**GREAT & LITTLE WHELNETHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes** of Parish Council Meeting held at Community Centre on 12th November 2014.

**Present**

David Howes Chairman Peter Royce Vice Chairman

Tim Webber Christine Peck Parish Clerk

**In attendance**

Clifford Dive Mrs Fletcher

**Apologies for absence**

Terry Clements Howard Singh (meetings)

Cliff Dive had expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council and David therefore proposed that he should be co-opted as a Councillor. Seconded by Peter. All agreed.

**Public Question Time**

Mrs Fletcher enquired as to the present whereabouts of the VAS. David explained that the sign already in operation has to be shared with Stanningfield parish in view of the fact this was purchased from Terry’s budget. However, we have also purchased our own sign which can be displayed in six different locations. However, it was delivered but with an incorrect charging unit and David is now awaiting receipt of the correct one.

**Police matters**

 Not attending but reported that there had been one crime in Great Whelnetham since the last meeting.

 01/11/14 – 02/11/14 burglary Raynsford Road entry gained and money removed from within.

 Speeding data since 1st September there have been 71 speed checks resulting in 160 letters, 51 verbal warnings, 4 notices of impending prosecution, 6 course offers, 14 endorsable fixed penalty notices and 1 report for summons..

**Minutes of meeting held on 11th September 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**

None

**Chairman’s Report** Davidhad received a communication from a Mr Peter White, treasurer of the Cygnets preschool committee, suggesting that the Parish Council back his idea of a cycle and footpath being made from the Community Centre to the school in order to ease the parking

problems. This was discussed, as it has on a number of occasions, and the general feeling was that the only solution would be a “drop off” point at the school. David would therefore draft a reply, and if all Councillors agreed, would email to Peter White.

**Updates**

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

Mr Edwin Allingham Drury House Hawstead Lane Sicklesmere trees in conservation area reduce by 30%.

Mr & Mrs J Armstrong Mereside Bury Road Sicklesmere single storey side extension.

Mr Peter White 1 Old Rectory Cottages Stanningfield Road Gt Whelnetham single storey side and rear extension, bicycle store and log store.

No objections

* **Whelnetham School –** no update available other than in Chairman’s report.
* **Transport –** Peter reported that the new road surface on the A134 was costing £180,000 and that the cost of the previous problem was still down to Suffolk County Council between £42 and £48,000.
* **Housing –** David confirmed that our views on the latest Infinity report had been submitted to them and also published on our website. Nothing further had been forthcoming so it’s a case of awaiting the next development.
* **Railway Walk** David enquired as to whether Cliff would take on the duty of monitoring the Railway Walk. This was agreed.

 **Finance**

Instant access account £1,131.70

Current account £4,183.30

**Total £5,315.00**

Payment since last meeting

£480.0 Old Parsonage Garden Services

£120.00 BDO Audit

£28.45 Business Services

The Clerk informed the meeting that an additional bank signatory was required following the resignation of Chris. Cliff agreed to take on this duty. Clerk would get the appropriate documents completed.

It was agreed to set the Precept request at the January meeting.

**Correspondence**  None received

**Any other business** Tim reported overhanging trees outside St Thomas’s Lodge in Stanningfield Road which also cover road signs. Clerk to write appropriately.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

**Next meeting –** 14th January 2015

Signed Chairman ………………………………………………..

Date …………………………………………………