

# GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Meeting of Great Witchingham Parish Council at Great Witchingham VA Primary School on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7:30pm.

**Present:** Stephen Williams (Chair), David Beaumont, Maria Fraser, David Sayer  
Stephen Williams (Acting Clerk)  
Also in attendance Cllr Andrew Proctor, Leader of Broadland District Council and 6 other members of the public

(1330) Welcome

(1331) Apologies for absence: Cllr Wisbey is unwell and unable to attend.

(1332) Minutes of the last council meeting agreed and approved

(1333) Matters arising not mentioned elsewhere on the agenda

- i) Highways have carried out remedial work on the steps to the Heath Lane PROW, and cleared each side of the footpath, but budget constraints mean that they are unable to provide a hand rail. GWPC to monitor the situation.
- ii) SW reported on the 6 Chairs meeting (chairs of Ringland, East Tuddenham, Hockering, Honingham, Weston Longville and GWPC) he attended on 17<sup>th</sup>. All were concerned about the airfield wind farm, and NDR route choice. SW to circulate and publish minutes when available.

(1334) Record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed. Councillors Sayer and Beaumont declared a personal interest in matters pertaining to Clay Hall Farm as they both have properties with a boundary next to Clay Hall Farm.

(1335) The meeting was adjourned to allow public participation

Wensum Diary had been sent details of GWPC meetings, and notes on the meeting of 30<sup>th</sup> January but neither was published. GWPC to re-send meeting dates and notes of this meeting.

Norfolk CC website still displays the old GWPC information, and have been contacted again to get this changed. Waiting on NCC.

The failure of the street naming issue to be published in WD presents a problem as we needed that coverage to reach parishioners asking for suggestions. Street naming was discussed and further suggestions need to be received

Lovells sent a letter to all residents of Heath Close stating that they will clearing the hedging borders and replacing with lapped wooden fencing. This would cause a severe loss of privacy not only to one of the residents, but also to the future occupiers of at least two of the Hubbards Loke properties because of the apparent need to remove the border hedging and a mature tree. This has been taken up with the site manager by the parishioner and separately by Cllr Williams, and GWPC will query with BDC on planning compliance and environmental grounds. Cllr Andrew Proctor suggested we look closely at the Planning Conditions that apply to the application.

Concern was also expressed about the site border where it meets with the lane between Heath Close and the A1067, because of the large tree and the planned fencing, and possible lighting issues. GWPC to investigate.

The meeting was then resumed.

- (1336) District Council Representation. Cllr Andrew Proctor, Leader of Broadland District Council attended the meeting and will assess the situation, GWPC invited to liaise with Mr Proctor until the situation is resolved
- (1337) NCC Highways have agreed to meet on site and discuss possible remedial solutions, however they pointed out that there are severe budgetary constraints. Meeting trying to be fixed for w/c 17<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> March.
- (1338) Insurance for the speed sensing signs has been arranged and they will be installed w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014. Awaiting designs from Reepham HS.
- (1339) Silting of River Wensum, Environment Agency Update  
EA has appointed a new contact, Hannah Borrett and GWPC will continue to liaise with her on suitable remedial work..
- (1340) Planning applications/matters:
- i. Clay Hall Farm  
GWPC is confirming the position of BDC and NCC before a parish opinion survey is commenced.
  - ii. Planning variation – Street naming in Hubbards Loke  
This matter was discussed. Opinion seems to favour a name from the list of the Great War fallen on the war memorial, but parishioners and the school are still encouraged to send in suggestions. Research needs to be done to check that if a name is chosen from the memorial, that the person was either a resident or born in the parish. GWPC unanimously resolved that the name currently used by Lovells Eades Place (or Eades Court, Way or Close) was unacceptable, and that would aim to have a suitable number from which to choose at the next meeting.
  - iii. Planning variation – Street lighting in Hubbards Loke. Following a meeting with BDC and Lovells on 12<sup>th</sup> it transpired that incorrect information had been supplied, in that the option initially proposed by NCC and favoured by GWPC only applied if the street name continued to be Hubbards Loke, and as Lovells have requested that it be changed was not valid. Furthermore it was not clear who was responsible for the incorrect standard of lighting (roadway rather than footway) being installed in Hubbards Loke already, and therefore responsibility and liability needs to be confirmed, as one of the options involves changing this lighting to footway standard, thereby incurring cost
  - iv. War memorial – Lovells verbally confirmed that it would meet the cost of rebuilding the memorial to the correct design, replicating the original. Awaiting confirmation.
- (1341) War memorials update, see above 1340(iv).
- (1342) Update on Post Office facilities – the postmaster at Mattishall has offered to provide an outreach service, as he does for a few other villages. The Post Office

is in principle happy for this to be done but confirmation of the location and facilities needs to be agreed. Maxims has previously agreed to host the service so this needs to be confirmed..

- (1343) Jubilee Wood – a plan has been obtained and the public access route can now be proposed. SW suggested that as Woodland Trust has more free packs of tree saplings it might be possible to ‘fill’ the U shaped planting to create a larger walkable area, subject to a suitable route being agreed.

Meeting closed 8.45 pm

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday March 27<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 7.45 pm