

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of Great Witchingham Parish Council held at Great Witchingham Village Hall on Monday 21 March 2016 at 7:30pm.

Present:-

Jane Wisbey (In the Chair)

Herbie Burton

Pauline Brown

Susie Rowles

Alex Manson

Sonya Blythe (clerk)

James Joyce (county councilor)

1618	Welcome by the Chairman. The chairman welcomed those present.
1619	To receive apologies for absence. None received.
1620	To receive members' declarations of interests for meeting tonight. None.
1621	To approve the minutes of the last council meetings held on 18 January 2016. The minutes were approved and signed.
1622	To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda. No matters raised,
1623	To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation. The following matters were raised: The ground around the dog bin in Hall Walk keeps flooding. The clerk will contact Broadland Council and ask if it can be moved. The clerk would contact Broadland Council regarding the land opposite the garage on the A1067 which was badly overgrown, to ask if they would consider a compulsory purchase order. Norfolk Trails would be approached regarding improving the Heath Lane crossing over Marriotts Way and the footbridge off Porters Land, adjacent to the carpark. The revised Morse Lane planning application had been revised again – the clerk would circulate it. The locks have been changed at the fishing lakes at the end of Common Lane which prevented access to parishioners – a notice had not been put up first. Following a

	discussion on the history of the land it was agreed to request information on who owns the land and for a copy of governing document and annual report. The PC has records which state that the PC must appoint all members to the charitable trust, which has not been happening.
1624	<p>To consider the purchase of a village sign.</p> <p>SR circulated information on the purchase of a village sign. Agreement was reached to purchase a sign and to locate it on the parish land on the A1067 between the river and the public house. The design and materials would be agreed by email.</p>
1625	<p>To Update on Environment Agency</p> <p>The clerk reported on an email from Sally Acloque, which advised a meeting with the EA had taken place. They had confirmed that there was no money in their budget to do anything unless there is a high flood risk, the risk of which in Lenwade is small.</p>
1626	<p>To Update on BDC complaints</p> <p>The Leader of Broadland Council, Andrew Proctor, had responded to say that the parish council's complaint was historic and no further action will be taken.</p> <p>It was agreed to ask the Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise councillor attendance at parish council meetings.</p>
1627	<p>To update on the 7-chairs meeting.</p> <p>JW reported on the meeting of 15 February.</p> <p>JJ agreed to check with NCC on the latest proposal for the Porters Lane junction – whether traffic lights or a roundabout were planned.</p> <p>The HGV route from Porters Lane to the A47 was discussed. It was agreed to support Weston Longville PC in changing the route by reducing the loop to make it safer. The land owner had been contacted regarding this.</p>
1628	<p>To Discuss NCC Highways Issues Affecting Parish</p> <p>a) Nothing raised.</p>
1629	<p>To Consider any Outstanding Planning Applications or Planning Matters</p> <p>a) Application 20160253 (Morse Close) had been objected to outside of the meeting.</p> <p>b) Clayhall Farm Update including response from BDC.</p> <p>Matthew Rooke had confirmed that the outstanding planning matters have been referred to the Council's planning enforcement team for them to pursue compliance with the approved landscaping scheme.</p>
1630	<p>To Discuss Finance Issues</p> <p>a) The following payments were agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk salary, tax and expenses (February and March) £417.14 (standing order for £177.86 paid monthly) (cheque for £61.42 for expenses).

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pauline Brown (no parking signs in Hall Walk) £25.92. • Ladywell Accountancy (annual payroll) £48 • Great Witchingham Village Hall (Room Hire) £62 • Speed Awareness stickers (Norfolk County Council) £37.50
b)	Clayhall Farm fighting fund refunds – Mr Carey £164,52 (Mr Martin) and Sparham PC £136.98. A discussion would be held at the next meeting regarding refunding all outstanding monies.
c)	It was agreed to give the church a donation of £700 towards grounds maintenance upon formal written request.
d)	It was agreed to apply to the Weston Longville Lumicity Community Benefit Fund for a bus shelter outside Lenwade News.
1614	<p>To discuss Village Hall</p> <p>Feedback was awaited from the PCs representative, Nick Johnson.</p> <p>AM noted that the hedge was overgrown on Hall Walk. He would show the VH Trust where the problem was.</p>
1615	<p>To Discuss Playground</p> <p>A joint meeting between BDC, the PC and the VH Trust had has been organised for 11 April.</p> <p>JW reported that BDC would hand over the land for the playground if the PC would commit to maintenance costs of £2k per annum. Councillors agreed that they would support a bid for a playground but could not afford the maintenance costs. The Fuel Allotment Charity would be contacted regarding providing the on-going maintenance costs.</p>
1616	<p>To Discuss Public Access Agreements and Public Rights of Way.</p> <p>a) The outstanding cases were still being processed.</p>
1617	<p>To Raise any Other Matters (items for information only).</p> <p>a) JW reported that she would not be seeking re-election as chairman at the annual meeting in May.</p> <p>b) Councillors agreed to re-locate the bike rack positioned at The Bridge public house to the village hall, if The Bridge is sold.</p>

Meeting closed at 21:00

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as
Monday 16 May, 7.30pm.

Signed:
Chairman