for resurfacing (see AOB below)
- (ii). Norfolk Accident Rescue – request for donation. Resolved to donate £20 as previously.
- (iii). Greater Norwich Dev Partnership update.

(984). Co-option of Parish Councillor. Sally Acloque has consented to join the Council and was duly co-opted. A Declaration of Office was completed and she was given an Interest Registration form to complete.

(985). Memorial Hall

- (i). Chris Cate gave a resume of the present situation. There is some hold-up in finalising the sale whilst the Diocese apply for permission to extend the playground and add parking onto the hall site. It would appear that this was not an original condition of purchase and the Hall Trustees are particularly disappointed.
- (ii). Playground. The matter has not yet been taken forward by the Council. At this stage it is considered better to have some involvement with parents to determine what is required. Until further progress is made with the site for the new hall there is no sensible way to determine a location.
- (iii). There is busy schedule of fundraising events mapped out for the summer.
- (iv). At some point in the future, the council must nominate an associate trustee to serve with the hall trustees.

(986). War Memorial.

- (i). The Memorial has been demolished and the stones will be relocated to St Mary's Church shortly. The cost of demolition is £400 plus VAT as quoted

(987). Payments/Financial Matters:

- (i). Litter clearance payment to date R. Cornell Chq No. 100577 £46.00. (£2.79 for bin bags carried forward to next payment.
- (ii). Demolition of War Memorial – J & M Builders. Chq No. 100578 £470.00.
- (iii). Donation to funds - Norfolk Accident Rescue. Chq No. 100579 £20.00.
- (iv). All payments approved by unanimous consent.

(988). Planning Matters:

- (i). 011409 - Clay Hall Farm – Revocation of permission (awaiting draft). Members again discussed the delay in issuing the revocation order and expressed total dissatisfaction. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of complaint to the District Councillor.
- (ii). 20100737 – 12 The Street – Garden cabin. No objections.
- (iii). 20100628 – St. Faith's Church – conversion to dwelling. Proposal is supported but objection to windows on north side which need to be obscure glass.

(989). Any Other Business:

- (i). Old playing field. The lease for the field was thought to be held by the school but in fact it has not been leased since the Parish gave it up in 2007. Recently, youngsters have been camping there and causing a

nuisance. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain whether BDC or NCC own the freehold and determine what uses the field may have in the future bearing in mind that it is waste landfill site.

- (ii). Lenwade House Hotel has re-opened and the Council hopes that the new owners are successful. The Clerk was instructed to investigate the possibility of holding Council meetings there.
- (iii). The A1067 is to be resurfaced in September. The road will be closed other than for access and the work will take 3 weeks. Local businesses deplore the proposal to close the road and impose diversions as the impact upon trade will be enormous. The Council resolved to write a letter of complaint to NCC and seek a more sensible approach to the work.
- (iv). The drain cover near the bus shelter has been cut out and removed and requires immediate attention.
- (v). The recycling banks at St. Faith's Church will need to be relocated. The Clerk was instructed to inform BDC and seek their assistance in finding a new site.
- (vi). Chris Cate asked if the old "no stink" campaign boards could be used to advertise hall funding events. The Clerk will ask the owner.
- (vii). The road surface at the entrance to Common Lane is breaking up. It was asked how repairs could be affected. Because the lane is a private road it would have to be organised and funded by the frontagers, a task which has always proved difficult.
- (viii). Traffic speed. It was asked whether the parish could obtain speed signs which indicate the speed which vehicles are travelling at. Because the parish already has electronic signs it is unlikely to achieve funding for an upgrade ahead of villages which have no signage. After some discussion it was resolved to try Speedwatch in conjunction with the Police and the School.

(990). Date and Time of next meeting: 28th October 2010 Venue TBA at 7.30pm.

Meeting Closed 9.00pm

AGENDA
GWPC Meeting – 28th October 2010
7.30pm at Gt. Withingham School

- (991). Apologies
- (992). Minutes of meeting 22/7/10
- (993). Matters Arising
- (994). Correspondence:
 - (i). Most correspondence has been circulated
- (995). A1067 road closure
- (996). Memorial Hall (if there is any business to discuss)
- (997). Website
- (998). Allotment Gardens
- (999). Planning Matters:
 - (i). 011409 - Clay Hall Farm – Revocation of permission
- (1000). Payments/Financial Matters)
 - (i). Precept requirement 2011/12
 - (ii). Audit report 2009/10
 - (iii). Audit fees 2009/10 Mazars £141.00
 - (iv). Litter clearance/war Memorial maintenance payment to date (£83.29) - R. Cornell
 - (v). Payment of Clerk's salary (£387.70) & expenses to date (£TBA)
 - (vi). Disposal of CHF Planning Consultancy fund
- (1001). Any other Business
- (1002). Date & time of next meeting: 27th January 2011 at 7.30pm at Gt. Withingham School.