

GREAT WITCHINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Great Witchingham Parish Council held at
Great Witchingham Village Hall on Monday 20 November 2017 at 7:30pm.

Present

Ms Jane Wisbey – Chairman

Mr David Beaumont (from 7.48pm)

Mr Ray Gribble

Mr Alex Manson

Mr Herbie Burton

Mr Ian Gallant

Mr David Sayer

In Attendance

Mrs Patricia Kirby – Clerk to the Council & Responsible Financial Officer

Mr Greg Peck – Norfolk County Councillor – Reepham Ward

PC Rob Devlin – Reepham Beat Manager, Norfolk Police

9 Members of the Public

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed those present. She advised of receipt of a new planning application C/5/2017/5007 for Atlas Works and therefore the order of the agenda would be changed to allow for consideration of this to be after item 5. A further application received since the issue of the agenda would be considered after those applications already listed. In addition agenda item 12.3 which is the briefing from Ruth Goodall will be taken after the reports from County & District Councillors.

53. Apologies for Absence

All members present

54. 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 Sayer – agenda item 11. Neighbour to Clay Hall Farm

55. Minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2017

The minutes, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

56. Information arising from the minutes

The Clerk advised that she had

- contacted Mr Peck NCC regarding cutting of PROW. To date no reply had been received.

57. Public Participation

On the proposal of the Chairman, seconded by Mr Burton it was

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned to allow for public participation.

All were in attendance with respect to the planning application for Atlas Works.

Mr Paul Webb who is leading a campaign against the application currently the subject of an appeal briefed on matters to date. He advised NCC issued a refusal decision notice in May. The applicant had 6 months to 3 November 2017 to appeal. An appeal was lodged 3 November 2017. This is now with the Planning Inspectorate who has 28 days to decide.

On 2 November a new application was submitted to NCC which included an Archeological Report and a Hydrologist Report. Such reports were referenced within the refusal letter to the original application as being absent.

Much discussion took place. All those in attendance objected to the proposal and raised concerns in respect of the inappropriate location infrastructure and facilities for such a waste plant.

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

58. Planning (part)

C/5/2017/5007 - Morton on the Hill: SPC Atlas Works, Norwich Road, Lenwade. Change of use from B8: Warehousing to a Sui Generis use for waste processing and the production of refuse derived fuel (RDF) with an annual throughput of 150,000 tonnes; Installation of office, 2 x weighbridges and photovoltaic panels, and highway improvement scheme consisting of the major upgrade and realignment of the northwestern estate access with the A1067.

The Chairman briefed members on the reasons for the objection to the original application now at appeal. A new application has now been received which needs to be considered. Discussion took place and in view of late notification to this meeting it was agreed to hold an additional council meeting on 4 December in order to consider the application and in the interim to request an extension to the response deadline which was identified as 6 December. The meeting to give consideration to a leaflet drop to inform residents of the parish of this new proposal.

59. Report from Police to include Parish Crime Figures

PC Devlin briefed on his role as Beat Officer. This looks at basic problems around the village and to be an interface between residents and the force. PCSOs have been given the opportunity to apply for role of a PC

He briefed on his report. This was noted.

60. Reports from County & District Councillors

Mr Peck advised

He is liaising with The Dinosaur Park and The Golf Club in respect of seeking funding for a pathway.

NCC is exploring options for the Western Link road to join the NDR with the A47.

There are currently 13 alternative routes to reduce to 3 or 4 by next march. These routes will then go to public consultation.

Better Broadband Norfolk voucher scheme is ending in December. The clerk will ascertain details for the PC website.

The Clerk asked in respect of the PROW concern. Mr Peck requested this is resent.

In the absence of Mr Woodbridge he advised on behalf of BDC

BDC Grow your Community is ending. To be replaced by Community at Heart.

A collaborative working feasibility is being undertaken for collaboration at officer level between BDC & SNDC.

61. Correspondence (part)

12.3 – A47 Wood Lane link. Ruth Goodall clarified there are two groups addressing matters in respect of a western link – NWL between the NDR and the A47 and dualling of the A47 respectively. It was clarified and re-confirmed Gt Witchingham PC is represented by Ms Wisbey with Mr Manson as substitute for NWL and by Mr Gribble with Mr Manson as substitute for the A47 dualling meetings.

