

GREAT & LITTLE WHELNETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held at Community Centre on 10th September 2014.

Present

David Howes Chairman Peter Royce

Christine Peck Parish Clerk Tim Webber

Howard Singh

In attendance -

Terry Clements Borough Councillor

Scott Bailey and Christopher Netton Havebury Housing Partnership

Bury Free Press Journalist

Members of public

Apologies for Absence

None received

Terry Clements (Cabinet member for Planning) then gave information on the needs for housing in the village as identified by St Edmundsbury under Vision 2031. 20% of the total need is identified as being rural. However, he could not support the numbers in the proposed development by Havebury Housing and felt it would be more realistic to reduce the number on a development at Fentons Farm and a similar reduction on the Erskine Lodge site. He said that the County would take over the issue regarding possible flooding.

Public Question time

Members of the public attended to express concerns regarding the proposed housing development by Havebury Housing Partnership in the village. David then welcomed views to be made but the Parish Council would not comment other than he had written to Havebury Housing to inform them that in our view the original plan was too extensive

Dive - queried the number of housing required discrepancy on numbers 16 or 10?

Armstrong - Erskine Lodge area or extra land

Kirby - do we really need this type of development in the village? Havebury manages estates in town i.e Howard and Mildenhall

Would cause traffic congestion and additional traffic at school

Sharon Cox – Agreed there is a need for additional housing in order to keep continuity

Colton – disagrees priority given to villagers, not the case in Horringer

Tonie Armstrong – where does this leave the elderly? Property 10 feet lower than field

Julie Ruddock – Need of village people, should be given first option

Liz Robertson – concern on numbers proposed, infrastructure, number of extra vehicles road congested at busy times

Starling – issue with flooding in Hambrook Close

Andrews – extra facilities needed at school

Armstrong – zone 3 flood area, conservation area, sewage plant?

Judith Phillips – flats not for village, only for towns

Elsie Collier – objects to flats

Armstrong – what will Parish Council do now?

At this stage, David closed the option for comments and continued with the main meeting. He gave the public the option to stay for the rest of the meeting.

The Parish Councillors then discussed the issue. Terry suggested we should clarify the number of houses identified under Vision 2031 with St Edmundsbury. The Clerk would enquire. David had communicated with Havebury expressing current views and he had received three letters from parishioners.

1) Police matters

Not attending but reported that there were three incidents in Great Whelnetham since the last meeting.

01/08/14 Break in at Erskine Lodge

18/08/14 Tyre valves of vehicle loosened causing tyres to deflate Stanningfield Road

23/07/14 – 20/08/14 Theft Sudbury Road Little Whelnetham offender hired trailer but failed to return same

2) Minutes of Meeting held on 9th July 2014 and matters arising

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

3) Members Declaration of Interest

Howard Singh member of Community Centre Committee

4) Chairman's Report

VAS – David has now erected a sign purchased from Terry’s budget and the Parish Council are awaiting the delivery of a second one. David to show Peter how this is mounted. The sign records every single vehicle passing by and the speed between 25 and 40 mph. The sign will be shared with Stanningfield parish but when we receive delivery of the second one, this will mean we will have at least one sign in the parish at any one time.

5) Updates

- **Planning**

Mr Michael Wojcik Beechcroft Hawstead Lane Sicklesmere - listed building application new external door to utility, new external door in place of window Fencing and gate and shed

Mr N Cooper 4 Hawstead Lane Sicklesmere – infill existing courtyard with roof to incorporate the main house providing a new dining room

Mr William Atkins Willowbrook House Sudbury Road Little Whelnetham – double garage and gym alterations to driveway

- **Whelnetham School** - Terry reported that plans are going forward to extend the school for two stand-alone classrooms and a porta cabin situated behind the first three of School Cottages. Parking has not been taken into account. There will be a joint governing body along with Lawshall School.

- **Transport**

Peter reported that he had received confirmation that remedial work to the A134 to Bury St Edmunds would now commence in November,

- **Housing** - Refer to item above
- **Railway Walk** David has received an email from a Bury St Edmunds resident complaining of the condition of the walk. He had replied that funds were limited and that previous working parties were now disbanded but any offers of help were needed. Jack Armstrong who was attending the meeting intimated he may be able to help and left contact details for the future,

6) Finance

Instant access account £1,131.70

Current account £9,197.93

Total £10,329.63

Payment since last meeting

£480.00 Old Parsonage Garden Services

Payments to agree

Clerk’s expenses - £64.79

HMRC PAYE - £102.99

Insurance renewal - £329.21

7) Correspondence

None received

Any other business

David reported that a new Vice Chairman was needed following the resignation of Chris. Tim Proposed Peter Seconded by Howard. Agreed

Howard proposed that a letter be sent to Chris thanking him for his help and support over the years.

The Clerk has received a request for a dog bin to be erected in the vicinity of the school. A quotation had been received from St Edmundsbury for £259.20 plus VAT. St Edmundsbury also emphasised that they are still considering making a charge to Parish Councils to empty dog bins at £2.80 per bin.

It was agreed to accept the quotation and was suggested this should be erected near to the grit bin.

Howard reported that a large van was continually parked in the parking space in Raynsford Road purposely left for emergency vehicles. It was suggested the Clerk write to our PCSO requesting investigation.

David reported that the sales are ongoing at the roadside outside Oakland House Sudbury Road. Terry said that there are changes coming into force regarding planning enforcement.

Meeting ended at 9.05 pm

Next meeting - 12th November 2014.

Signed Chairman **Date**

