

GREAT & LITTLE WHELNETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Whelnetham Community Centre on Wednesday 9th November 2011.

Present

Chris Thomson Chairman
Howard Singh Vice- Chairman
David Howes
Tim Webber
Peter Royce
Christine Peck Parish Clerk

In attendance

Terry Clements St Edmundsbury B C
Wil Pardoe PCSO

1. Apologies for Absence

None received

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 14th September 2011

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

3. Matters Arising from Minutes

The Clerk has once again contacted St Edmundsbury with regard to the selling of furniture from a property in Sudbury Road. They wrote to the resident on 6th October reminding him that he should speak to the Principal Planning Officer towards resolving the matter.

4. Members Declaration of Interest

Howard Singh and Peter Royce are members of the Community Council Committee.

5. Police Matters

Will Pardoe was welcomed to the meeting by Chris.

There have been three reported incidents since the last meeting in Great Whelnetham

23/10/11 bodywork damage to motor vehicle

24/10/11 burglary

25/10/11 theft from vehicle

No reported incidents in Little Whelnetham

Howard mentioned a gang of children, based from Raynsford Road, causing concern to several residents with threatening behaviour. Wil suggested any incident,

however trivial, should be reported to the Police. If not a serious matter, it can be reported on their 101 number.

Peter mentioned an incident reported to the Police in October of damage to a padlock and chain at the Community Centre. Although a crime number was allocated, it does not seem to have been included in the Police report.

Howard also mentioned an incident in Raynsford Road whereby a car driven in an aggressive manner where the driver was abusive to a female driver of another vehicle.

Also, the fence at the entrance to the wood area in Raynsford Road has been broken down by children.

6. Chairman's Report

The usual request had been received from St Edmundsbury to submit our required budget requirement for 2012/13. Chris had earlier emailed a proposed plan to Councillors. This was discussed in detail and the figures were agreed. (Copy of proposed requirement attached to these minutes). Chris and Christine would therefore complete and sign the application and submit to St Edmundsbury.

Chris raised the point that communication between Councillors, especially by email, needed to be worded very carefully when airing their views on matters in order to avoid any repercussion in the event of information being picked up by third parties.

Chris made the suggestion that the village should have a village website, whereby anyone could visit and post information/comments, thus showing more overall activity. He would like this to be whelnetham.com which is actually available, and the set up of a really good site would be in the region of £800 - £1,000. This was generally agreed to be a good suggestion. Chris would therefore obtain three quotes and the site could potentially be set up by February. Terry expressed the view that it would be good for the Parish Council to interact with residents as leaflet distribution etc. did not have a great effect.

7. Finance

Current total bank balance	£ 11,191.47
Current account £11,061.47	(reconciled with bank statement number 25)
Instant Access account £130.30	(reconciled with bank statement number 38)

Payments made since last meeting –	
Grit bin	£144
Suffolk Acre balance insurance	£154.87
BDI audit fee	£162
BT	£45.80
Clerks salary (net)	£112

The Clerk had received the external audit report and the findings were:–
Bank Reconciliations and Budgetary Control

8. Updates

PLANNING -

Clifford Faiers, Langdale, Low Green, Little Whelnetham

Erection of dwelling with garage attached to existing dwelling, application has been turned down by St Edmundsbury but an appeal has been made to The Secretary of State.

Mr & Mrs S Hopwood St Thomas's Lodge, Stanningfield Road,
Gt Whelnetham - conversion of garage, construction of double garage.
No objection.

GT WHELNETHAM SCHOOL -

Terry reported that there was general concern overall as to what was happening with the restructuring of schools in the area. Plans are up in the air as is the case with all primary schools. However, decisions should be made this side of Christmas with the Government and the School Education Authority. It appears that Clare have upset the process with the setting up of their academy. The school is however still doing well and achieving good results.

TRANSPORT –

Peter stated that there is concern for vehicles turning right in Stanningfield Road from the main Sudbury Road in Sicklesmere as vehicles wishing to continue in the direction of Sudbury cannot wait and are mounting the pavement in order to pass. It was agreed there was nothing that could be done to prevent this.

HOUSING –

No further information available.

RAILWAY WALK

All appears to be in order.

9 Any other business

Howard stated that in conjunction with the Council and other Parish Councils groups are taking part in "healthy walks" and made a suggestion that it would be useful to have a seat installed at the far end of The Drift. However, this would be on private land so not possible.

Peter mentioned the display of "A" boards along the A134. Terry stated that the County were looking into this as a whole.

The Clerk confirmed that the grit bin for Cocks Green Lane/The Drift had now been delivered and asked for agreement for Barry Colson to install this. All agreed. Also, she had received requests for a further bin to be in place at the entrance to the second garage block in Raynsford Road. It was agreed this could be done. Clerk to order.

Howard confirmed that he had renewed the contract for the Probation Service to continue with grass cutting on a four weekly basis for next year.

The forthcoming celebration for the Queens Diamond Jubilee was discussed. It was felt this should be commemorated in some way. David suggested that a £1,000 budget be set for this. All agreed.

10 Confirmation of Future Meeting Dates

Meetings for 2012 will be held on 11th January, 14th March, 9th May, 11th July, 12th September and 14th November.

As there was no further business the meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed Chairman

Date

All Members of this Parish Council hereby agree to adhere to implement the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council.