

Great & Little Whelnetham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Tuesday 5 November 2019 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Present

Cllr Peter Royce, Chairman, PR

Cllr June Attwood, JA

Cllr Howard Singh, HS

Cllr Tim Webber, TW

Cllr Karen Soons, KS, Suffolk County Council

Clerk Elaine Gorman, EG

Others – 2 members of the public

1. **OPENING** – The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30pm and thanked all for attending.
2. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr Terry Clements, West Suffolk Council
3. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND LOCAL NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – Cllr Howard Singh currently a member of Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC).
7. **PUBLIC FORUM AND REPORTS** -taken out of turn). Cllr Soons joined the meeting.

KS updated Cllrs on the speed limit issue along Stanningfield Rd. Suffolk County Council accept that there is a problem and the plan is to provide a 40mph buffer zone up to Rectory Cottages. PR pointed out that the speed limit on Stanningfield Rd past Grove Cottages and up to the junction at Bell's Lane is 60 and there are no footpaths and people walk along this road. He suggested that Bell's Lane should be the point at which the 40mph buffer commences. Cllr Soons suggested that the parish council ask that it extend to the Bell's Lane junction. Cllr Soons presented her report, this had been sent to Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllr Soons noted the success of Suffolk Trading Standards with four prosecutions against those who have sold illegal tobacco.

She reported that a new and improved recycling centre will open at a site in Fornham Road, Bury St Edmunds and the current Rougham Hill site will cease to operate. The new site will enable the public to access all containers from ground level without the need for steps. For more information visit www.suffolkrecycling.org.uk Cllr Soons reported Suffolk Highways will begin work on reconstructing the bridleway at Rougham Rd, Bury St Edmunds utilising recycled materials. The works will continue for seven weeks and from Mon 25 Nov for two weeks it will be closed. Cost approx. £150K and will provide a traffic free route between SE BSE and Suffolk Park avoiding junction 44. The new bridleway will also link through to Sustrans National Cycle Route 13 accessing Moreton Hall, Suffolk business parks, Rougham Tower Ave and Sybil Andrews Academy. The route is a continuation of Rougham Rd running parallel to the A14. Suffolk Highways will be trialling solar powered lighting. Much like road studs these units will assist users of the bridleway.

Cllr Soons reported a cabinet reshuffle at SCC. She now becomes chair of the Pension Fund Cttee.

Cllr PR reported on the visibility of those walking along the Stanningfield Rd/Sicklesmere Rd junction when it was dark. Cllr PR reported on pooling of water by the post office due to four drains never being cleared. Cllr HS explained situation with the Raynsford Rd drain. At the Fenton Farm site drop kerbs have been put in but left in a mess. Pedestrians on the footpath are walking in mud whilst those walking in the road are at risk. Clerk to contact Dove and Havebury to remedy.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME – a resident of Raynsford Rd raised concerns about parking on council owned land which is resulting in double parking and blocking. Cllr Soons suggested H

markings and disabled bays but these cost a couple of hundred pounds to source. Clerk to write to Safer Neighbourhood Team.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING DATED 12 SEPTEMBER 2019.**

The minutes from the Parish Council meeting dated 12 September were APPROVED and signed by the Chairman PR as a true and accurate record. Proposed HS, seconded JA.

5. **BUSINESS REMAINING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING TO RECEIVE REPORTS AS UPDATE ONLY –**

a) UK POWER NETWORKS – agreement to accept payment £180 for 5 years signed by Chairman PR, proposed HS, seconded JA.

6. **UPDATES – a) Gt Whelnetham School & parking, Cocktail Lane access.** Clerk reported she had met Matthew Fox from SCC and asked about signage stating ‘Access required at all times’ however, MF confirmed as lane is only a hundred metres long and is private at the end SCC would not take any action. If parking and blocking of the lane takes place try and get a photo and notify the police.

b) Planning application DC/19/2171/FUL – proposed ancillary building (following demolition of existing ancillary building) at Friars Orchard, Bury Stray Cats Home, Bury Rd, Lt Whelnetham, IP30 OUH, no objections, unanimously supported, JA proposed, TW seconded.

c) Play equipment meeting with grants officer – Clerk reported she had met with Lauren White-Miller to discuss alternative funding for remainder of play equipment

d) Speed limit, Bell’s Lane/Stanningfield Rd junction – considered earlier in meeting, see above.

e) Horse Chestnut Tree, Lt Whelnetham – Clerk waiting for quote to cut back tree.

7. **See above**

8. **POLICE UPDATE –NHW Network Area B local crime stats for September 2019** - circulated prior to meeting. Cllrs raised a concern about the language and grouping of crime data. Clerk to contact Tim Passmore to query.

9. **FINANCE - a) Payments since last meeting and bank reconciliation** – Balances: current account £18717.83, instant access account £1134.83, total in bank £19, 852.66 less cheques to be approved and issued;

b) To approve cheques to be issued – the following cheques were approved.

Detail	Cheque No	Net (of VAT)	VAT	TOTAL
E Gorman - expenses	796	171.00		171.00
Bradfield St George with Lt Welnetham PCC – donation	797	100		100.00
Gt Whelnetham Comm Centre – donation, fireworks	798	500		500.00
Business Services at CAS – insurance renewal	799	320.32		320.32
West Suffolk Council – election exps recharge	800	21.34		21.34
NGFPlay Ltd – wetpour	801	3331.65	666.33	3997.98
Grass cutting	802	505.00	101.00	606.00
TOTAL				£5716.64

c) Bi – monthly financial summary received and approved and cheques to be issued, signed by Chairman PR, proposed JA, seconded TW.

10. **FOR CONSIDERATION – a) the precept** – PR explained Council shall consider the precept at the meeting Tuesday 14 Jan 2020. Clerk to collect prices. Clerk to send HS the precept form

from previous years. **b) West Suffolk sustainable settlements review – Oct 2019.** Clerk to query population figures as new properties built in Gt Whelnetham.

11. **CORRESPONDENCE** – Consultation on division boundaries for Suffolk County Council – consultation closes 2 Jan 2020.
12. **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING** – GDPR, Clerk to research and meet with Chairman to discuss.
13. **MEETING CLOSED AT 9.30pm.**
14. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Next meeting Tuesday 14 January 2020 at 7.30pm at the Community Centre

Signed Chairman Date

