

GREAT & LITTLE WHELNETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held at Community Centre on 09th January 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present

Cllrs Peter Royce (Chairman) PR
 June Attwood JA
 Tonie Armstrong TA
 Howard Singh HS
 Tim Webber TW
 Diane Everitt Parish Clerk DE
 Karen Soons KS County Councillor
 Terry Clements TC Borough Councillor
 Andy Tucker AT BSE NHW Reporting Area B Co-ordinator
 PC Paul Fox
 Neil Pettit- NP Paramedic
 Others - 1 member of the public

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Public Question Time.

None.

3. County-Borough Council and Chairman's Reports.

Chairman's report- PR has asked for clarification and a site visit/meeting with Local MP re the buffer zone and speed limit near the local school, also the parking issues. There is currently no buffer zone from the 60mph zone into the 30mph zone, and with parking near the school entrance at drop off and pick up times, there are concerns that there will be a serious accident. PR has also been in contact with Havebury with regard to the promised presentation of findings after the archaeological work done on the Erskine Lodge phase 2 and Fenton Farm sites. This has so far not taken place.

Borough Councillor's report- TC has obtained information re the housing priorities of the residents of Erskine lodge. There has been concerns from Parish Councillors and local residents that local people needing housing in the village were not considered for this development. TC is to look into this further. TC also said he will contact Havebury re the promised presentation of archaeological findings that has not taken place.

County Councillor's report- KS report attached with minutes and circulated to Councillors. Updates include highways, and how the roads in the area are in a better condition due to more repairs being done, also that grit bins should be automatically inspected and filled a necessary. There is to be a consultation on the proposed changes to the local Citizens Advice (CAB) grant funding. There is a link provided for further information. KS confirmed that the drains on Raynsford Road, at the back of the houses, will be cleared regularly by the County Council to prevent flooding in the local area. There are still discussions regarding the adoption of the road by the garages. KS asked for the details from the VAS signs to be forwarded to her and she will request a speed survey to be done by the County Council in the school area, this to help PR with the case for a buffer zone. KS offered also to make contact with Havebury over the lack of a presentation re the findings on the Erskine phase 2 site.

4. Minutes of previous extraordinary meeting held 14th November 2018 to be agreed, (any matters arising to be discussed during the meeting).

Minutes agreed **proposed TW seconded JA all in agreement.** No matters arising

5. Members declaration of interest.

HS member of SALC.

6. Police updates.

PC Paul Fox and Andy Tucker BSE NHW Reporting Area B Co-ordinator, attended the meeting to explain roles and give updates also answer questions. They are looking to attend a Parish meeting on an annual basis in future, and AT also sends out regular information updates and monthly crime statistics. These are forwarded on by the Clerk. Details are also put in the local magazine. A discussion around the Police non-emergency contact number 101 and the delays in answering was held, this has been an on-going issue and will be fed back. AT said that even though there was a perception that violent crime, burglaries had risen, having looked back over the figures this does not appear to be the case. He said that there was also a problem with the categorising of crimes and that this may be affecting the figures. Both PC FOX and AT said that West Suffolk was a low crime and safe area to live in.

7. Updates.

7.1 Planning – DC/18/1750/FUL Mr Simon Hardingham, Station Hill, Little Whelnetham, change of use of agricultural land to equestrian land and stables retrospective planning, support but comment to be made that as retrospective this should not set a precedent. Members of the Council voted unanimously in agreement. The DC/18/2389/HH Hartland Station Hill, Little Whelnetham, first floor extension over existing garage single storey rear extension and part conversion of existing garage to habitable space, support with no comments, all in agreement. DC/18/2425/FUL, Mr Matt Gregory, Hill Crest, Station Hill, Little Whelnetham, temporary agricultural building to store farm machinery (retrospective), support, again with comment that this should not set a precedent. The members of the Council voted unanimously in agreement. DC/18/2422/HH, Mr Matt Gregory, as previous application, conversion of existing detached cartlodge to stables and stores for keeping and tending to horses (part retrospective) also detached garage with first floor storage area (part retrospective), again support with comment that should not set a precedent. All in agreement. Update for Erskine Lodge phase 2, there has been no reply to Clerks email to planning re boundary issues

Action: Chairman and Clerk to make contact with planning again

7.2 Great Whelnetham School and Parking- Covered earlier in meeting.

7.3 Railway walk update and maintenance- no update.

7.4 Transport and VAS signs- Both now working and providing valuable data.

7.5 Playground report/playground equipment update- Most recent play area report shows moderate risk. Report sent to all Councillors.

7.6 Defibrillator update- NP local paramedic attended meeting, he gave details and provided written information of defibs and advised the most suitable to be purchased by the Parish Council. The Parish Council will need to allow approximately £3000/£3500 for purchase of full package. Ongoing training will be provided. NP gave examples of where a defib has been used to help locally, and said that by 2020 all children leaving school will have first aid knowledge, including use of defibs, as this will be on the national curriculum. The defib will be fitted outside the Village Hall Great Whelnetham.

The members or the Council voted unanimously to purchase.

Action: DE to order Defib

7.7 Improving Local Communities- No update carried forward to next meeting.

7.8 Membership Update, co-option of additional Councillors- No update re prospective new Councillors.

8. Correspondence- None

9. For Consideration

9.1 Standing Orders 18/19 – Amended Standing Orders sent to all Councillors, discussed at meeting for adoption. **Proposed JA seconded TA all in agreement.**

9.2 GDPR updates – GDPR risk assessment forwarded to all Councillors, discussed at meeting for adoption. **Proposed TA seconded JA all in agreement.**

9.3 Possible Parish Council contribution for installation of memorial branch near Beacon- Discussed by Councillors and all in general agreement, Community Association to come back to next meeting with quotes for costs.
The members of the Council voted to unanimously to purchase,

10. Finance.

10.1 Payments since last meeting and Bank Reconciliation- As attached on bi-monthly accounts statement, and cash book. Balances Current account £15901.37, Instant Access account £1134.34, total in the bank £17035.71 less cheques to be presented as below.

10.2 Payments for approval- Clerks Expenses £53.99, Website Subscription £19.19 and Website word press domain mapping cost £10.60, cheques payable to Peter Royce. HMRC Clerks Tax for 3 months £103.20. St Eds BC grass cutting services £1165.06. SALC and Office Microsoft **Proposed TA seconded HS all in agreement**

10.3 To Approve bi monthly statement and cheques to be issued- statement approved **proposed TA seconded JA all in agreement**

10.4 Budget Spreadsheet – A brief discussion was held on the Budget spreadsheet due to time.

10.5 Precept to be agreed – After short discussion agreed a 1% increase.
Proposed TA seconded JA all in agreement (TW left meeting before vote)

11 Matters for consideration at the next meeting- None

Meeting finished 10.15pm

Next meeting 13th March 2019 at 7.30pm

Signed Chairman

Date