

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of Great Withingham Parish Council held at Great Withingham School on Thursday 26 March 2015 at 7:30pm.

Present:-

David Beaumont

Maria Fraser

Rowan Banks

Jane Wisbey (In the Chair)

Sonya Blythe (clerk)

(1522)	<p>Welcome</p> <p>The Chair welcomed attendees to the meeting.</p> <p>Mr Burton left before the start of the meeting. In his absence the Chair thanked him for the excellent work he had done for the parish.</p>
(1523)	<p>To consider Apologies for Absence</p> <p>Apologies had been received from David Sayer.</p> <p>Nicki Marshall had stood down as a councillor.</p>
(1524)	<p>To approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting (29 January 2015)</p> <p>The minutes of the last council meeting were approved subject to the following amendments:-</p> <p>1507 – should read “river” instead of mill.</p> <p>1508 – should read Mr “Dacre” not Baker.</p>
(1525)	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>MF reported that the Bridge Public House had a marquee in place for parties. Parishioners had reported concerns regarding potential noise nuisance. Parishioners were encouraged to contact Tony Garland at Broadland Council on 01603 430505 if they experienced any issues.</p> <p>It was noted that there would be an election for parish councillors on 7 May 2015. The polling station would be the new village hall.</p>
(1526)	<p>To Record Declarations of Interest</p> <p>None declared.</p>
(1527)	<p>To Adjourn the Meeting to Allow Public Participation</p> <p>A concern was raised regarding the location of the opening plaque in the village hall. As this was not parish council business it was recommended that it be raised at the village hall AGM.</p>

(1528)	<p>To discuss the Clay Hall Farm Fighting Fund</p> <p>The Chair reported that three residents had requested a refund of the remainder of their share of their donation to the Clay Hall Farm fighting fund. It was noted that in 2010 the then parish council had agreed to retain the fighting fund as there was still a potential for noxious use of the building. The parish council in November 2014 then agreed to review the fund annually until such time as risk of noxious use is removed. Councillors AGREED to refund proportional amounts to these parishioners and anyone else who requested it. Otherwise the fund would continue to be reviewed annually.</p> <p>DB updated that Mr Dacre had begun to put hedging screening around the building. An obligation still remained to remove the spoil, which had been created when the building was erected. It was noted that GWPC agreed with Mr Dacre to six acres of land being developed in return for removal of the building. The plan then received by GWPC had requested 15 acres for development instead.</p>
(1529)	<p>Update on Environment Agency</p> <p>RB reported that the EA had visited the site and were compiling a report around how the river would be de-silted.</p> <p>It was reported that fish were being transferred from lakes to the stream at the Hall Walk fishing lakes. The clerk would check with the Environment Agency whether this was allowed.</p>
(1530)	<p>Update on Broadland District Council complaints</p> <p>DB reported that Broadland Council had found the relevant file around licencing of the Norfolk wildlife park. DB would read the file and copy any relevant information.</p>
(1531)	<p>To discuss NCC highways issues affecting parish</p> <p>The Chair advised that HB had contacted Highways regarding drainage and flooding at Sparham Hill. As a result drainage action was being taken to prevent this occurring again.</p> <p>It was noted that residents had received a letter from Norfolk Constabulary advising they were looking into complaints around parking outside the primary school.</p>
(1532)	<p>To discuss the former Permissive path near Heath Lane</p> <p>An email had been received from the Mr Swatman, owner of the land adjoining Heath Lane, advising that he had withdrawn permission to use the permissive path on his land. He had taken legal advice, which had stated that this was not a public right of way.</p> <p>Concern was raised that if the path was closed there would be no safe route from the village to Marriotts Way. The Chair advised that she had contacted the Norfolk Trails officer who had confirmed that a second permissive path would be cleared within the next month to give access to Marriotts Way from the village.</p> <p>The clerk would check with the Norfolk Records Office around the history of the existing path.</p> <p>Mr Swatman confirmed he was happy to meet with the PC in a private meeting.</p>
(1533)	<p>To discuss the dog bin on Mill Lane / The Street</p>

	<p>Signs were now in place regarding dog fouling on Mill Lane / The Street and hUbbards Loke.</p> <p>Parishioners should contact Alexandra Bone at Broadland Council on 01603 430129 to report any incidents of fouling.</p> <p>A note would be placed in the Wensum diary to remind people to clear up after their dogs.</p>
(1534)	<p>Update on Bus Shelter</p> <p>The shelter had been ordered and was awaiting delivery.</p>
(1535)	<p>To consider planning applications/matters</p> <p>Planning applications</p> <p>(a) Application 20150233 - 2 Lenwade Mill – No objections.</p> <p>(b) 20140374 Weston Hall - agreed to support the decision of Weston Longville PC.</p>
(1536)	<p>To discuss finance issues</p> <p>The following payments were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clerks salary, tax and expenses (Feb - Mar) £407.80 - Clay Hall Farm Fighting Fund refunds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr Martin - £274.20 Mr Croome £274.20 East of England Air Ambulance (Mr Willmore share of fund) £27.42 - NALC Annual Subscription £124.61
(1537)	<p>To discuss Village Hall</p> <p>RB reported that the Village Hall Trust would next meet in April. An article had been put into the Wensum Diary requesting memorabilia for the memorial room.</p> <p>The Chair would forward the details of County Council officers who had funding available for bicycle racks, as one was required at the village hall.</p> <p>Due to a recent incident, a bond would be charged in future for all room hire and signs would be placed saying there would be no tolerance for disrespect to volunteers.</p> <p>MF AGREED to write a letter for the Wensum diary advising that the bicycle rack at the Bridge PH was available for all to use. She would also discuss relocating the rack with the Bridge PH.</p>
(1538)	<p>To discuss playground</p> <p>The Village Hall Trust had carried out work on playground designs. The Chair confirmed that she had contacted the county council regarding funding and was awaiting a response.</p>
(1539)	<p>To discuss Jubilee Wood public access agreement, Public Rights of Way and update on Centenary Fields</p> <p>The Chair reported that 49 signatures had been collected from parishioners who had</p>

	<p>walked the site for more than 20 years. BDC was currently tying up legal issues with Caroline Comer. Understanding had been reached that a Section 30 agreement would be signed with Ms Comer to give access to a right of way around Jubilee Wood to the end of the lake fencing, which would put the right to walk in place for perpetuity.</p> <p>Councillors AGREED to contact the owner of the garage on Fakenham Road to enquire what the intentions were for the plot of land opposite it as it was currently an eyesore.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 20.50</p> <p>The date and time of next meeting were agreed as Thursday 28 May, 7.30pm in the Village Hall, memorial room.</p>

Signed:
Chair to the Parish Council