

# GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of meeting of Great Witchingham Parish Council held at Great Witchingham Village Hall on Monday 21 November 2016 at 7:50pm.

Present:-

Alex Manson (In the Chair)

David Sayer

David Beaumont

In Attendance:-

Sonya Blythe (Clerk)

James Joyce (County Councillor)

David Allfrey (Highways and Major Projects Officer, Norfolk County Council)

Members of the Public

1693	<p><b>To receive apologies for absence.</b></p> <p>AM was nominated and elected as Chair for the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Jane Wisbey, Herbie Burton, Susie Rowles and Pauline Brown.</p>
1694	<p><b>To discuss the NNDR and other traffic projects with Norfolk County Council</b></p> <p>David Allfrey from Norfolk County Council (NCC) was introduced. DA reported that he was the project lead for the NNDR and the Weston link which would link the A1067 and A47. NNDR construction was on schedule and options were being considered to phase open certain sections once complete.</p> <p>DA advised that a report NCC Members had considered on a report on options for the western link and potential issues on 8 July 2016. Informal conversations had been held with statutory bodies and now options were being weighed up and mitigating actions considered. This would be a long process that would involve statutory process and public consultation - approximately 5-6 year in total. NCC Councillors had been clear that action was required as soon as possible. Other factors which might impact the decision such as the Easton food hub, the expansion of the golf course and the duelling of the Easton to Tuddenham road would also be taken account of and joined up with where possible. The Atlas works planning application was discussed and the possibility that if passed it could bring more HGV traffic through the village.</p> <p>AM asked what monitoring would be carried out, as modelling predicted traffic would increase through the parish until the link road was open. DA advised that monitoring had already been carried out and would be again once the NNDR was opened in order to recognise changes. The existing HGV route should still be adhered to.</p> <p>DA confirmed that scoping work had been carried out on the Bridge Inn junction on whether to install a roundabout or traffic signals to control traffic. This would be decided in the future in line with other solutions. There were no plans to bypass the parish so businesses should not be affected adversely. DA noted that existing issues will not necessarily be addressed by the scheme, but modelling demonstrated that traffic will not increase with the exception of through Weston Longville. Modelling had been built in line with Department of Transport guidance.</p>

	<p>JJ asked whether there is there equal traffic going each way on the NNDR forecast or whether more would drive towards the A47? DA agreed to check this details and report back.</p> <p>DA left at 2015.</p>
1695	<p><b>To receive members' declarations of interests for meeting tonight.</b></p> <p>DB and DS both declared an interest as neighbours of Clayhall Farm.</p>
1696	<p><b>To approve the minutes of the last council meetings held on 19 September 2016.</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September were approved and signed.</p>
1697	<p><b>To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.</b></p> <p>The Clerk gave the following updates:-</p> <p>1680 – Land registry reported that the land between the school and the doctors surgery was not registered. The Chair of Governors had responded to the suggestion that the entrance be moved by saying the school would continue to do all they could to ensure that parents are aware of the need to park considerately and only to use their vehicle to drop off and pick up their children but that they were unable to do more than that at this time. The Clerk was asked to write to advise Governors that large school coaches were still mounting the pavement in order to use the route. ACTION: CLERK</p> <p>1691 - Jon Winnett had written to advise that he had carried out monitoring and cars were no longer being sold in this area.</p>
1698	<p><b>To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation.</b></p> <p>Residents reported an increase of traffic in Common Lane as the yard was allegedly being used as a business. The Clerk was asked to check with planning what the yard had permission for. ACTION: CLERK</p>
1699	<p><b>To discuss the playground / village hall</b></p> <p>Broadland District Council (BDC) have placed an advertisement in the Eastern Daily Press advertising the intent to transfer the land to GWPC.</p>
16100	<p><b>To consider outstanding correspondence</b></p> <p>A traffic-monitoring schedule had been received from NCC, detailing the monitoring which would take place once the NNDR has opened. There was one location planned in Great Witchingham, in October 2018.</p>
168101	<p><b>To discuss speeding and highways issues throughout the parish</b></p> <p>The Clerk was requested to ask for an update on the community speed watch scheme in the parish. ACTION: CLERK</p>
16102	<p><b>To receive an update on the purchase of a village sign.</b></p>

	The pictures had been submitted and a price was awaited.
16103	<b>To receive an update on Clayhall Farm</b>
a)	Correspondence was on-going between BDC and GWPC.
16104	<b>To Update on Environment Agency</b>
	No update available.
16105	<b>To Consider any Outstanding Planning Applications or Planning Matters</b>
a)	2016/1810 – 20161810 – Villa 1, Lenwade House Drive, Fakenham Road (erection of 2 Semi-detached dwellings). Agreed to support the application as long as a condition is included that the housing is made available only to first time buyers who have a link to the parish.
b)	Atlas works – it was reported that Committee had deferred deciding the Atlas Works application whilst additional information was sought. JJ advised contacting the case officer frequently to ensure that GWPC were aware of any relevant updates. In addition to this it was AGREED to ask the Environment Agency for an update on the pollution permit and to invite the EDP to the next meeting. ACTION: CLERK
16106	<b>To Discuss Finance Issues</b>
	The following payments were AGREED:-
a)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clerk salary, tax and expenses (October and November) £372.17 (standing order for £177.86 paid monthly) (cheque for £91.48 for expenses).</li> <li>• Village Hall (Room hire) £40</li> <li>• Mazars £150</li> </ul>
b)	The updated accounts were noted.
c)	A draft budget for 2017/18 had been circulated. It was AGREED to discuss this at the next meeting when more councilors were present.
16107	<b>To Discuss Public Access Agreements and Public Rights of Way.</b>
a)	No updates.
16108	<b>To Raise any Other Matters (items for information only).</b>
a)	A resident reported that the dog bin on Hall Walk was still hard to reach because of flooding. Councillors AGREED that the Clerk could spend up to £100 to have this moved.
b)	The Clerk was asked to report the district councillor to the monitoring officer, as he had not acknowledged the request to propose an amendment to BDCs constitution, as resolved at the previous meeting. This was AGREED.

Meeting closed at 21:06

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

Signed: .....  
Chairman