

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:-

Susie Rowles (in the Chair)

Herbie Burton

Pauline Brown

Alex Manson

David Beaumont

Jane Wisbey

In Attendance:-

Sonya Blythe (Clerk)

Members of the Public

1	To receive apologies for absence. Apologies were received and accepted from David Sayer.
2	Chairman's Announcements It was noted that the Clerk had offered her resignation for personal reasons. Agreement was sought and gained to recruit.
3	To receive members' declarations of interests for meeting tonight. DB declared an interest as neighbour of Clayhall Farm.
4	To approve the minutes of the last council meetings held on 20 February 2017. The minutes of the meeting held on 20 February were approved and signed.
5	To receive information on matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
5.1	8.7 Atlas Works. JW reported that a local resident had started a petition against the planning application, which had 344 signatures so far. Once the date the application will be considered by the Planning Committee is known a message will be sent to all signatories to encourage their attendance. It was agreed that JW would write to all residents who had paid into the Clayhall Fighting fund to ask whether they would like a refund or whether they would authorise their funds to be used in the fight against Atlas Works. ACTION:JW.
5.2	8.5. Highways. JW / HB reported on a meeting with Jon Winnett from Highways. The best option for reducing speed within the parish, which Highways would support, would be for narrowing markings to be painted on the road to cause the effect of a village entrance. This would have the result of slowing traffic down. This could be bid for through the parish partnership scheme with GWPC and Highways paying 50% each. JW offered to write the funding application and councillors agreed that she should continue to pursue this option. ACTION: JW
5.3	8.4 – Highways had agreed to deal with the required grounds maintenance works around the bridge area.

5.4	6. Highways advised that they would not consider placing a “no coaches” sign at each end of The Street. It was agreed to request a meeting between the Chair of Governors, SR and HB. ACTION: Clerk.
6	To discuss village matters with County Councillor candidate Ruth Goodall Ruth Goodall reported that she would be standing for election in the May County Council elections and was in attendance to listen to local issues. She advised that the local Labour party had recently resolved not to support the Atlas Works application.
7	To receive the police report The police report was read out - 2x Burglary, 1x public order offence had been reported.
8	To adjourn the meeting to allow public participation. Meeting closed 19.52
8.1	An update was requested on the use of business units on Common Lane. The Clerk would chase Steve Kenny at BDC. ACTION: Clerk.
8.2	It was reported that land opposite the garage had been tidied. No planning application had been received.
8.3	It was noted that despite the growth of the parish the Doctor surgery still had very limited opening hours of AM only. It was agreed to write to the surgery and the CCG to request that longer hours be considered. ACTION: Clerk.
8.4	The litter pick had been organised for 9.30-11 on 8 April. The PC would pay for hall hire and rubber gloves. SR would arrange the delivery of equipment with BDC to HB. ACTION: SR
8.5	Parking issues on The Street were reported as still being an issue. A parishioner advised that he had written to Keith Simpson MP who had not responded.
8.6	DB requested that a meeting be arranged for him to meet with the Monitoring Officer to discuss constitutional changes.
8.7	It was reported that cars were regularly parking all day in the bus stop lay-by, to catch the bus into Norwich. This prevented the bus using the lay-by. It was agreed to contact Highways and report this. ACTION: Clerk. Meeting opened at 20:15
9	To discuss the playground / village hall BDC had confirmed that no objections had been received to the transfer of land around the village hall to the Parish Council. In the meantime the Village Hall trustees had advised BDC that they were prepared to maintain the footpaths around the hall and additional scrub/hedgerow land to the rear of the hall (which was not required for the Playground or War Memorial). Councillors agreed that they accepted the revised plan and would accept the remainder of the land.
10	To consider outstanding correspondence

10.1	The CPRE Housing allocation pledge was agreed and signed by the Chairman.
11	<p>To receive an update on the purchase of a village sign.</p> <p>The costs for the sign were circulated. The price would be approximately £5755. It was agreed to put the decision on hold until the costs of fighting the Atlas Works planning application were known.</p>
12	<p>To receive an update on Clayhall Farm</p> <p>Update not available.</p>
13	<p>To Consider any Outstanding Planning Applications or Planning Matters</p> <p>13.1 20170291 – Land adj doctors surgery, change to use to provide extension to car park. Support.</p> <p>13.2 2017-312 – The Granary, Mill Lane, - change existing first floor rear metal balustrade to plate glass balustrade. No objections.</p> <p>13.3 JW reported that it was likely that the Atlas Works planning application would be taken to Planning Regulatory Committee on 31 March. It was agreed that both Great Withingham and Weston Longville parish councils would send representatives and that extra time would be requested to speak. ACTION: Clerk.</p> <p>Residents were thanked for their assistance with the objection to the planning application and subsequent work.</p>
14	<p>To Discuss Finance Issues</p>
14.1	<p>The following payments were AGREED:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk salary, tax and expenses (March) £246.74 (standing order for £177.86 paid monthly) (cheque for £57.04 for expenses). • Village Hall (room hire) £20
14.2	The updated accounts were noted.
14.3	It was noted that the GWPC reserves included residual money held from the parochial parish church for the war memorial. A decision over whether to spend or return this would be added to the next agenda.
14.4	The clerk was asked to check whether raised flower beds around the village hall would affect the insurance premium.
14.5	A request for a grant for grounds maintenance at the church was considered. It was agreed to donate £700 at the May meeting.
15	<p>To Discuss Public Access Agreements and Public Rights of Way.</p> <p>PB reported than an appeal was underway regarding the path through the fishing lakes.</p>
16	<p>To Raise any Other Matters (items for information only).</p> <p>16.1 The annual meeting between representatives of GWPC and the Fuel Allotment Charity had been organised for 24 April.</p>

16.2	The consultation on the duelling of the A47 would be added to the website.
16.3	SR reported that she would be standing down as Chairman and councillor at the APCM.

Meeting closed at 20.40

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as
Monday 15 May, 7.30pm.

Signed:
Chairman