

Great & Little Whelnetham Parish Council
 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held Thursday 23rd July at 7.30pm at the Community Centre

Present

Cllr Peter Royce, Chairman, PR
 Cllr Howard Singh
 Cllr Tim Webber
 Cllr June Atwood (via telephone)
 Clerk Elaine Gorman, EG

1. OPENING – The Chairman declared the meeting open at 7.30pm explaining that this was an extraordinary meeting held in person as other methods of holding a meeting either virtually or via telephone conferencing had not worked. A risk assessment had been undertaken prior to the meeting to ensure reasonable measures were taken to limit the risk of transmission of Covid-19 in accordance with guidance from NALC.
2. MINUTES FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 10th MARCH 2020. The minutes were approved and signed by the chairman as a true and accurate record, proposed HS, seconded TW.
3. PUBLIC FORUM – Clerk reported there were no questions from the public.
4. FINANCE
 - a) To receive and approve the Annual Internal Audit Report for year ending 31st March 2020. The meeting received the report and noted that there were no major issues arising. One issue relating to Assets is minuted at e) below. Council was in full agreement that the report be received and acknowledged.
 - b) To approve the Annual Governance Statement for year ending 31st March 2020, Section 1. Council approved.
 - c) To consider and approve the Accounting Statements for the year ending 31st March 2020, Section 2. Council approved.
 - d) To approve and complete the Certificate of Exemption as par the AGAR part 2.
 - e) To approve Asset Register with assets totalling £23,242 as amended on the accounting statements. Council approved.
 - f) To approve cheque to be issued – following cheque was approved and issued.

Detail	Cheque No	Net (of VAT)	VAT	TOTAL
SALC (Audit fee)	814	195.00	39.00	234.00
TOTAL				£234.00

5. Grass cutting – the Chairman explained that the playground grass had not been cut. The playground bins had also not been emptied. Clerk to action.
6. Flooding – the Chairman explained that the post office had been flooded.
7. Land Registry Search. Ongoing talks with Suffolk CC had resulted in a suggestion from Councillor Karen Soons for the Parish Council to undertake a land register search to establish ownership of the land and Councillor Soons had offered to reimburse the parish council for the cost. The Chairman Peter Royce expressed dismay at this request because at a meeting in July 2016 Councillor Soons attended with a resident to discuss the same issue, of drains in St Thomas’s Way and on the advice and guidance of SALC it was agreed that the issue was a private one and, as such, as a public body the parish council is not permitted to spend public money to resolve a matter for which only a few private individuals would benefit. It is disappointing that the same request is now being made and Great Whelnetham PC have

once again sought advice and clarification from SALC which reiterates the previous recommendation, of July 2016.

8. The Chairman, PR, has given up 3 months of his own time to research and establish the facts for the residents which was previously presented in January 2017. Council in full agreement that the PC is not required to undertake a land registry search.
9. CLOSE OF MEETING 7.40pm
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING. September, date to be agreed.

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