

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of a meeting held at 7.30 p.m. at Gt. Witchingham School on Thursday 22nd March 2012

Present : Kevin Francis, Chris Cate, Mark Pead, and Ron Cornell in the chair.

Clerk: Peter Dilloway and one member of the public

(1087). Apologies: Sally Acloque, Stephen Williams, Jane Wisbey, James Joyce (County Councillor).

(1088). Minutes of the meeting held 26/1/12 were agreed to be a true record and duly signed by the Chairman.

(1089). Matters Arising.

- (i). None

(1090). Correspondence:

- (i). Most correspondence has been circulated and that remaining was of only general information for circulation.
- (ii). UEA request for volunteers to assist in research. This will be put in the Wensum Diary.

(1091). Village Hall.

- (i). No written report was available but the Chairman gave an update.
- (ii). Generated income from the housing development has been confirmed as £490K.
- (iii). The hall costs are now estimated at £640K leaving a shortfall of £150K.
- (iv). It is proposed to move more of the hall development into phase two to balance the funds and get the project moving. Further savings are being sought. One saving may be in the type of surface used on the car park and hard standing areas and by redesign.
- (v). The Hall will be heated by LPG gas.
- (vi). Lovells, the developers, have offered to rebuild the War Memorial as a legacy of the project.
- (vii). It is hoped to be able to commence the housing build by late summer.
- (viii). Extra funding by way of donation is to be sought from local business.
- (ix). The Council was reminded that £10k planning gain was owed from the Hubbard's Loke development. The Clerk will pursue the funds for use.

(1092). River Wensum.

- (i). A meeting took place at the mill on 2nd February to discuss solutions to the potential flood risk. EA have funds available to prevent flooding and will advise what work is to be carried out.
- (ii). The area most at risk is that surrounding the mill and west to The Street.

(1093). Payments/Financial Matters:

- (i). The Clerk's office furniture had been discussed between meetings to urgently replace cabinets and other furniture which were no longer fit for purpose. It was proposed RC, seconded KF and Members had agreed unanimously to fund a quarter share of the replacement cost of £912 +VAT with the Clerks other 3 parishes. The Furniture will be added to the asset register and written down annually. Should the Clerk's employment cease at any time prior to a nil asset value being reached, the Council shall receive its book value from the Clerk.
- (ii). Disposal of parish filing cabinet; having been advertised for sale, £10.00 was received from M. Pead.
- (iii). Clerk's furniture. Powleys Office Furniture Chq. No. 100607 £273.60
- (iv). Litter clearance payment to date (£57.50) – Cheque No. 100608 R. Cornell
- (v). Clerk's Salary £387.70 & Expenses to date (£59.14) - Cheque No. 100609 P. Dilloway
- (vi). Request for donation to funds – McMillan Cancer Support. Following detailed discussion it was resolved to donate the sum of £120. Cheque No. 100610 £120.00 MCS.

All payments agreed by unanimous consent.

(1094). Transcription of 1811 Enclosure act

- (i). The task has suffered some setbacks but will be back on course in the spring.

(1095). Planning Matters

- (i). 20120375 – Conversion of farm dwellings Norfolk Wildlife Park without complying with condition 3 restricting occupancy. The applicant wishes to have the option to sell the Wildlife Park and house separately. Following discussion it was proposed to establish the Planning Officer's view and whether the applicant has established the criteria for removal of the condition. Decision deferred.
- (ii). 20120248 – Aisle Valley Farm Oak frames store and garage. No objections.
- (iii). Clay Hall Farm. The Council will meet with Mr Dacre in April to discuss new proposals for the land. It would appear that the enforcement has been held in abeyance pending any new proposals. If no meeting or proposal is forthcoming, the Council will re-open its action to have enforcement carried through and the site cleared of offensive permissions.

(1096). Any Other Business:

- (i). St. Faith's Church. The current sale has fallen through and the building is now back on the open market.
- (ii). Bottle bank. Broadland were looking into siting the bank at Marriott's Way. The clerk will enquire whether this avenue has been exhausted.
- (iii). Post Office. Ownership has yet to be established to effect urgent repairs to prevent the roof tiles from slipping off. It was resolved to write to Reepham School, NCC & the bus company to insist that the bus picks up children from the designated location rather than outside the Post Office.
- (iv). A public consultation on the Northern Distributor Route was held. The impact upon Lenwade has now been minimised as the proposed route to the A47 crosses land and Morton
- (v). Broadband. Whilst there is a fibre optic cable running through the village it has no connection to a BT cabinet. A local firm can provide a 30Mb/s wireless broadband service but the transmitter needs line of sight to the user's home. If a mast were placed on a tall building such as Lenwade Mill, the river end of the village could largely be served. Dwellings at the hotel end of the village would probably not receive a signal. To establish this service, at least 74 users would be needed. It is believed that BT are currently trialling new cables which may shortly be able to provide a better service than is currently available

(1097). Date & time of next meeting: at The School Following on from the Annual Council Meeting at 7.30pm Thursday 24th May 2012.

Meeting Closed 9.20 pm

AGENDA

GWPC Meeting – Following on from the Annual Council Meeting 7.30pm Thursday 24th May 2012 at Gt. Witchingham School.

(1104).Apologies

(1105).Minutes of meeting 22/3/12

(1106).Matters Arising

(1107).Correspondence:

- (i). Most correspondence has been circulated

(1108).Clay Hall Farm. Proposal to remove commercial building and replace with small housing development.

(1109).Memorial Hall (if there is any business to discuss)

(1110).River Wensum

(1111).Payments/Financial Matters)

- (i). Adoption of 2011/12 accounts.
- (ii). Internal audit report.
- (iii). Annual Audit return.
- (iv). Statement of assurance
- (v). NALC Subscription 2012/13 £121.39
- (vi). Litter clearance payment to date (£TBA) - R. Cornell
- (vii). Clerk's Salary £387.70 & Expenses to date (£82.64) £470.34
- (viii). Dog bin emptying Common Lane (April 2012 – Mar 2013 Broadland Council £151.84
- (ix). St Mary's Church Gt. Witchingham request for donation towards grass cutting.

(1112).Planning Matters:

(1113).Risk Assessment

(1114).Transcription of 1811 Enclosure act – No progress to report.

(1115).Any other Business

- (i). St Faith's Church
- (ii). School Bus pick up (Post Office)

(1116).Planning Matters

- (i). 20120662 Gt Witchingham School - 1.8M fence.

(1117).Date & time of next meeting: 7.30pm Thursday 26th July 2012