

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of Great Withingham Parish Council held at Great Withingham Village Hall on Monday 16 November 2015 at 7:30pm.

Present:-

Jane Wisbey (In the Chair)

David Beaumont

Herbie Burton

Pauline Brown

David Sayer

Susie Rowles

Sonya Blythe (clerk)

James Joyce (County Councillor)

1597	Welcome by the Chairman.
1598	To receive apologies for absence. None. It was noted that Marie Fraser was no longer a councillor as she had not signed her acceptance of office form. An election had not been called for and so co-option would take place at the January meeting.
1599	To receive members' declarations of interests for meeting tonight. DS and DB declared an interest as near neighbours of Clayhall Farm (item 15112)
15100	To approve the minutes of the last council meetings held on 28 September 2015 and 5 November The minutes of both sets of meetings were agreed as accurate and signed.
15101	To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda. Further to the last meeting, two community speed watches had occurred (26 October where six vehicles were recorded as travelling over 35mph, and 16 November where three vehicles were recorded). Volunteers were required for this; the clerk could be contacted for more details.
15102	To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation. No matters raised.
15103	To discuss the extension to the Great Withingham/Lenwade Footpath. The owner of the field at the back of the village hall had contacted the parish council regarding extending the dedicated footpath to the gate, meaning that it would run the whole length of the field. Councillors agreed that the PC was happy to adopt this extra land as additional public footpath. JW to clarify with the landowner regarding a fence which had been put in place recently.

15104	<p>To discuss the provision of turkey crowns from Bernard Matthews</p> <p>Following a decision to stop providing free turkeys to residents, the PC had written to Bernard Mathews in January 2015 to request that this service start again but had received a negative response.</p> <p>The clerk was asked to contact Andrew Sherwood at the company to request 20-30 spare turkey crowns which could be donated to people in need within the village.</p> <p>It was noted that Barnard Matthews had a factory shop which opens on Thursday and Friday where turkey crowns could be purchased.</p>
15105	<p>To consider the Great Witchingham Primary School consultation.</p> <p>A letter had been received from NCC to make the PC aware that the small schools review would include Great Witchingham School. The PC was encouraged to make links with the school and strengthen its awareness of issues faced by small schools.</p>
15106	<p>To discuss the matter of parking spaces for Starlings Way.</p> <p>Residents reported parking problem on Starlings Way. It was agreed that a formal request would be made to the village hall committee to provide three parking spaces on its carpark for these residents. In addition BDC would be asked why the houses were not sold with two parking spaces each, which was on the original plans.</p> <p>A discussion was held about parking problems on Hall Walk. It was agreed that if there were no restrictions to prevent it, the PC would purchase two "Residents parking only" signs. PB to check for suitable locations.</p> <p>Parishioners were advised to contact 101 if cars were parked over a footpath.</p>
15107	<p>To consider the purchase of a village sign.</p> <p>Moved to January agenda.</p>
15108	<p>To receive an update on the 7 Chairs' group discussion on the Wood Lane Junction</p> <p>A discussion had been held at the recent meeting regarding the dangers for vehicles in trying to turn right from Wood Lane in Honingham onto the A47. Honingham PC had requested support from all PCs in requesting that the junction be made "left turn only".</p> <p>Councillors did not support this and instead agreed to respond that a letter should be sent from the group to NCC stating concerns regarding the junction and asking them to find a solution to improve safety.</p>
15109	<p>To Update on Environment Agency</p> <p>JW reported that results of the EAs mock model still had not been received.</p>
15110	<p>To Update on BDC complaints</p> <p>Cllr Woodbridge had been approached several times to either attend parish council meetings or a separate meeting to discuss the ongoing complaint. It was agreed to approach him again, stating the urgency for a business meeting.</p>

15111	<p>To Discuss NCC Highways Issues Affecting Parish</p> <p>Reports were received of the high number of biomass tractors travelling to and from Taverham / Felthorpe and through the parish via the A1067. Felthorpe PC would be attending a meeting with the planning inspectorate and BDC on 17 November regarding this and full support was offered.</p>
15112	<p>To Consider any Outstanding Planning Applications or Planning Matters</p> <p>a) Clay Hall Farm – a new proposal had been received. Following discussion councillors were unanimous to reject the new design but confirmed that they are happy to honour the original agreement made in 2011. If this is not agreeable BDC to be asked to commence the outstanding enforcement action without delay.</p> <p>b) 20151579 - Highfield Farm, Rabbit Lane - objection on the grounds that there is no proven need for the caravan.</p> <p>c) 20151730 - 8 Kings Head Terrace - no objection as long as neighbours do not object.</p> <p>d) 20151771 – Weston Park Golf Club - objection on the grounds that there are major highways issues to be addressed before it can be taken forward. Councillors raised concerns regarding the volume of traffic on the new B-road which is a designated HGV route, concerns regarding the entrance and exit both being located on the A1067 and concerns regarding the Porters Lane crossroad. It was noted that during the consultation held in August with the golf club it was verbally agreed with the golf course that a footpath would be provided from the A1067 to the dinosaur park, along the side of this land and across the new double entrance - there seems to be no mention of this within the application.</p>
15113	<p>To Discuss Finance Issues</p>
	<p>The following payment of accounts were agreed:-</p> <p>a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk salary, tax and expenses (October and November) £409.74 (standing order for £177.86 paid monthly) (cheque for £117.08, including course materials). • Noticeboard key cutting (Herbie Burton) £8.76 • Clayhall Farm Fighting Fund refund (Mr Boswell) £137.10 • Mazars (annual audit fee) £30.00 • Village Hall Committee, Room Hire (additional meeting 5 November) £11.00 <p>It was agreed to spend up to £30 from S137 funds on a memorial wreath.</p> <p>b)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receipt of bus shelter money of £3324.75 from Norfolk County Council was noted. <p>c)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The clerks annual pay rise from £10.262 an hour to £10.527 was agreed. <p>d)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following discussion it was agreed to purchase 30 speed awareness wheelie bin stickers from NCC for £37.50. <p>e) The updated accounts were noted.</p>
15114	<p>To discuss Village Hall</p>

	<p>HB and SR both advised that they had been asked to leave recent meetings of the village hall committee, despite being representatives. The clerk was asked to write to clarify details and to request that representatives stay for the whole meeting.</p>
15115	<p>To Discuss Playground</p> <p>Information had not been received from the Village Hall Trust on playground designs. These would be requested again.</p>
15116	<p>To Discuss Public Access Agreements and Public Rights of Way.</p> <p>A letter had been received from NCC requesting evidence that the route from Hall Walk to Marriotts Way exists as a public right of way. The PC was aware that evidence had been sent by residents.</p>
15117	<p>To Raise any Other Matters (items for information only).</p> <p>a) Atlas Works planning application; JW noted that NCC had awarded a tender in August offering a contract to manage 160 tonnes of black bin liner rubbish per annum. JJ to investigate who the tender has been awarded to and a newspaper report regarding a vote on waste management in the area.</p> <p>b) DS to send the objections of nearby residents to consultant Alistair Collins for consideration.</p> <p>c) Concerns were raised regarding school children having to wait for the school bus on the A1067 outside the bakery as lorries and tractors frequently used the car park. Details would be sent to JJ regarding finding a safer location.</p> <p>d) The clerk was asked to report cars parking in the lay on the A1067 all day in order to catch the bus to Norwich, which was affecting the café's business.</p>

Meeting closed at 20.55

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as
Monday 18 January 2016, 7.30pm.

Signed:
Chairman