

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Woolverstone Parish Council held on Wednesday 11 Nov 2015 at Berners Hall.

1 Apologies

Mr P Patrick (BDC) NB no police presence

Present: Mr S Pearce(Chair), Mrs A Glading (RFO) , Mr M Bostock  
Mrs E Iskander, Mr L Mayer, Mr P Mayhew, Mr S Quantrill, Mrs J Young, Mrs R Blackburn  
(Clerk). Mr D Wood (SCC), Mr D Davis (BDC), Ms I Deville (Ipswich High School), Mr B Nicholls  
(Shotley Parish chairman), Mrs B Norman (resident, WEG), Ms J Miller (resident, WEG)

Mr D Wood requested time to raise an issue with the proposed cuts to the Fire Service and the effect it would have on Woolverstone residents. It was agreed that we would circulate the consultation paper supplied by Mr Wood to the residents. **(Action Mr D Wood)**

2 Declaration by any Councillor of any prejudicial interest in the content of the meeting.

Mr S Quantrill declared his interest regarding his position giving legal advice relating to the HMS Ganges planning application.

3 Minutes of the last meeting

Were agreed as a true record, following a proposal by Mr M Bostock and seconded by Mrs A Glading.

4 Police Report

The only incident reported in October related to Woolverstone Marina and theft of cash by an employee.

5 Matters Arising

- Community Speedwatch. There are now 7 in the team. Sam Gilkes has collected the paperwork for each member (wc 1 Nov). 3 sites have been agreed. Mr D Wood has offered £850 towards the cost from the Locality Fund. Paperwork to be provided. The scheme, after training, should be up and running before Christmas.
- Scattered Orchard Project. Neil Lister has looked at Horseponds Green as the proposed site and an apple, plum, mulberry, pear and a nut tree are proposed. Mr S Kent is willing to look after them.
- Village Plan (Item 6 below)
- Signage at Spring Lodge. The lights have now been turned off and awaiting planning consultation.
- Ganges. Mr D Davis reported that the signing of the Section 106 agreement is imminent. Held up by one signatory who has agreed the terms verbally. Mr Davis undertook to find out the latest deadline.
- Speed survey – work in progress
- Nursery Development. Mr Davis explained the delay in further building which relates to S106 payment of £14500 which the new developer was not aware he had to pay. The application returns to the Development Committee on Nov 26.  
Mr Davis confirmed that the new developer has agreed to carry out the remedial working on the wall using lime mortar. He undertook to check this and to establish the ownership of the small triangle of land on the right of the entrance to the development which apparently is designated as an “open space”.
- Ipswich High school. Ms Deville advised the meeting that the contractors will finish by Christmas. Mr Pearce raised the issue of parents cutting through on to the church road and driving at speed to jump the queue in Nelsons Avenue.

6 Village Plan

Mr Pearce presented a draft of the village plan, running through the questions to be included, the time line to arrive at submitting to Babergh for adoption, and the steps to achieving that.

Mr Wood and  
Clerk

Mr Davis

Mr Davis

It was proposed by Mrs Glading and seconded by Mr Quantrill that the date for distribution of the questionnaire be 1<sup>st</sup> January. All agreed that this would be more manageable. 11 people to distribute to their designated households. Mr Bostock pointed out that it would be important for the distributors to talk through and, if necessary, offer to help with completion of questionnaires. The councillors were asked to submit any changes/additions to the current draft within 14 days. Mr L Mayer suggested that the response should be independently scrutinized. The Councillors agreed that Mr Pearce had done an excellent job in drawing up this questionnaire.

All

Mr D Wood offered to arrange a talk on the Area of Outstanding Beauty.

7 Good Neighbours Scheme

Mr D Wood offered to arrange for a presentation to the next meeting to be given by the Harkstead Scheme organisers.

Mr Wood

8 Correspondence

- Various correspondence received by the Clerk has been forwarded to the Councillors.
- The item relating to celebration of the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday next June was noted and to be followed up.

9 Finance

Mrs A Glading reported that precept of £1300 had been received, together with a VAT refund of £268. Payments for insurance of £162 and for legal fees £1800 had been made. Total fund at present £4424.19.

The clerk requested that a donation of £25 be made to the Poppy Appeal as one of the Council's regular charities. Proposed by Mr S Quantrill, Seconded by Mrs E Iskander and agreed by the meeting.

Mrs Glading

10 Berners Hall

Mrs E Iskander explained to the meeting the origin of Berners Hall, and outlined the current position following the retirement of the chairman and two committee members at the recent Annual Meeting.

Agreed that letters of thank should be sent to the three retiring members of the Berners Hall Committee.

Clerk

11 Planning

It was noted that retrospective planning permission has been given to the residents at 33 Main Road for their child minding business.

It was agreed that the residents of The Old Kennels should be approached with regard to their recent advertising of their cart lodge as a B&B.

Consider a link on the website to the planning portal, so that residents can refer to this when considering any changes to their property.

Clerk

12 Any Other Business

Mrs J Young referred to the permission given to No 33 (see planning) and questioned the wisdom of the decision in view of the speed of the traffic at that point in the village and also the number of children allowed.

Mr P Mayhew mentioned that the new resident of Woolverstone House, Zoe Todd, is an opera singer. Consider approaching her to see if she would be willing to sing either in the church or in the school theatre.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2122 hrs.

Signed .....

Chair