

GREAT & LITTLE WHELNETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at Community Centre on 9th July 2014.

Present

David Howes Chairman Peter Royce

Christine Peck Parish Clerk Howard Singh

Chris Thomson

Members of Public - Mrs Fletcher Ann Kirby, Robert Kirby, Dick Kirby, Max Milburn

In attendance - Terry Clements Borough Councillor

Project Management Team from Havebury Housing Partnership and
Infinity Architects

Hollie Cogman PCSO

Apologies for Absence

Tim Webber (holiday)

A presentation was then given by Scott Bailey from Havebury on the development of the Erskine Lodge site prior to public planning, giving the Parish Council the opportunity to share ideas. He explained that Erskine Lodge was no longer fit for purpose, all residents had been rehomed and were happy to stay put and thus it had been decided to apply for planning permission to build a total of 61 homes in the village. These would include 48 affordable homes available to rent or to buy on a shared ownership basis and consist of 1,2 bed properties and 13 open market 3 and 4 beds. Preference would be given to local residents and people with village connections.

The Parish Council were invited to express their thoughts on the project and the general feeling was one of sadness that Erskine was not being redeveloped for the elderly. However if the scheme provides affordable homes to meet the demands of local people then this is welcomed. It is hoped that the development will blend in with the rest of the village and there would be a necessity for pedestrian access between the new homes and the school to be improved.

Havebury are putting their plans on display to the public at The Community Centre on 24th July from 3pm to 7pm. when all members of the public will be invited to attend.

Public Question time

None

Police Report

PCSO Hollie Cogman reported that there had been no crimes of interest in the parishes since the last meeting. However there has been a spate of purse thefts in the area of Cornhill and Brentgoval Street and residents are therefore urged to keep their personal belongings safe.

Members of the public are urged to report overgrown areas within the parish and also pot holes or road issues. There is an online link for this

<https://secure.suffolkcc.gov.uk/customerservice/CSD/SCC/product.aspx?ProductID=PRHMO1>

Minutes of Meeting held on 14th May 2014 and matters arising

Minutes having been emailed to Councillors were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Members Declaration of Interest

Howard Singh (member of Community Centre)

Chairman's Report

David had received communications from Tess Wright stating that the grass had not been cut along the pathway from Little Whelnetham church to the Railway Line. It was generally felt this was not a Parish Council matter and they had never been responsible for this area.

Updates

- **Planning**

R Plumb, 10 Hawstead Lane Sicklesmere – 2 storey side and rear extension and demolish garage

A Thornton The Hall Little Whelnetham Road Sicklesmere – 2 storey front extension

Mr & Mrs D Cartwright single storey extensions to north and south elevations

NO OBJECTIONS

- **Whelnetham School** - Terry confirmed that the school was continuing to work closely with Lawshall school with joint Governors meetings and training sessions.
- **Transport** A VAS sign is now on order solely for the use of our parishes. Suffolk County Council will be running a training session on operation on 21st July. Chris and David will attend. A special thank you was made to Terry for arranging this and also standing the cost of purchase from his budget.

Peter reported that he had received confirmation that remedial work to the A134 to Bury St Edmunds was scheduled between 10th – 23rd July.

- **Housing** - refer to report above
- **Railway Walk** Chris reported that the grass along the line was long. However, his was due to be cut very soon.

Finance

Instant access account £ 1,131.65 as per bank statement

Current account £10,192.88 as per bank statement

Total **£11,324.53**

Payments since last meeting

£480.00 Old Parsonage Garden Services

£ 72.00 Ensor's

Payments to agree

HMRC PAYE £102.99

A credit of £625 has been received for a VAT reclaim

A direct debit form was signed for future Community Action Suffolk payments.

Correspondence

The Clerk had received letters from EACH, Samaritans and Headway Suffolk asking if we would consider supporting their Charities. After discussion it was decided that any support should be given to local organisations.

A reply had been received from Suffolk Police and Crime Commissioner in response to our complaint regarding their non-attendance at Parish Council meetings.

It was confirmed that an officer would attend the current meeting. Meanwhile we were urged to contact the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Any other business

The Clerk reported that a communication had been received from SALC recommending revisions to The Code of Conduct. These were discussed and agreed to adopt the revised version.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Next meeting - 10th September 2014

Signed Chairman **Date**