

# GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of meeting of Great Withingham Parish Council held at Great Withingham School on Monday 20 July 2015 at 7:30pm.**

Present:-

Jane Wisbey (In the Chair)

David Beaumont

Herbie Burton

Susie Thomson

Pauline Brown

David Sayer

Sonya Blythe (clerk)

1559	<b>Welcome by the Chairman</b>  JW welcomed councillors and attendees.
1560	<b>To consider Apologies for Absence</b>  None received.  MF was present but unable to take part in the meeting as her acceptance of office and declaration of interest forms had not been completed.
1561	<b>To receive Members' Declarations of Interests for Meeting Tonight</b>  None made.
1562	<b>To approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting (28 May 2015)</b>  The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed, subject to the following amendments:-  1553 – the statement included within the minutes had been read by residents of Morse Close. Reference to Mr Wright should be removed from the PC objections regarding the planning application and the first line should read that “The PC agreed to support residents and object on the following grounds presented to us by the residents of Morse Close.”  1558 – to clarify this this refers to Liz Jacques.
1563	<b>Matters Arising</b>  The clerk was asked to contact Broadland Council and obtain clarification around the memorial garden and whether the PC had permission to occupy the site and build it.  The closure of the permissive path leading to Hall Walk was raised. The Chairman advised the landowner that an old map had been found showing a public right of way across the site. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the PC should make a submission to Norfolk County Council to have the path made a formal public right of way. PB to coordinate. It was clarified that the path could not be used until NCC had made a final decision.
1564	<b>To Adjourn the Meeting to Allow Public Participation</b>

	No matters raised.
1565	<p><b>To Confirm the Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Financial Regulations of the Parish Council</b></p> <p>The circulated councillor code of conduct, financial regulations and standing ordered were considered and approved in principle. The clerk would upload them to the website and attach to the minutes as an appendix. Councillors to contact the clerk with any queries, in which case they would be brought to the next meeting.</p>
1566	<p><b>To Update on the Norwich Northern Distributer Route</b></p> <p>The six-parishes chairs group would meet on 27 July. An update on the NNDR would be provided by the chair after this and uploaded onto the website. Concerns were noted that the six local parishes had not been consulted as part of the formal consultation process.</p>
1567	<p><b>Update on Environment Agency</b></p> <p>No update available. The clerk would contact Sally to ask if there had been any progress.</p>
1568	<p><b>Update on Broadland District Council complaints</b></p> <p>DB reported that BDC had indicted that they were not willing to take either the Clay Hall farm or Wildlife Park complaints further forward as they were historic and it would not be a good use of public money to carry out a formal investigation. Broadland had investigated themselves thus far instead of having an independent investigation.</p> <p>DB to circulate relevant points to councillors and the local MP to clarify issues, for consideration before the next meeting in order for a decision to be made on the way forward.</p>
1569	<p><b>To discuss NCC highways issues affecting parish</b></p> <p>A discussion was held around traffic on The Street. ST/HB confirmed that they had spoken with 80% of residents and the majority had agreed that making The Street one way would be the best solution.</p> <p>The clerk would contact the emergency services to ascertain their views. Once received a request would be submitted to NCC to ask them to suggest a solution to the problems.</p> <p>Concern was raised regarding the speed of vehicles on the Fakenham Road – data from the camera showed that the average speed was between 38 and 43mph – the speed limit was 30mph.</p> <p>It was proposed and agreed that the Chair would send the data from the speed camera to the clerk, who would contact the police and request that they meet with the PC and to request a speed camera which issues fines to those breaking the speed limit. In addition investigation would be carried out in to how to become a community speed watch area.</p>
1570	<p><b>Update on Bus Shelter</b></p> <p>The bus shelter was now in place.</p>
1571	<p><b>To consider planning applications/matters</b></p> <p>20151048 (Foxwood Cottages, Heath Lane - Demolition of existing and erection of one new</p>

	<p>dwelling)</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that there were no objections to plans as they stand. If changes were received the opportunity would be given to comment further.</p>
1572	<p><b>To Consider the Premises Licencing Hearing for Lenwade Hotel (21 July).</b></p> <p>The Parish Council had objected in June to an application for three open-air cinema nights per month at the Lenwade Hotel and twice yearly garden parties, on the grounds of noise and public disturbance. The owner of the property was present and advised that he would withdraw the request for the open air cinema, making the application for two garden parties per annum, midday – 8pm. Councillors agreed that they did object to the application on these grounds. ST would attend the planning hearing on 21 July and confirm this to BDC officers.</p>
1573	<p><b>To discuss finance issues</b></p> <p>The following payments were agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk salary, tax and expenses (Jun - July) £406.12 (standing order for £177.86 paid monthly / cheque for £50.40 expenses)</li> <li>• Clayhill Fighting Fund – pro rate return of monies – Mr and Mrs Francis £170</li> <li>• Broadland District Council – dog bin £164.32</li> <li>• IRS Girod - Bus shelter - £5319.60</li> </ul> <p>Recycling credits in the sum of £37.46 were noted.</p> <p>The annual accounts were noted.</p>
1574	<p><b>To discuss Village Hall</b></p> <p>Nothing new to report.</p>
1575	<p><b>To discuss playground</b></p> <p>The Chair reported that she was still trying to find funding for a playground. She would carry on with this and chase NCC regarding the availability of a separate fund they hold for Lenwade before the September meeting.</p>
1576	<p><b>To discuss Jubilee Wood public access agreement, Public Rights of Way and update on Centenary Fields</b></p> <p>The map in the Wensum Diary showing the location of the PROW across Caroline Comer's land had not been very clear. Since publication the landowner had changed the PROW to give the public more land to use and would be putting fencing up where access was not granted. In addition the landowner would be blocking the pathway leading from the village hall to the footpath.</p>
1577	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>DB gave an update on outstanding planning enforcement issues at Clayhall Farm. BDC had requested that the PC write and formally request that enforcement be carried out at Clay Hall Farm on outstanding matters. This was proposed, seconded and agreed.</p> <p>Updated PC meeting dates would be sent to the Wensum Diary.</p>

	<p>PB reported that residents of Hall Walk had made complaints to her regarding the speed of drivers using the road to get to the Hall Walk fishing lakes. It was agreed that the PC would write to the owner requesting that he regulate the times people use the lakes and the speed of the vehicles.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 20.40</p> <p>The date and time of next meeting were agreed as Monday 28 September 7.30pm in the Village Hall, memorial room.</p>

Signed:  
Chair to the Parish Council