

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting of Great Witchingham Parish Council held at Great Witchingham School on Monday 28 September 2015 at 7:30pm.

Present:-

Jane Wisbey (In the Chair)

David Beaumont

Herbie Burton

Susie Thomson

Pauline Brown

David Sayer

Sonya Blythe (clerk)

1559	Welcome by the Chairman JW welcomed councillors and attendees.
1560	To consider Apologies for Absence It was noted that Maria Fraser had still not completed acceptance of office or declaration of interest forms and that Broadland District Council (BDC) we're considering the matter. Apologies were not received or accepted; in line with legislation if six months passed without attendance attended MF would automatically cease to be a councillor.
1561	To receive Members' Declarations of Interests for Meeting Tonight None made.
1562	To approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting (20 July 2015) The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.
1563	Matters Arising None raised.
	To Discuss the Possibility of a Community Speed Watch Scheme - Norman Reeve in attendance. Norman Reeve, local community speed watch coordinator attended the meeting to give a briefing on organising a speed watch for the parish. He advised that the scheme had been operating since 2008, with five volunteers covering eighteen 30-40mph sites. Drivers being recorded speeding twice received a letter and three times a home visit from the police. Councillors agreed to take the scheme forward in Great Witchingham. Mr Reeve would seek a suitable site on Fakenham Road. In the meantime volunteers from the area were require to join the team to work for one hour per week.
1564	To Adjourn the Meeting to Allow Public Participation No matters raised.
1565	To Discuss Correspondence received from Mr Chris Mack re - Footpath Through Hall

	<p>Walk Lakes</p> <p>An email had been received from Mr Mack regarding an application which had been made for a permanent right of way through the fishing lakes. This was a decision for the county council, not parish.</p> <p>The application regarding the permissive footpath from Marriott's Way to Hall walk would be submitted shortly.</p>
1566	<p>To Receive the Police report</p> <p>The police report for 1 July – 31 August was received. 2 crimes had been recorded in the period (1x burglary, 1x theft).</p>
1567	<p>Update on Environment Agency</p> <p>An update was given. The Environment Agency has re-worked its model to fit the parish and simulations were currently taking place.</p>
1568	<p>Update on Broadland District Council complaints</p> <p>DB had written and circulated a summary. The clerk was asked to forward this to PB and HB.</p> <p>It was agreed that individual officer names should be removed. Once PB and HB had viewed the document and the change had been made it was resolved to send it to BDC councillors and the local MP.</p>
1569	<p>To discuss NCC highways issues affecting parish</p> <p>The following updates were given:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JW gave an update on discussions held at the 6-chairs meeting regarding the NNDR. • The golf club will close its exit on the 1067 and direct all traffic through the entrance near the dinosaur park. • The clerk had contacted police, fire and ambulance services regarding The Street being made one-way. No negative responses had been received. JW to send the clerk the survey to be sent to Highways, and speed data from the speed camera. • The entrance to Ladies Row should be completed within a month.
1571	<p>To consider planning applications/matters</p> <p>201514573 antennas at Barn Farm, Fakenham Road. Telefonica – no objections.</p>
1572	<p>NCC C/5/2015/5007 Atlas Works - Change of use from B8: Warehousing to a Sui Generis use for waste processing and the production of Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF); installation of office, 2 x weighbridges and fuel store.</p> <p>An application had been received for a waste recycling site in Weston Longville which would process wet and dry household waste. This would be a 24 hour a day site managing 200kg of waste per year. Weston Longville PC had already submitted an objection.</p>

	<p>Concerns were raised from councillors and the public regarding noise from the plant, odour from the waste and increase in traffic to the plant (20 additional HGV vehicles in and out of the plant per hour with additional vehicles to move the transport the fuel and staff and visitor vehicles) and it was resolved to object to the application (DS abstained prior to reading the full copy of the report).</p> <p>The following actions would be take in respect of this:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact environmental experts Fish Legal regarding the potential pollution to the nearby river • Ensure the Health and Safety executive are aware of the application, due to the implications of the of the noise levels and hazardous waste • JW to provide DS and PB with a copy of the application to view • Clerk to investigate whether the parish council can use some reserves to contribute towards an environmental survey • JW to draft a note for the Wensum Diary regarding the application • JW to convene a meeting in October for interested parties to attend to write the full objection and agree who will speak at the planning committee at NCC.
1573	<p>To discuss finance issues</p> <p>The following payments were agreed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S Blythe - Clerk salary, tax and expenses (August and September) £409.74 (standing order for £177.86 paid monthly, cheque for £54.02) • S Blythe - To fund CILCA training for clerk (18 hours at plain time) £184.68. <p>Receipt of the New Home Bonus in the sum of £5058.29 from Broadland Council was noted and a discussion held around possible ways to use the money. ST to investigate costs for a village sign.</p> <p>HB was thanked for organising a new village noticeboard at no cost to the parish.</p> <p>The updated accounts were noted.</p>
1574	<p>To discuss Village Hall - including correspondence received on light pollution</p> <p>Correspondence had been received from a resident complaining of light pollution from the village hall. This had been forwarded to environmental health who had spoken with the complainant. VH representatives present advised that timers had now been fitted which would turn the lights off at midnight.</p>
1575	<p>To discuss playground</p> <p>ST reported that she had not received any information from the village hall committee on contacts, plans and research which had already been carried out. Representatives present advised that they would chase this up. ST would look at the Norfolk Community Foundation website regarding obtaining grants.</p>
1576	<p>To discuss Jubilee Wood public access agreement, Public Rights of Way and update on Centenary Fields</p> <p>No further information had been received on the Jubilee Wood PROW since the landowner erected a fence.</p>

	A discrepancy around ownership of the land at the back of village hall had arisen; BDC were investigating.
1577	<p>AOB</p> <p>It was reported that a gateway / access route had been built on Heath Lane straight onto the highway. The clerk would report this to Highways.</p> <p>Clayhall Farm - DB advised that the applicant had been given 15 days by BDC to submit more acceptable plans.</p> <p>A discussion was held around the parish owned land outside the Bridge public house, which the Bridge maintain in exchange for using the land. The Bridge was in the process of being sold; HB would speak with the owner to ascertain whether they had discussed this arrangement with new owners.</p> <p>JW commented on the national recent leadership elections.</p>
	<p>The meeting closed at 20.40</p> <p>The date and time of next meeting were agreed as Monday 16 November 7.30pm in the Village Hall, memorial room.</p>

Signed:
Chair to the Parish Council