

## **GREAT BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOM, MILL LANE, GREAT BLAKENHAM ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011**

**PRESENT:** Mrs S Fairburn, Miss L Martin, P. McLauchlan, Mrs P Robinson, R. Simpson, District Councillor J Field and PC Tina Fairness

#### **12.1 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no questions from the public.

#### **12.2 REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Councillor J. Field's report was laid round at the meeting.

#### **12.3 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER**

PCSO Brill's report is attached. Mrs Fairburn, on behalf of the Parish Council, thanked PC Tina Fairness for all her work in involved in the case against Mr Hallett and for her time at the Crown Court and the successful conviction. PC Fairness informed the meeting that Mr Hallett had filed an appeal against the verdict which will be heard in the new year. On the 10<sup>th</sup> February Mr Hallett will appear before the Crown Court for the financial side of the case to be heard which will include the Parish Council's claim for costs.

**12.4 Apologies:** R Edrupt and District Councillor M Blakeham

**12.5 Declarations of interest appropriate to any item on the agenda** – Mrs Shirley Fairburn declared a personal interest. The Sita Liaison Group had booked their Christmas meal through her catering business to take place in January 2012.

**12.6 MINUTES** of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011 were approved and signed.

#### **12.7 WORKPLAN**

All Parish Councillors present received an update on the outstanding matters.

#### **12.8 FINANCE**

a. Monthly Payments – It was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £2,044.15. The Clerk informed the meeting that the Clerk's laptop had been replaced. The hard drive on the old computer had been damaged and could not be repaired. Norton Security had also been purchased. The old computer will be destroyed. The payments list also included an order for commemorative mugs for the Great Blakenham's Jubilee "Big Lunch".

b. Budget 2012/12 – Councillors were presented with a budget for the next financial year. All the charges and increases in wages had been agreed at the previous meeting.

The Chairman and the Clerk went through the budget papers thoroughly so that all Councillors present understood each budget heading and the increases proposed. It was agreed to accept the budget documents as presented.

Precept 2012/13 – The final precept figure of £24,931 to be requested from Mid Suffolk District Council was proposed. This represents an increase of 3% over the current year and all Councillors present agreed this.

c. Parish Room – A request had been received from the Chairman of the Parish Room for a contribution to the replanting of the Women’s WI Memorial Garden. It was agreed that the Parish Council denote £10 so that a rose bush could be purchased in the name of the Parish Council.

### **12.9 JUBILEE WORKING PARTY**

The Chairman reported that a further meeting had taken place on the 16<sup>th</sup> November. The Working Party was recommending that the Jubilee picnic becomes part of the “Big Lunch” celebrations taking place all over the country on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2012. This was accepted by the Parish Council. Jubilee commemorative mugs had been ordered. These will be given to the children who live in the village at the “Big Lunch”. A further meeting had been arranged for January 2012 and this will be advertised in the local community magazine.

### **12.10 MEETING DATES FOR 2012**

The proposed dates for 2012 were agreed.

### **12.11 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

a. Sita UK Liaison Group - Following a recent meeting the Chairman informed Parish Councillors that clearance work had started at the site. This will be a gradual process as some buildings contained asbestos. A new gate and fencing will be installed for security reasons and the portable buildings for office space will be erected down the edge of Lodge Lane to help minimise the noise from the site. Archaeological excavations will take place before building works begin. The Sita Trust will be holding an evening on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at the Parish Room if anyone wished to attend who was interested in obtaining funds for future local projects. The Chairman also confirmed that during discussions with Sita UK they had agreed in principle to provide the Parish with two new village signs subject to the Parish Council gaining planning permission from Mid Suffolk District Council.

b. Bramford Recycling Centre – The Chairman informed the meeting that Boltons, who are running the site, had introduced charging for green waste due to the high numbers of residents depositing only green waste. To dispose of green waste will be £5.00 per vehicle.

Chairman

Date