

Great & Little Whelnetham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 13 September 2021 7.30pm at the Community Centre. Risk assessment undertaken ensuring social distancing.

Present

Cllr Peter Royce, Chairman, PR

Cllr Howard Singh, HS

Cllr Tim Webber, TW

Clerk, Elaine Gorman, EG

Cllr Terry Clements, TC

Cllr Karen Soons, KS

1 member of the public

Lee Andrews-Pearce, Community Engagement Officer, Suffolk Police

1. **OPENING** – the Chairman declared the meeting open and thanked all for attending.
2. **APOLOGIES** – noted and accepted.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND LOCAL NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – none declared.
4. **MINUTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 12 JULY 2021.** The minutes were approved and signed by PR as a true and accurate record, proposed by TW and seconded by HS.
5. **PUBLIC FORUM**
 - PR introduced Lee Andrews- Pearce, the Community Engagement Officer to talk about his role in the community. Lee has covered the West Suffolk area since May 2012 and is heavily involved in working with people and part of his work is to highlight the work of the police and the changing base of criminality. He is keen on foot patrol and would like to have a visible presence in rural locations. Suffolk Police website is www.suffolk.police.uk ,the emergency number is 999 and 101 is to be used for reporting. Crime can also be reported online via the website using the online forms. Lee explained that Anti-Social Behaviour is not being reported but in order for any action to happen people do need to report it. With regards to the problem of speeding the police are hoping to change people’s minds by involving the community to try and combat it through local village schemes. Although these schemes do not have any enforcement powers, they can feed info back to the police.
 - Chairman’s report – PR explained he had spoken to Suffolk CC highways dept and owing to another job being put back, work on the drainage issue involving the post office should commence this calendar year.
 - West Suffolk Cllr Terry Clements in his report expressed concern and dismay about the number of trees being felled in his area and a lack of power to challenge the planning decisions.
 - A member of the public asked the parish council if the grass verge by the school could be cut back. There are overhanging branches. There is also a broken drain and broken kerb. EG to report this to highways.
 - A member of the public reported that the fly-tipped material has not been removed. EG to chase up Havebury/WSC on this.
 - A member of the public sought clarification on the situation regarding yellow lines as they had received an email from highways. PR explained that public consultation will go ahead on 17 September until 8 October.
 - TW asked if it was possible to apply to SCC for a ‘No-Through Road’ sign as drivers moving along Cocks Lane do not know that it is a no through road. EG to liaise with SCC to see if this is a possibility.

- Cllr Karen Soons arrived at 8.35pm. Her monthly reported was circulated prior to the meeting. KS updated the PC on vaccinations for teenagers. A discussion followed about the parking along Raynsford Rd. PR reiterated that SCC will not be painting yellow lines on the turning circle. PR asked if there was any possibility SCC could provide a drop-kerb facility now that electric car purchase was on the increase so that people could access it. Bikes and buses work in towns but in rural locations people rely more on cars. Lee said he would deal with the parking obstructions where people are parking on the kerb and verge.
- Correspondence received – Neighbourhood Watch local crime stats for July 2021, the play area report for July and August 2021. The SALC email re Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Celebration to be looked at and listed for consideration at the next meeting in November.

6. ASSET REVIEW

- a) EG reported a review of assets had been carried out 31 August 2021. There were no changes to be made.
- b) Insurance – PR reported an email received from Community Action Suffolk explained that they can no longer provide insurance cover as RSA gave notice on the Parish Protect Scheme. EG to obtain insurance from alternative provider.

7. FINANCE

- a) Payments since last meeting and bank reconciliation. The following payments were approved:

Detail	Cheque No	Net (of VAT)	VAT	Total
CAS Ltd (Website)	840	444.00		444.00
E Gorman Exps	841	57.60		57.60
Total		501.60		501.60

- b) To approve bi-monthly statement for 12/07/21- 13/09/21, and cheques to be issued, TW proposed and seconded by HS.
- c) VAT refund of £1, 576.12 received and reported from HMRC for 2020/21.

8. UPDATES

- a) Website. EG reported parish council now have a new website and she has undergone training to upload information. Over the next few months this will be developed to display useful and relevant content to increase awareness of the parish council work and hopefully attract new members.
- b) Deed of Dedication. EG explained she was in the process of completing 3 applications to register land owned by the parish council and hopes to complete these before the next meeting. Once this has been done an application can be made to Fields in Trust to register the playing field and retain it in perpetuity.

9. **RAILWAY WALK** – maintenance. PR suggested this item be moved to the next meeting.

10. **ADULT GYM EQUIPMENT** – it was agreed an alternative meeting take place on Tuesday 21 September at 7pm at the Community Centre to consider and discuss all 3 quotes for equipment. EG reported that the Kiran from Proludic will attend to present his quote and be available to answer questions.

11. **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING** – SALC Queen’s Jubilee email and the Railway Walk conservation and maintenance.

12. **CLOSE OF MEETING** – 9.34pm

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - MONDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2021 at 7.30pm

Signed Chairman.....Date.....