

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Woolverstone Parish Council held on Wednesday 8 July 2015 at Berners Hall.

1 Apologies

Mr M Bostock. Peter Patrick (BD), Adam Douglas (resident). NB no police presence

Present: Mr S Pearce(Chair), Mrs A Glading (RFO) , 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 Davies (BDC). Additionally, Mr B Powell , Terry and Susan Bland (residents, 10 Main Road), Simon Marchant (owner Glebe Field), Jill Mayer (resident, The Holt), Kim and Graham Burgess (residents, Thurzden), Lorraine Deville (Ipswich High School), Stewart Harris (resident, Holbrook Lodge; and chair, Berners Hall Management Committee).

Before the start of the PC meeting, the meeting was open to hear Mr S Marchant put forward his proposals for the future of Glebe Field.

Having approached a couple of estate agents about selling, he has been advised that there is now a possibility of obtaining planning permission. Discussion followed and the points to consider are:

- A development of a maximum of 10 houses (on 2 hectares)
- Purchase by a syndicate, or possibly an individual, who would maintain the field's current agricultural use.

It was agreed that we would advise Mr Marchant in due course.

The meeting agenda then proceeded with:-

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 L Mayer and seconded by Mrs A Glading.

4 Matters Arising

- Photo of Diamond Jubilee celebration. This is a work in progress
- An invoice from Counsel has been received and payment to be arranged
- The mower has been repaired and is being used
- Ganges – Section 106, Mr Davies had been advised that it was signed on 1 July. However Mr Quantrill had been advised by BDC legal department today that this was not the case.
- Speedwatch. Although Tattingstone have opted out of the scheme, from the money already put aside plus a contribution from the locality fund, we are now in a position to go ahead, with 6 volunteers and once the camera is bought, we can rent it out to other villages. Quiet Lanes. Adam Douglas had volunteered to help on the stand at the Suffolk Show but unfortunately had been unable to go. However Mr D Wood is meeting with Neil Winship week commencing 13 July to progress things. Stutton are also interested in the scheme.
- Speeding. The chairman presented his report “Speeding Through Woolverstone”. Mr D Wood has agreed to arrange a traffic survey, which will take a week, through Suffolk Highways, to take place when the Girl's School is back in the autumn term. Mr Wood will liaise with the clerk to sign up to Community Speedwatch, now that we have enough volunteers. A meeting with the Safe Neighbourhood Team and residents to be arranged. Getting on to the Safe Cams List is being pursued.

SQ/AG

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DW/clerk

Other action points: contact Tim Passmore, Police and Crime Commissioner, write to local organisations, bus companies, contractors asking them to drive safely, including the School to remind parents and their suppliers. All villagers to be exemplary drivers, complain to companies with marked vehicles which are clearly speeding.

Section 106 contribution from the Ganges development for Woolverstone currently consists of white gates at both ends of the village. This is considered inadequate and ugly and it was noted that there has been no consultation with Highways or the Developers. It was suggested that there should be a “multi users of the B1456” meeting – Mr D Wood to action.

Mr S Harris raised the problem of agricultural vehicles, particularly beet lorries, frightening horses and the need for signage. Mr Wood advised that the concentration of stables/studs/horses on the Peninsula was not sufficient for such signs to be provided.

Mrs Iskander suggested that the introduction of chicanes on the road, as they do in France, to slow drivers down should be considered.

Mrs Mayer asked if the money allocated for the provision of the gates could be used differently.

5 Correspondence

Letter from Neil Lister of Suffolk Coast and Heaths AONB, outlining their Scattered Orchard Project. It was agreed that we should pursue this, with particular reference to Horseponds Green. Clerk to write.

6 Finance

Mrs A Glading had circulated the latest financial statement to the Council.

She had had a couple of queries raised by the auditors, which she had dealt with.

There had been a request for Mrs J Gould (churchwarden, St Michaels) that consideration is given to raising funds for the church within the precept. The clerk was asked to invite Mrs Gould to the next meeting to explain the scheme she has in mind.

7 Planning

Ms Deville advised the meeting of the programme of building at the School. She anticipates that the floodlighting will be installed end August/early September.

They are considering a substation for better electricity supply

Improvement to the current traffic flow system

A new roof for Orwell House.

Talks on the cricket pitch on Church Field are progressing on the basis of a 20 year lease

Ipswich High School application for over flow car park – no objection

Ipswich High School application for restoration work on chimneys – no objection

Deer Park Lodge – tree work – no objection.

9 Any other business

- Quiet Lanes – this is to be discussed at the next meeting
- State of the Churchyard. The clerk undertook to raise the issues with the PCC.
- Footpaths are overgrown. The clerk to raise this via the SCC website

Mr D Davies then gave the meeting a report on Babergh DC matters:

- Freston Boot, following many complaints about its unsightly appearance, the matter is being taken up with the owner, as is the state of the Old Forge on the opposite side of the road.
- A move to promote tourism in the East of England has identified, amongst others, the Shotley Peninsula and encouragement for affordable B&B's to be set up.
- Suffolk Coast & Heaths are setting up voluntary “greeters” to guide visitors round the Peninsula.
- Volunotourism – hotel groups are bringing people to the area who want to give something back.
- Community Structure Levy – which will replace the current Section 106 arrangement.
- Mr Davies undertook to check if a proposal that the Almshouses which are currently owned by Babergh DC are to be put up for sale

- Mr S Harris reported that the contractors who have done a lot of clearance at the Almshouses have left a terrible mess which the local residents were having difficulty in clearing.

The Parish Council meeting closed at 21:20pm

Signed

Chairman

Date