

Minutes of Woolverstone Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 9 November 2016 at 7.30pm at Berners Hall.

1. Apologies: Mr A Douglas, Mr M Bostock.

Present: Mr S Pearce (Chair), Mrs A Glading (RFO), Mr S Quantrill,
Mrs E Iskander, Mr L Mayer, Mr D Wood (SCC).

2. Declaration of financial interest. Mr S Quantrill declared he was acting for the Parish Council in a legal capacity and had a financial interest.

3. Minutes from last meeting on Wednesday 13 July 2016 approved as accurate record. Proposed AG, seconded SQ.

4. Police Report: This is discontinued. Information is now available on Babergh Safer Neighbourhood website.

5. Matters arising

a) 40 mph limit: DW confirmed that report is being compiled for Speed Limit Panel re stretch of B1456 from bottom of Freston Hill to Woolverstone. DW said Woolverstone would "struggle to meet the criteria" for making a case to extend the limit because there were no recorded accidents - a claim which was hotly disputed. A feasibility report to the Panel would cost £1500-£1800 - money we would have to find ourselves as DW felt he could not justify contributing from the limited funds available to him. SQ questioned the current criteria and suggested we ask Ganges developer for more help if scheme goes ahead.

b) SCC Highways Speed Survey: Figures for March 2016 show significant numbers of drivers speeding through village at 40-50 mph. DW was asked to request another speed survey from a different location to establish speeds in both directions. DW will also ask whether imminent resurfacing work on B1456 in the village will result in a quieter road surface.

c) AONB extension: No parts of Woolverstone will be affected.

6. Parish Clerk: Sadly Mrs A Block through illness is unable to continue as Parish Clerk. We wish her a speedy recovery and thank her for her past work. A possible replacement is being approached. Failing that an advertisement will be placed in our next newsletter. SP to act as Clerk in the interim.

7. Community Speedwatch: SP to ask AD if he is prepared to co-ordinate Speedwatch on a more regular basis.

8. Horseponds Green: SP to ask JY to decide the siting of plants which have now arrived.

9. Freston Children's party 21st December. Meeting welcomed the invitation to participate and recorded its thanks to Mrs Aldous.

10. Public Phone Box, Woolverstone. The phone box has not been used for last 2 years but as the public box at the Marina has been removed and mobile signals are locally poor it was decided to resubmit our case for retaining the public box in the village. SP will do this before December 4 deadline.

11. Website: Agreed that we will advertise in next Newsletter for a webmaster to help us meet the legal requirements to post our accounts, agendas, minutes etc. online.

12. Berners Hall AGM: EI reported that income has doubled thanks to rent from the renovated cottage - let since April at £450 per month and a near doubling in hall hirings which brought in £4,230. Berners Hall total fund now stands at £71,000. Repairs cost £1,300 in last year, rates £379, insurance £1,523, oil £600. Sarah Hutton was thanked for her huge contribution in redecorating and renovating the cottage.

13. Correspondence: No matters outstanding.

14. Finance: AG reported £6,498 in the bank of which £5,065 paid in for Ganges. It was agreed that LM should replace Romy Blackburn as a signatory for PC cheques.

15. Planning: Plans for reorganisation of internal space at Home Farm considered. SQ declared interest as near neighbour. No objections raised to planned creation of 4 self sufficient flats instead of present 3.

16. AOB: SQ raised need to cut back foliage over local road signs especially chevrons on bend at Freston. DW to chase if not cut by end of November.

Meeting ended 8.50pm followed by Closed Meeting on Ganges.

Meeting dates for 2017: 11 January, 8 March, 10 May, 12 July, 13 September, 8 November.