

GREAT BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOM, STOWMARKET ROAD, ON WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2015

PRESENT: Mrs K Peters, Mr P White, Mr G Scott, Mr S Plume, Mr J Waller, County Councillor J Field, District Councillor K Welsby

01 To Receive Reports from the County and District Councillors

County Councillor J Field gave his report, see attachment one.
District Councillor K Welsby gave his report.

02 Locality Officer from MSDC

- a. To Discuss Section S106 - Re Kingfisher Drive Development - Ms Osborne gave a talk to the parish council, regarding any ideas for open space monies, Ms Osborne has had a discussion with the village hall and possible ideas had come forward for building works on the village hall .

03 Questions from the Public

A resident inquired about the bollards on Stowmarket Road not being cleaned, Councillor Field agreed to contact SCC.

A resident inquired about the Allotments, and why had they not been informed, about the Notice to Quit, Councillor White explained that this was the first parish council meeting since the notice had been served on the parish council, and Notices to Quit would be issued within a few days.

A resident inquired had the repairs to the bus shelter in Gipping Road been repaired and paid for twice, it was explained that the previous parish council had only done half the work needed on the bus shelter and the work had been completed on the remaining necessary repairs.

The meeting opened at 8.30pm

04 To Discuss Meeting and Make Discussions Regarding Meeting with Mr P Isabel MSDC - Land off Kingfisher Drive

It was reported that MSDC would like to make a site meeting with the Parish Council and residents of boundaries backing onto the land off Kingfisher Drive for a walk around the field to discuss the boundary layouts.

05 Co option of Parish Councillor

Mr J Waller gave a presentation to the parish council about his interests in the village and was duly voted by the parish council to become a parish councillor and Mr Waller signed his Declaration of Acceptance Form.

06 Apologies

No apologies were received.

- 07 a. Councillors Declaration of Interest Appropriate to any Item on the Agenda - Councillor S Plume declared an interest in Item 14a. and Councillor G Scott declared an interest in item 15a and 17a.
- b. To Receive written requests for Dispensation for Disclosable Pecuniary interest (if any) - This was decided to add onto November's Agenda.
- c. To Grant any Requests for Dispensations as Appropriate - None

08 Sackers

Mr D Smith gave a talk on the updates of the Sackers Site, the perimeter fence is now complete, quotations for a metallic drum are being received, the west boundary fence has made a difference to noise, they are getting quotations for a dusting system, Mr Smith added that they would like to possibly attend the meeting in November for a further discussion, and added that there is a hotline for Sackers the numbers are 0800 80 70 60 for 24/7 or 01473 706738.

09 Service Level Agreement of PCSO

- a. To discuss re instating Service Level of Agreement - Councillor White informed the parish council that SALC had been approached regarding overturning the decision of the PCSO and that it was appropriate to overturn it. The parish council all voted in favour of reinstating the PCSO, and the Clerk is to contact the relevant people to inform them of this decision.

10 To Discuss Resident's Email Regarding Ownership of Trees on Hackney's Corner

The parish council discussed this matter and decided that the Clerk would write to MSDC concerning the trees and await MSDC response.

11 To Discuss Meeting with Land Owners and Purchase of Adjoining Land to Cemetery

Councillor Scott and Councillor Peters informed the parish council of their meeting with the land owners and it was decided to email the land owners and ask for details of the larger plot of land available, also the clerk to email local parish council's for their costings of burial and cremations prices at their cemeteries. Also the clerk to email Ms Osborne of MSDC and ask her if open spaces includes cemeteries.

12 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 02nd September 2015

These were approved and signed.

13 Speed Restrictions

- a. To discuss possible speed restrictions on Mill Lane
- b. To discuss possible speed restriction on Chequers Rise - It was decided to add these both on to November's Agenda.

14 Planning

- a. To discuss Planning Application PL\0246\15 - These were approved.
- b. To discuss Planning Application PL\0224\15 - These were approved.

15 Finance

- a. Monthly Payments - It was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £ 3098.04.
- b. To Discuss update on Compensation from Barclays Bank - No response had been received.
- c. To Approve Annual Return of Audit and discuss the Issues Arising Report - It was decided to add this onto November's Agenda.

16 Gipping Road Bus Shelter

- a. To discuss update on litter bin from Councillor J Field - Councillor Field informed the parish council that it is their responsibility in obtaining a bin for the bus shelter, clerk will get information and prices for November meeting.

17 SALC Courses

- a. To discuss and agree training courses for Parish Councillors to attend -It was agreed that the clerk would attend a website course in November and a parish clerk course in January being held at SALC offices.

18 Allotments

- a. To discuss meeting with Stearn Farms on the 06th October 2015 - It was noted the parish council had received a Notice to Quit Order from the landowners for the 10th October 2016, it was decided that all Allotment Holders are to be served with a Notice to Quit Order within the next few days giving them until the 10th October 2016, and it was agreed these will be posted to all Allotment Holders by Recorded Delivery.
- b. To discuss Damage and Repair of Plot 1 - The parish council was informed that the clerk had spoken to the person who had damaged the plot and they had agreed to pay for the damage as they do not want to claim of their insurance, It was decided that the clerk will obtain some quotations for the repair of the posts and fence, and the plot holder and the person who damaged the plot will be kept informed of the progress of the damage.

19 Cemetery

- a. To discuss update for works in Cemetery - All works had been completed.
- b. To discuss update of letter received from GWGC - Councillor White read out the letter, stating that GWGC will no longer be providing payment for the war headstone.

20 Parish Council Representative Reports and Elect New Representatives

- a. SALC - No report
- b. Village Hall Management Committee - No report
- c. Viridor Liasion Group - No report.
- d. Churchyard/Cemetery - No report.
- e. Allotments Officer - It was reported the tap had been fixed and Anglian Water had passed the allotments testing.
- f. Parish Liaison - Councillor P White is to attend a meeting on the 05.11.15
- g. SITA Liaison Group Meeting - No report, but there is a meeting to be held in December.

21 To Arrange Meeting Dates for 2016

Councillor White read out the dates and they were agreed and to be booked at
The parish rooms - see attachment two.

22 Date of Next Meeting

11th November 2015 at 7.30pm.

Chairman

Date