

GREAT & LITTLE WHELNETHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held at Community Centre on 14th June 2016 at 8.00pm after site visits.

Present

Cllrs Peter Royce (Chairman) PR
 Tim Webber TW
 June Attwood JA
 Stephen Smith SS
 Diane Everitt Parish Clerk DE

Others - 5 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Terry Clements
 Clifford Dive (Vice-Chairman) (prior engagement)
 Cllr Howard Singh (prior engagement)

2. Public Question Time

Drainage at St Thomas's Way

The Council are currently looking into ownership of land/roads and whether adopted. There is nothing on the current owner's deeds. A possible solution suggested by PR is for the garage owners to get together as an independent group, they can then apply for funding. This would only be for a set period, but would allow time to establish ownership and make approaches to get the land/roads adopted.

Fly tipping in same area also being looked into.

Planning applications

Planning applications are not always being received by local residents, but they are able to comment on these on the Council website, or by visiting the planning office. The proposed archaeological report on the back field/meadow at Erskine Lodge had been seen/received.

3. Approval of minutes of previous meeting dated 11th May 2016 (any matters arising to be discussed at next full Council meeting 13th July 2016)

Amendment made to 12.3 to confirm which church letter sent to, this was Little Whelnetham church.

PR proposed
JA seconded
Agreed by all

4. Matter arising

Dog mess Cox Green Lane.

JA has walked this route not much mess found, will continue to monitor the situation.

VAS

The insurance company has given the go ahead to get this repaired; we will have to pay the £100 excess. There will a more rigorous process put in to monitor the use of the VAS signs.

School Parking

There has been no further correspondence from the school

5. Declarations of interest.

None

6. Planning Applications.

DC/16/0994/HH 11 Raynsford Road Great Whelnetham– no reason to object

DC/16/1092/HH Drake House Water Lane Little Whelnetham – no reason to object

DC/16/407/TCA Remove the old established shrub beds from around the Scheme and the 23 small self-set trees ranging from 3ft to 10ft.

After site visit there are concerns that trees and shrubs have already been cut down and as it is not clear looking at the plans which shrubs trees are to be removed, a letter is to be sent to planning department asking for officer to visit the site with Councillors. Decision made not to formally respond to application at this time.

7. Finance

Current Bank Balances

Cheque account	£12326.44 less cheques below £565.90
Instant access account	£1132.74

Cheques to be signed

SALC subscription	£343.90
SALC clerks training	£120.00
Ensor's accounts	£102.00

PR reminded Councillors that there are only 2 meetings before the November one where next year's precept will need to be set. It has been suggested that this be raised to provide services for the village. Employing a street cleaner has been suggested. This is currently being trialled at Stanton. Also mentioned was grass cutting at various sites. If a case put forward to the Parish Council this could be considered for taking over, if funding allowed. The Railway walk is also another example. Councillors were asked to think about this issue in advance of the meeting.

8. AOB

Council were asked about an information leaflet/newsletter giving details about

Parish Council meetings and other events in the village. This has been put on July's agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8:35 pm

Next meeting July 13th 2016 7.30 pm

Signed Chairman

Date