

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Great Witchingham Parish Council held at
Great Witchingham Village Hall on Monday 17 July 2017 at 7:30pm.

Present

Ms Jane Wisbey – Chairman

Mr David Beaumont

Mr Herbie Burton

Mr Ian Gallant

Mr Ray Gribble

Mr Alex Manson

Mr David Sayer

In Attendance

Sonya Blythe – Clerk to the Council & Responsible Financial Officer

Mr Greg Peck – Norfolk County Councillor – Great Witchingham Ward

8 Members of the Public

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present

20. Apologies for Absence

All members were present

21. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and other interests

In respect of the minutes, reaffirmation of previous declarations from those present who declared an interest at the last meeting.

Mr Beaumont & Mr Sayer – agenda item 11. Neighbours to Clay Hall Farm

22. Chairman's Notices

The Chairman advised

- a request had been received for return of money donated to the Clay Hall Farm Fighting Fund.
- she was in receipt of a payment request for clearance of the footpath. The Chairman suggested this payment is honored however future cutting and access needed to be addressed with NCC PROW.
- an invoice had been received in respect of non cancellation of the village hall hire for the June meeting.

It was with agreement that these matters would be processed accordingly.

23. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2017

The minutes, having previously been circulated, were approved subject to amendment to minute 16 which should have referred to Hall Walk and not Heath Lane.

24. Information arising from the minutes

At this point the Chairman introduced Mr Greg Peck recently elected County Councillor for Great Witchingham ward. She further explained matters in respect of a complaint to BDC regarding the hierarchy of investigation of senior officers and a refusal from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to give this attention. In the continued



absence from meetings of the District Councillor Mr Simon Woodbridge the matter would be taken forward by Mr Peck in his capacity as a District Councillor for Eynesford.

25. Co-option to the vacancies for Parish Councillor

Two attendees made an application to fill the two vacancies of Parish Councillor. On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Burton it was **RESOLVED** to co-opt Mr Ian Gallant and Mr Ray Gribble to the position of Parish Councillor

26. Report from Police to include Parish Crime Figures

This was noted.

27. Public Participation

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Burton it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting be adjourned to receive questions from the public. Representations were made in respect of

- speeding through the village. The Chairman advised that through the NCC parish partnership scheme speed awareness signs have been purchased and located at identified locations. A scheme is being pursued in respect of a current bid to address speed.
- Tractors which travel through without the haulage being covered creating a mess

The Chairman requested Mr Peck to address the highway issues and further traffic calming measures with NCC.

The Chairman gave thanks for attendance and the meeting was reconvened.

28. Transfer of land – playground/village hall

The Clerk advised the documents have not yet been received from BDC. It was with agreement that once these are signed a meeting will be pursued with representatives of the village hall.

29. Correspondence

- a) Hornsea Project Three Offshore Wind Farm. It was noted cables would be underground and not pass through the parish. Mr Gallant to distribute project literature to local outlets to inform residents of this project. Such literature invites individual sign up for newsletters
- b) NCC Parish Partnership Scheme 2018/2019. The Chairman reminded members that a scheme had been agreed in principle in respect of traffic calming measures on entering the village from Fakenham. The Clerk to contact NCC for designs and costs.
- c) School Statement in respect of coaches used for organised events. This was noted and agreed to place this statement on the notice board in order for the public to be aware of reporting procedure.
- d) BDC suggestion to include description of choice of name on street nameplates. It was accepted this would preserve the history of the parish should this go ahead.



30. Clay Hall Farm

No further communications had been received. Mr Sayer would liaise with Mr Peck in his capacity as a BDC member in the absence of the District Councillor, Mr Woodbridge.

31. Planning

20171087 – Norfolk Dinosaur Park. New themed restaurant facilities with walled garden (revised proposal)

RESOLVED No objections.

Norfolk Dinosaur Park. Vary of premises license

RESOLVED no representations

20171035 – Weston Hall. Conversion of existing barn into 1 dwelling (including demolition works) Demolition of existing bungalow, hardstanding, outbuildings (including Sports Hall, Swimming Pool, Greenhouses, Workshops & Aircraft Hanger) & erection of 8 dwellings.

RESOLVED to object on the basis that such development is the urbanisation of the countryside and a dangerous precedent for applications from other developers. The proposal is not in keeping with the area.

32. Financial Matters

RESOLVED to accept

- Clerk salary, tax and expenses June and to 17 July £306.87
- Village Hall Room hire £20

The updated accounts were noted.

33. Public Access agreements and Public Rights of Way

NCC is currently preparing an order however the matter is likely to go to public inquiry.

34. Exchange of Information

NCC Highway Rangers have been asked to clear rubbish from the stream and weeds from footways.

Atlas Works planning application had been refused by NCC.

35. Exclusion of Press & Public

RESOLVED that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the press and public for the duration of agenda item 17 in order to discuss matters where publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the personal nature of the business to be transacted.

The Chairman gave thanks for attendance and closed the meeting to the press and public at 9.04pm



Confidential item

At this point in the meeting the Chairman gave thanks to the outgoing Clerk who then left the meeting.

36. The appointment of the new Clerk to the Council was confirmed. Contractual terms were agreed with the Council and the Contract of Employment was issued.

Meeting closed 9.37pm



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