

Great and Little Whelnetham Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held Monday 26 September at 7.30pm at the Community Centre

Present

Cllr Peter Royce, Chairman, PR

Cllr Howard Singh, HS

Cllr June Attwood, JA

Cllr Tim Webber, TW

Clerk, Elaine Gorman, EG

3 members of the public

1. **OPENING** – the Chairman, PR, opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.
2. **APOLOGIES** – none received
3. **DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS** – none declared
4. **MINUTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATED 27 JUNE 2022** (minutes as detailed on website). The minutes were approved and signed by PR as a true and accurate record, proposed by JA and seconded by HS.
5. **PUBLIC FORUM – reports**, the Chairman, PR explained his disappointment regarding the flooding of the post office again. He noted that questions had been asked of SCC as to how this could have happened, following the drainage works, but to date no information has been provided by way of explanation.
KS' report had been circulated prior to the meeting. There was no report from District Councillor Nick Wiseman. The Clerk's report was circulated prior to the meeting. There were no questions from the public via email for consideration or any correspondence. The monthly play inspection report was circulated prior to the meeting.
Two members of the public raised concerns about the building work on a property in Water Lane, Little Whelnetham. Council resolved to ask the clerk to email planning to notify of the issues and ask what is happening now that the deadline for sending in a planning application has passed and work at the site continues. The clerk will also contact Suffolk CC to ask about the entrance to the site.
ITEM 9a – UPDATES, PLAY EQUIPMENT was brought forward to allow the Community Centre Chairman to provide a summary of work being undertaken to install new play and adult gym equipment. Work is going well and completion due at the end of the week. The new swing is taller than expected and CCC will request that this is lowered. The noughts and crosses board is yet to be installed in the younger children's play area. The CCC asked if the PC would consider sharing the cost of a concrete base for the wooden benches. This was accepted in principle but ultimately will be dependent on cost. HS proposed and JA seconded. PR asked CCC if the rabbit holes on the children's play area could be plugged with spoil.
ITEM 9b – GRASS CUTTING – PR reported that the quote from WSC for grass cutting might be too expensive and asked the clerk to obtain 2 further quotes for the parish council to consider for next year to ensure the Parish council was getting the best costs for the service
ITEM 9c – RAILWAY WALK – PR asked the clerk to follow up the Railway Walk spoil issue.
8.25pm Cllr KS arrived at meeting. KS emphasised a couple of important issues from her written report. The purchase of solar panels, cost of living crisis and links for further support. She also reiterated that the autumn booster Covid vaccinations are available for those 50 years or over, those at higher risk or who are pregnant, and frontline health and social care workers. TW mentioned the parking at the school and eroding bank. KS suggested uploading photos of it on the SCC reporting tool. EG agreed to meet TW Tues 27

Sept to do this. KS also reported a police email address to report parking issues. This is force.control@suffolk.pnn.police.uk KS left the meeting at 8.35pm.

6. **STATUTORY BUSINESS** – a) Council received and agreed the PC meeting dates for 2023/24.
b) Council considered and resolved to not opt out of the SAAA central external auditor arrangements.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** decided upon by PC since the last PC meeting,

-DC/22/1078/TCA Trees in conservation area notification – one oak, 29 Pipistrelle Way, Gt Whelnetham, IP30 0BF, unanimously objected. Tree Preservation Order TPO/014(2022) made by the Council 26 July 2022

-DC/22/1061/TPO, TPO 307 (2001) tree preservation order – a. one Willow (T1 on plan within A2 on order) remove stem growing to the west and branch growing over driveway to north b. one Willow (T2 on plan within A2 on order) remove branch as shown on annotated photo c. one Willow (T3 on plan within A2 on order) remove/tidy storm damage d. two Ash (T4 and T7 on plan within A2 on order) sectionally dismantle leaving stem cut at approximately three metres e. four Ash (T5 T8 T13 and T14 on plan within A2 on order) sectionally dismantle to ground level f. two Holly (T9 and T10 on plan within A2 on order) reduce/remove stems as shown on annotated photo g. one Ash (T23 on plan within A1 on order) fell h. three Ash (T24 T25 and T26 on plan within A1 on order) sectionally dismantle to ground level. Council observations, agreed to support work on infected trees and object to work on healthy trees.

-DC/22/1298/TCA Trees in a conservation area notification – one oak, (T1) crown reduction by approximately 1.5 metres, crown lift by 2 metres above ground level; thin crown by 10 percent, Pipistrelle Way, Gt Whelnetham, unanimously objected.

- DC/22/1299/TCA Trees in a conservation area notification – one wild cherry (marked in pink on plan) crown lift to 2.5 metres above ground level, crown reduction in height by three metres and crown thin by 10%, street record, Pipistrelle Way, Gt Whelnetham, IP30 0BF, unanimously objected.

- DC/22/1092/HH Householder planning application – single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing single storey rear extensions), Bells Lane Farm, Bells Lane, Great Whelnetham, IP29 4RZ. Council agreed to support application

- DC/22/1093/LB Application for listed building consent – single storey rear extension (following demolition of existing single storey rear extensions), Bells Lane Farm, Great Whelnetham, IP29 4RZ. Council agreed to support application

- DC/22/1344/HH Householder planning application – installation of outdoor open air natural swimming pool, Bells Lane Farm, Bells Lane, Gt Whelnetham, IP29 4RZ, unanimously supported. Cllr PR checked the applications regarding trees and noted that some of the comments of the PC do not appear on the WSC planning website, the omission to acknowledge the objections raised by the parish council could be construed as a failure of the Parish council to represent the public it serves. Therefore, the Parish council questions if the objections had been considered or adequately reviewed before a decision had been determined. EG to follow up with WSC.

8. FINANCE

a) Payments since last meeting and bank reconciliation. Balance of current account is £42,050.24 less cheques of £2,740.13 to be issued. Total in current account is £39,310.11.

b) Bi-monthly statement received and approved. the following cheques were approved and issued.

Detail	Cheque No.	Net (of VAT)	VAT	Total
Anthony Holliday	863	250.00	50.00	300.00
E Gorman, exps	864	100.80		100.80
Abate Ltd	865	60.00	12.00	72.00
WSC, grass cutting	866	1,889.44	377.89	2,267.33

Total		2,300.24	439.89	2,740.13

c) Half yearly budget to 26 September 2022 for year ending 31 March 2023 received and noted.

d) Council informed of receipt of VAT refund for 2021-2022, a sum of £1257.43.

e) Council to receive the review of the Asset Register undertaken by the clerk on 31 August 2022. This will be updated following completion of the installation of play and adult gym equipment.

f) Council to receive and consider 2 insurance quotes. The Clerk explained that the third quote was delayed in being received as the company had been inundated with requests. This will be forwarded asap for consideration.

10. **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING** – the Budget and the Precept.

11. To resolve that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed –

a) HR consideration

12. **CLOSE OF MEETING** – 9pm

13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING, MONDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2022 at 7.30pm.**

Signed Chairman.....Date.....

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