

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of Great Withingham Parish Council held at Great Withingham Village Hall on Monday 20 February 2017 at 7:30pm.

Present:-

Herbie Burton(In the Chair)
Pauline Brown
Alex Manson
David Sayer

In Attendance:-

Sonya Blythe (Clerk)
Members of the Public
PCSO Bridges (until 7.40)
County Councillor James Joyce

1	To receive apologies for absence. Apologies were received and accepted from Jane Wisbey, Susie Rowles and David Beaumont.
2	To receive members' declarations of interests for meeting tonight. DS declared an interest as neighbour of Clayhall Farm.
3	To approve the minutes of the last council meetings held on 20 January 2017. The minutes of the meeting held on 20 January were approved and signed.
4	To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
4.1	Item 15 – Cllr Woodbridge had been invited to the meeting but had not attended again.
4.2	Item 13.4 – the precept had been submitted.
5	To receive the police report PCSO Bridges read out the police report - 1x Burglary Other Than a Dwelling, 1x Theft from a Motor Vehicle, 1x Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle had been reported. He reported that SNAP panel meeting held on 11 January had agreed that priorities for the next three months would be burglary and theft of lead from churches.
6	To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation. Meeting closed 19.39
6.1	A discussion was held around school coaches using The Street. A response to a parish council letter sent in January had been received from the Chair of Governors who advised that transport for everyday school outings usually picked pupils up in the main road. The larger coaches which appeared to be empty were usually making pick ups from multiple schools and so smaller transport could not be used. The Chair of Governors requested that concerned residents contact the school direct in the future, to

	<p>allow for prompt solutions to be found. For safeguarding reasons, people were advised not to take photos of the coaches if they included children. It was noted that it would be hard to find a solution between residents who do not want coaches to use the road and residents who are concerned for the safety of children. Highways would be approached to ascertain if they would consider providing a “no coaches” sign at each end of The Street.</p>
6.2	<p>A parish litter pick had been arranged for 8 April. Details would be added to the website.</p>
6.3	<p>A resident reported writing to Keith Simpson MP regarding traffic concerns. No response had been received.</p>
7	<p>To discuss the playground / village hall</p> <p>Nothing had been heard from Broadland Council since the land transfer had been advertised in the local press.</p>
8	<p>To consider outstanding correspondence</p>
8.1	<p>Great Witchingham School – discussed during item 6.</p>
8.2	<p>The Parish Rangers would be requested to: trim back the bushes near bus stop heading towards Fakenham and foliage around the bus stop sign; shrubs over hanging the footpath at the start of Hubbards Loke, overgrown foliage around the bridge; noisy manhole cover outside 66 Fakenham Road whenever driven over.</p>
8.3	<p>Ruth Goodall, Labour County Council candidate for the ward, would attend the next issue to hear local concerns and issues.</p>
8.4	<p>A complaint had been received about the condition of Lenwade Bridge – this would be forwarded to Highways.</p>
8.5	<p>Norwich Western Link Working Group Meeting – JW had agreed to be the parish representative for the first meeting, taking place on 21 February. JJ reported that the government had pledged money to duel the A47 to North Tuddenham – the proposed route was as yet unknown and a consultation would be held.</p>
8.6	<p>A response had been received from Highways regarding the request for an average speed camera within the parish stating that there had not been enough serious accidents to make this possible. Residents were encouraged to sign up to the local speed watch team in order to keep pressure on people speeding in the area.</p>
8.7	<p>An email had been received from a resident asking for information on how GWPC intended to manage the Atlas Works application when it was resubmitted. The Clerk was asked to contact NCC for an update. Documents held on the Clay Hall Fighting Fund would be checked to ascertain if the remaining money in the fund could be used to fight this application.</p>
9	<p>To receive an update on the purchase of a village sign.</p> <p>The costs for the sign were circulated. It was agreed to defer the decision to the next meeting when more Members were present.</p>
10	<p>To receive an update on Clayhall Farm</p>

	The Clerk would chase a response to the letter sent to Phil Courtier in December. ACTION: CLERK
11	To Update on Environment Agency No update available.
12	To Consider any Outstanding Planning Applications or Planning Matters None outstanding.
13	To Discuss Finance Issues
13.1	The following payments were AGREED:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk salary, tax and expenses (February) £189.70 (standing order for £177.86 paid monthly) (cheque for £35.15 for expenses). The updated accounts were noted.
14	To Discuss Public Access Agreements and Public Rights of Way. No updates
15	To Raise any Other Matters (items for information only). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that carboot sales were now being held at the Atlas Works site. • HB reported that the dog bin on Hall Walk would shortly be relocated to an area that does not flood. • The April meeting would fall on Easter Monday; it was agreed to cancel the meeting unless it was required for planning matters related to Atlas Works. • The Clerk was asked to check procedures regarding councillors who do not attend meetings for a prolonged period. • JW would be asked for an update on the location of the speed camera. • The charity lakes would be approached regarding setting a date for the annual meeting with GWPC.

Meeting closed at 20.40

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as
Monday 20 March, 7.30pm.

Signed:
Chairman