

GREAT BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOM, STOWMARKET ROAD, ON WEDNESDAY 02nd SEPTEMBER 2015

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

01 Questions from the Public

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

A resident inquired about the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and who would represent it.

A resident inquired why the PCSO had been cancelled in the village, they were informed that the parish council had a vote and it was in favour of cancelling the level agreement, the resident informed the parish council that some residents wanted the PCSO back in the village, it was decided to add the possibility of re instating the PCSO Level Agreement on to October's Agenda for discussion.

A resident inquired about the pathways at the back and along side each allotment being kept clear. Was this the allotment holders or the parish council's responsibility. The information will be checked on and reported back at October's meeting. Also the resident mentioned the lock on the barrier had broken, the resident was informed that Councillor Scott had looked at the lock and it had been damaged.

A resident inquired about humps or 10mph signs to be possibility erected in Mill Lane, to slow down the traffic approaching the Village hall and play area. Councillor Field agreed to look into the matter and report back.

02 Co option of Parish Councillor

Mr S Plume duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance Form.

03 Locality Officer from MSDC

- a. To discuss Role/Support to Parish Council - the parish council have received no response from the Locality Officer.

04 To Discuss Purchase of Adjoining Land with Land Owners to the Cemetery

The Landowners kindly discussed the possibility of land available of approximately 0.11 acres of land available, it was decided to meet with the landowners at the cemetery at a convenient time and date to have a look at the available land and size, and add it on to October's agenda for discussion.

05 To Receive Reports from the County and District Councillors

County Councillor Field gave his report.
District Councillor Welsby gave his report.

06 Apologies

No Apologies were received

07 Councillors Declaration of Interest Appropriate To Any Item On The Agenda

Councillor Scott made a Declaration to items 11a and Councillor K Peters made a Declaration to questions from the public.

08 To Approve the Minutes of the Meeting Held on the 12th August 2015

These were approved and signed.

09 To discuss redirection of Post from Ex Clerk

It was voted to re direct the post from the ex clerk for 12 months at a cost of £390.00 for the year.

10 Land off Kingfisher Drive

- a. To discuss update on Building Plans with MSDC - It was decided to meet with Mr Isbell to discuss building plans, in early October as two of the Parish Councillors were on holiday the rest of September, but also to check with SALC that a meeting off site was acceptable.

11 Finance

- a. Monthly Payments - It was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £ 2665.39.
- b. Authorised Cheque Signatories - It was agreed to add Mr S Plume as a cheque signatory.
- c. To Discuss Compensation from Barclays Bank - The parish council agreed to contact the bank and ask for £25.00 compensation for the inconvenience of returning to the bank to sign forms.
- d. To discuss third party authority and forms for parish clerk - It was agreed that the parish clerk could have third party authority on the bank account to order new cheque books, statements and paying in books only.

12 Election of Vice Chairman

Mr S Plume was nominated as Vice Chairman for 2015/2016. There being no other nominations Mr Plume was duly elected to serve as Vice Chairman for the forth coming year and signed the Declaration of Acceptance.

13 Planning

- a. To discuss Planning Application 2792/15 - This was approved.
- b. To discuss Planning Application PL\0236\ 15 - This was approved.

14 Gipping Road Bus Shelter

- a. To discuss update on litter bin from Councillor J Field - Councillor Field will update in October's meeting.

15 To Discuss Resident's email re Dog Bins

The parish council discussed the email and agreed to buy two dog bins one for Blakenfields and one for the grass verge opposite Hackneys Corner at a cost of approximately £123.00 each.

- 16 SALC Courses
a. To discuss and agree training courses for Parish Councillors to attend - All Councillors agreed to attend Training Courses at appropriate dates suitable for them to attend.
- 17 Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
a To discuss update on Neighbourhood Watch Scheme - The Scheme had been advertised on the parish council website and the Intouch magazine, as only two residents were interested and no other support from the residents, the council voted in favour of not forming a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.
- 18 Allotments
a. To discuss Anglian Water Report - It was decided to replace the tap as requested by the report, Councillor Scott will replace the tap. Anglian Water are to check the tap on the 09th October 2015.
b. To discuss and agree approval to meet Stearn Farms in October 2015 - It was agreed to meet with Stearn Farms at the Allotments on Tuesday the 06th October 2015.
- 19 Cemetery
a. To discuss quotation for works in Cemetery - Three contractors had been contacted to quote for the work, only one quotation had been received from Haxley and Ruffles for a value of £879.00 plus vat, the council voted to accept Haxley and Ruffles quotation for the works to be completed.
- 20 Parish Council Representative Reports and Elect New Representatives
a. SALC - Councillor P White was elected
b. Village Hall Management Committee - Councillor K Peters was elected
c. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme - No representative
d. Viridor Liasion Group - Councillor S Plume was elected
e. Churchyard/Cemetery - Councillor G Scott was elected
f. Allotments Officer - Councillor G Scott was elected
g. Parish Liaison - Councillor P White was elected
h. SITA Liaison Group Meeting -Councillor S Plume was elected
- 21 Date of Next Meeting

14th October 2015 at 7.30pm.

Chairman

Date