

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Woolverstone Parish Council held on Wednesday 9 March 2016 at 7:30pm at Berners Hall.

1 Apologies

Mr P Patrick (BDC), Mr D Wood (SCC), Mrs E Iskander, NB no police presence

Present: Mr S Pearce(Chair), Mr M Bostock, Mrs A Glading (RFO) , Mr L Mayer, Mr P Mayhew, Mr S Quantrill, Mrs J Young, Mrs R Blackburn (Clerk), Mr D Davis (BDC)  
In addition, Mr M Crouch and Mr T Gould from the Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign attended.

Mr Crouch and Mr Gould brought the meeting up to date with their plans for the development of a Cycling path on the Peninsula. They explained the difficulty they have with regard to a route through Woolverstone. Options were discussed, it was suggested that there should be a meeting with the landowners involved, and it was agreed that it would be an agenda item at the next PC meeting. At 7.50pm, Mr Crouch and Mr Gould left the meeting.

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

Mr S Quantrill (Ganges development and The Old Kennels) and Mrs A Glading (Planning application for The Old Kennels) declared an interest.

3 Minutes of the last meeting

Were agreed as a true record with the amendment that Mrs A Glading was not present, proposed by Mr L Mayer and seconded by Mr P Mayhew.

4 Ipswich High School report

None

5 Police Report

No crime reported

6 Babergh DC Report

Mr D Davis advised that he had followed up an enquiry made by the Clerk, relating to 20 Main Road. It has now been decided to sell. Babergh consider that it would be expensive to refurbish for rent and they had no one applying for a council owned house in Woolverstone. The Councillors expressed the view that in fact there is evidence from the response to the recent questionnaire that there are people who would be interested. Mr Davis advised that if that is the case then they need to register their interest with Babergh on their "Gateway to Home Choice" website.

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) will come into force with effect from 11 April. Mr Davis outlined what this would mean for Parish Councils.

The Section 106 agreement for Ganges is not on the website.

Mr P Patrick has advised on the Babergh budget via his email apologizing for being unable to attend. This email has been circulated to the Councillors.

Mr Patrick also advised of the donation of £5,000 to the Woolverstone Project. Mr S Pearce felt that the Woolverstone Project, - to provide sailing opportunities to those with disabilities – is something not generally known in the community and it should be given more coverage.

7 Matters Arising

- Community Speed Watch – The training has been done, 3 sessions so far, 3 new members recruited to the team. The first watch – on a Sunday – the traffic slowed down when they saw the hi-viz jackets of team members, and the speed watch signs, and no speeding was recorded. A further session on the following Thursday, 16 vehicles were recorded as driving at over 35mph. Mr Pearce suggested that regular sessions will have a calming effect. There are a group of residents in Chelmondiston who are keen to set up a Speed Watch team but so far their Parish Council have not wanted to pursue this. Mr Davis felt that the Chelmondiston Parish Councillors are warming to the scheme.

Clerk

- Scattered Orchard \Project – 3 trees have been planted on Horseponds Green. The possibility of planting a Mulberry tree on the ‘Open Space’ patch of land at the entrance to the Nursery Development was discussed but cannot be progressed until ownership of that land has been established.
- Village Plan – Approaching 90 responses to the questionnaire out of 104 homes considered to be an excellent result. Various options for the analysis of the questionnaires considered bearing in mind that it needs to be done independently of the village. University Campus Suffolk have offered two possibilities: either a student, to form part of a project; or a 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> year student under supervision for a fee to be agreed.
- Signage and Lighting at Spring Lodge  
No planning application has been received to date and the lighting is still switched off.
- Nursery Development  
The building of plots 10 and 11 are proceeding but there is no evidence of restoration work on the water tower or wall. The Planning Enforcement team have not sent an update.
- Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
Mr S Quantrill thought that the Royal Harwich Yacht Club would like to invite the village to their celebrations on the Saturday evening. Agreed that we would pursue the idea of music and teas during the day followed by joining the Yacht Club in the evening.

DD/Clerk

8 Correspondence  
None requiring discussion

SP

9 Finance

A statement had been circulated to the Council. Mrs Glading asked that an invoice for the grass cutting in 2015 should be supplied as soon as possible to be included in expenditure prior to the end of the financial year. The Parochial Church Council to be asked to submit a request for funding of the maintenance of the churchyard prior to the end of this financial year.

SP

Clerk

10 Berners Hall

Mrs Sarah Hutton has been working hard cleaning Berners Cottage, and Mr David Hazlewood has been working in the garden, dealing with the drains prior to arrival of new tenants. Agreement has been reached with Mr Geoff Mayhew for the cottage to be rented by an employee and Mr Mayhew has undertaken to do some refurbishment work.  
The hall has two new regular bookings.

Clerk

11 Planning

An application has been received for change of use from a granny annexe to a self catering unit at The Old Kennels. Agreed that a condition restricting the duration of any let should be set by the District Council.

It was noted that application by MDL Woolverstone Marina B/14/01552 requesting that occupation of caravans on their site be increased from 6 months to 12 months had been refused.

Glebe Field. A letter had been received from Mr Marchant regarding his proposal to build houses on this site. It was agreed that Mr S Pearce would respond, bringing Mr Marchant up to date with progress on the questionnaire and therefore the Village Plan. Mr S Quantrill pointed out that this makes the analysis of the questionnaire a priority.

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12 Shotley Parish Council Letter

Mr S Pearce recommended that there should be a response to this letter, reassuring Shotley PC that there was much in their letter that we agree with. Concern was raised in relation to the £6 million pounds agreed under Section 106. It was pointed out that in fact only just over £1 million was guaranteed to be paid, the balance depending on the viability of the project.

Following concerns raised, Mr Davis assured the meeting that he will always do his best to represent Woolverstone’s interests.

Mr S Quantrill advised the Council that the Judicial Review proceedings had been issued to the Court. The following resolution was proposed by Mr L Mayer, seconded by Mr M Bostock and was agreed unanimously: The Parish Council resolved it was pleased to receive the report from Mr Quantrill that the judicial review proceedings had been issued on 26 January 2016 in the High Court, London pursuant to the Parish Council’s previous decisions to commence such proceedings against Babergh District Council in relation to its grant of planning permission of the development at the former HMS Ganges location.

