

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Woolverstone Parish Council held on Wednesday 9 Sept 2015 at Berners Hall.

1 Apologies

Mrs E Iskander, Mr L Mayer, Mr P Mayhew, NB no police presence

Present: Mr S Pearce(Chair), Mrs A Glading (RFO) , Mr M Bostock  
Mrs E Iskander, Mr S Quantrill, Mrs J Young, Mrs R Blackburn (Clerk). Mr D Wood (SCC),  
Mr D Davis (BDC). Mr P Patrick (BDC), Mrs J Gould (Churchwarden, St Michaels)

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.

Mr S Pearce declared his interest as a neighbour to the proposed development in Glebe Field

3 Minutes of the last meeting

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

4 Police Report

Mr D Wood advised the meeting that there would no longer be a PCSO attending Parish Council meetings. The monthly reports to parishes will no longer be issued but can be accessed on the website. (at time of writing the minutes, the Suffolk Police website was down). The last Safe Neighbourhood Team meeting will be held on 16 September and Mr Wood recommended attendance. Mr Wood also recommended completion of the consultation paper on the PCC website.

5 Matters Arising

- Speeding. Mr Wood was asked to arrange a survey now that term time has started.  
Mr D Wood to progress Woolverstone's inclusion on the list of villages to have the Safety Cam.
- Glebe Field. Mr S Pearce had received a letter from Mr S Marchant following the July meeting, requesting the Parish Council's view on his proposed development.
- Addition of PCC element into the precept. Mrs J Gould presented her suggestion and the background that has given rise to it. The church is struggling to meet its running costs. The proposal that a portion of the precept could be earmarked for the church, on a voluntary basis, was discussed but it was felt that there would be no mechanism within the method of raising the precept from Council Tax.
- Quiet Lanes. Mr Neil Winship had been in contact with Mrs J Young. She has explained that she can no longer offer her support for this initiative as she doesn't agree with its apparent aims to funnel cyclists along our lanes to connect with Alton Reservoir. Mr S Quantrill reported that the pioneer scheme in Waldringfield has not met with success.
- Community Speed Watch. Progress so far. PC Sam Gilkes visited the Chairman and the Clerk and suitable sites within the village have been identified. Clerk to email Mr D Wood with details to apply for a grant.
- B1456 Users Meeting. An idea that the Parishes could work together to find solutions to the problems the road imposes on our villages. No conclusion on how to progress this idea.
- Scattered Orchard Projects - application to be submitted.

6 Correspondence

- Broadband Coverage: Noted that parts of the Peninsula are badly served but not in Woolverstone.
- Understanding Rural Housing Policy CS11: Noted that Babergh DC can help with a Housing Need Survey. Agreed that we need to decide what we want in the village before we can respond to Mr S Marchant's proposal, which leads on to :-
- Developing a Village Plan. This to be put to the next Agenda and Councillors were asked to research and consider in preparation for creating a questionnaire for the village residents in November, with a view to completing in Spring 2016.

7 Finance

Mrs A Glading had circulated a statement and briefly ran through the points. No questions were raised.

8 Berners Hall

A notice had been received from the Berners Hall Management Committee asking the Parish council to nominate a representative in time for their annual meeting in November. Mrs E Iskander, the current representative, was not available at the meeting. However it was hoped that she would be able to continue in this role.

9 Planning

- Agreed that the Clerk would contact the Planning Enforcement Officer with regard to the lighted signage at Spring Lodge.
- Also agreed that a response relating to the questions raised about the Ingleton Development and the Walled Garden should be followed up.

10 Any Other Business

Mr S Quantrill requested that meetings should finish at 2130 hrs.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2155

Signed .....

Chair

Date



