

GREAT BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOM, STOWMARKET ROAD ON WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER 2013

PRESENT: A. Beckett, Mrs B Edrupt, Mrs S Fairburn, R. Simpson, District Councillor J Field and PCSO Phil Brill

1.12 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

2.12 REPORTS OF THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Field's report was circulated at the meeting.

3.12 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

PCSO Phil Brill's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

4.12 Apologies: P. McLauchlan and District Councillor M Blakenham

5.12 Declarations of interest appropriate to any item on the agenda – None were received.

6.12 MINUTES of the meeting of 13th November 2013 were approved and signed.

7.12 WORKPLAN Councillors received an update on all outstanding issues.

11/04 8.4 – Mr M Hallett – The Clerk reported the response received from PC Tina Fairness. Mr Simpson still felt that a claim against Barclays for compensation due to their incompetence was still valid. It was agreed that a small working group look through the paperwork the Chairman had kept from the trial to assess the level of claim. The Working Group to consist of the Chairman, Clerk and Mr Simpson.

8.12 FINANCE

- a. Monthly payments – It was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £1,022.39.
- b. 2nd Draft Budget 2014/15 – Councillors had received a copy of the 2nd draft budget.

It was agreed to make the following increases in charges:-

Cemetery Charges –

Burials increase to £175, Cremations increase to £125, Erection of headstone to £125, Additional engraving to £50 and children upto 12 years to remain at £50.

Allotment Charges to increase - 5 rods £19 and 10 rods to £38.

The final budget to be agreed at the January meeting.

9.12 EVENING BUS SERVICE TO AND FROM IPSWICH

The Clerk had received a letter from Claydon and Whitton Parish Council asking the Parish Council to give its support to their efforts to try to restore an evening bus service for the local villages including Great Blakenham. It was agreed to fully support their efforts and for the Clerk to send a letter of support to County Cllr Newman, Transport Portfolio Holder at Suffolk County Council.

Chairman

Date