

GREAT & LITTLE WHELNETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Community Centre on 14th January 2015

Present

David Howes Chairman Peter Royce Vice Chairman
Howard Singh Tim Webber Cliff Dive Christine Peck Parish Clerk

In attendance

Terry Clements PCSO Rebecca No. 3314

Terry enquired as to whether there were any issues for him to deal with as he was not feeling well and did not wish to attend full meeting.

Member of Public - Mrs T Armstrong

Apologies for absence

None

Police Report

PCSO reported that she was our new representative. There have been two crimes in the Parishes 01/12/14 Sudbury Road Little Whelnetham during the hours of daylight an unknown offender has stolen an honesty box from a residential driveway. No further lines of enquiry, crime finalised. 08/12/14 – 11/12/14 Raynsford Road Gt Whelnetham between these dates an unknown offender has scratched the bonnet and both sides of a vehicle. No further lines of enquiry, crime finalised.

The next priority meeting is at 7.00pm Tuesday 10th March 2015 at Bury St Edmunds Police Station. The meeting will be open to the public for the policing priorities to be set.

Peter remarked that the telephone box in Stanningfield Road had been broken into some time prior to Christmas and the glass broken. Apparently not reported to Police. The question was raised as to whether the phone box was still actually required as the phone did not work. Clerk to make enquiries.

Public Question Time

Mrs Armstrong enquired as to whether there was any further information on the proposed Erskine Lodge housing. David confirmed nothing further had been heard. Mrs Armstrong also volunteered her services to assist any working party that was required in the village.

Minutes of meeting held on 14 November 2014 and matters arising

Minutes having been emailed to Councillors were signed by the chairman as a true and correct record.

Members declaration of office

Howard Singh

Chairman's Report

David reported that he had been experiencing problems with the batteries for the VAS which we purchased and is in contact with the supplier. The other VAS which is shared with Stanningfield parish is working well and is currently at the school.

There has been an incident of fly tipping when a load of rubbish has been left on the sugar beet pad in Little Whelnetham. David had a photo of the rubbish displayed in the parish notice board but no information has been forthcoming. Under the circumstances Tim kindly offered to remove same.

David had received a complaint from a neighbour regarding dog litter left in Cocks Green Lane, and a notice has been displayed in the notice board.

Regarding website, David would like to see more contributions/comments

Updates

- **Planning** The following applications have been submitted –

DC/14/2152/TCA - fell one rowan tree at Erskine Lodge for Havebury Housing. Parish Council objected. Tree officer visited and tree is dead. Duty to replace once it is removed.

DC/14/2274/HH – 32 Raynsford Road Great Whelnetham front porch and single storey rear/side extension. Demolish existing. No objection

DC/14/2415/TC – Mr Robert Stannard The Forge Cottage Bury Road Sicklesmere tree in conservation area fell one sycamore. No objection
- **Whelnetham School** – no update available other than the continued parking problems and Peter reported that broadband infinity installed.
- **Transport** – Parking as above
- **Housing** – Nothing further has been forthcoming so it's a case of awaiting the next development.
- **Railway Walk** Cliff reported that there were no problems

Finance

Instant access account £1,131.85

Current account £3,908.66

Total £5,040.51

Payments to agree - Old Parsonage Garden Services £420

St Edmundsbury for grass cutting £256.45

SALC meeting £12.00

HMRC £102.99

Clerks expenses £47.97

The precept request for 2015/16 was discussed in full and agreed at a total figure of £7,756

Howard stated that as far as the Community Centre hire charges are concerned, they would prefer a monthly payment rather than a one off payment at the end of the financial year. As we only hire the hall every two months this was not thought to be a good idea but it was agreed a one off payment now and a further payment for the 2015/16 year.

Correspondence

The Clerk had received a complaint regarding lack of lighting at the bus stop outside Grove Cottages. Peter recalled that this issue had been raised previously and the Parish Council were not successful. He agreed to speak to the tenants in question and report back.

Clerk has received communication from SALC regarding Transparency Code for smaller authorities which basically will amend the way in which accounting is carried out. David has copy for information.

Any other business

Tim reported there are still overhanging trees outside St Thomas’s Lodge in Stanningfield Road which cover road signs, although Suffolk County Council have been out to the scene following a previous report. . Clerk to report again.

David suggested a litter pick in the village and would approach Mrs Armstrong who had earlier volunteered her assistance in any matter.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Next meeting – 11th March 2015

Signed Chairman

Date