Ruth Goodall explained the A47 dualling is to reduce traffic through the respective villages. A concern for Weston and potentially for Gt Witchingham is the proposal for a roundabout at Wood Lane junction which is supported by other parishes. The concern is this will funnel HGV's onto a HGV road which is inadequate and put A1067 junction under more pressure. The alternative is to use the existing A47 for HGV's leaving the dualled section. Much discussion took place. It was

RESOLVED to adopt in principle the same position as Weston Longville and to re-affirm this or otherwise upon receipt of written communication from Ruth Goodall.

62. Reports in respect of non agenda items

The Clerk briefed members on administration work undertaken.

Notification from BDC for the precept return to be received by the end of December. A response would be sent as appropriate.

The External Auditor had been contacted in respect of the non receipt of the audited return.

The PROW concern was not received by Mr Peck so this to be resent to which members requested to include reference to the steps which are in need of repair.

63. Finance Matters

9.1 – Verification of invoices. Signatories confirmed the check and verification.

9.2 – Bank Reconciliation. The Chairman confirmed the reconciliation to 5 October 2017.

9.3 – Schedule of Receipts & Payments as listed on the agenda

RESOLVED to accept income of £0.00 and expenditure of £640.82.

9.4 – Budget monitoring statement.

RESOLVED to accept

64. Land Transfer at village hall

The report from the clerk on timeline of events was received together with revised report on title from nplaw. Much discussion took place.

RESOLVED to accept the land and to ascertain if legal fees will be within the limit the responsibility of BDC.

65. Clay Hall Farm

11.1 – Enforcement. Nothing to report

11.2 – Lodged complaint. Nothing to report. Much discussion took place.

RESOLVED to cease pursuing this concern with BDC and to agree this is considered unresolved and the PC remains dissatisfied with the matter

11.3 – FOI requests.

RESOLVED to withdraw the requests but to seek current status from BDC regarding planning enforcement.

66. Correspondence (part)

12.1 – Keith Simpson MP, Parish meeting. Defer to January meeting with a view to encourage Mr Simpson to hold a surgery in the village hall.

12.2 – Consultation updating disqualification criteria for Councillors. Noted

12.3 – Dealt.

12.4 – Consultation Automatic Precept Referendums. No response submitted.

12.5 – Parish Partnership Scheme. Much discussion took place.

RESOLVED to accept in principle the H/W proposal up to a maximum PC contribution of £7000.00. Road markings to be discussed with H/W should the bid be successful.

12.6 – Donation Norfolk CAB

RESOLVED to donate £100

12.7 – Expenses Policy. The cost for local colour copying is 55p

RESOLVED to adopt as presented.

67. Planning

20171665 – Gt Witchingham Hall, Hall Road.

Demolition of existing portakabin stack & replacement with single storey building.

Hook2Sisters Ltd. To ratify response of 'no objection' decision taken outside of the meeting.

RESOLVED to ratify

20171823 – Mill Farm, Mill Lane.

Replacement Windows. Mr & Mrs MacGregor

20171879 – Mill Farm, Mill Lane

Alterations, Extensions and Upgrading. Mr & Mrs MacGregor

20171962 – Weston Park Golf Club, Morton Lane.

Variation of Condition 2 – Approved Plans of Previous Permission 20151771

(Amendments to Clubhouse Design). Royal Norwich Golf Club

RESOLVED No objections to the above applications.

Atlas Works. To consider current situation in respect of appeal to application

C/5.2015/5007. Noted.

68. 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 14.1 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 and to deal after the item that confirms details of the next meeting.

69. Exchange of Information

None.

70. Next meeting

As agreed an additional meeting would be held in Gt Witchingham Village Hall on Monday 4 December at 7.30pm.

The next ordinary meeting would be held in Gt Witchingham Village Hall on Monday 15 January 2018 at 7.30pm. Mr Gribble gave apologies for this meeting.

The Chairman gave thanks for attendance and closed the meeting to the press and public at 9.16pm

Confidential item

The Clerk left the meeting room.

- 71.** 14.1 – The probationary period of employment of the Clerk to the Council had passed.
RESOLVED to confirm appointment on a substantive basis.

The Clerk rejoined the meeting

Meeting closed 9.30pm