

Woolverstone Parish Council Meeting

13th July 2017, 2030

1. Apologies: Mark Bostock
2. Attendance: Simon Quantrill, Phil Mayhew, Elspeth Iskander, Simon Pearce, Peter Patrick, Adam Douglas, Derek Davis, Jen Young, Alison Gladding, David Wood, Kathryn Deaton, David Wood
3. Declaration of any prejudicial interest – declared by Phil Mayhew in relation to planning application at Home Farm and Simon Quantrill in relation to his firm's involvement with HMS Ganges development.

4. Minutes – point 6, this needs to be amended to:
“We do think the developers have done something wrong.” Correspondence has taken place between Simon Pearce and Jack Wilkinson of the council as building has taken place without planning and agreed terms have not been met. Simon Quantrill asked Simon Pearce to follow up with another letter as the masonry colour used on the wall was not of a suitable colour.

Simon Pearce contacted the council about the advertising signs outside Spring Lodge and queried the number and size given we are in a Conservation Area as well as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There has to be a difference between signage rules for a rural area and an urban area.

Kathryn Deaton has volunteered to take minutes tonight with a view to taking on the role of Parish Clerk.

Phil Mayhew proposed the minutes. Adam Douglas seconded these.

5. Matters Arising.

Speed. Simon Pearce provided a detailed analysis of the speed that cars travel through the village. Traffic coming from Chelmo is much faster than from Ipswich. Consultation has been offered but this will not happen until building starts. Discussion took place over making the speed limit between Chelmo and Woolverstone 40mph. Simon Pearce asked if we could be added to the list of villages wanting a new speed survey taken from a different point in the village. It was suggested that the 30mph flashing sign should be moved to a different area of the village.

6. Shotley Peninsula Cycling Campaign: Woolverstone Group

There are two different cycle paths planned:

AONB Route

Shotley Peninsula Group

Phil Mayhew questioned how if this was not being backed by the Council it was feasible? Phil Mayhew is happy in principal for some of his land to be used from the Freston Tower entrance to the footpath provided surfacing is done by the “group”. Elspeth Iskander suggested that the two groups join and make a joint proposal to the Parish Council. Phil Mayhew raised a concern that if this was not an official plan, if someone has an accident can they potentially sue him? Also, who will maintain this? It was generally agreed that

designated footpaths should not be used.

Simon Quantrill proposed that the two groups are asked to clarify what they require and also to speak directly to Phil Mayhew with regards to the land.

7. Report from County Councillor, David Wood

Chief Executive is leaving.

Stutton School is on threat of closure, hopefully this will be saved.

Heritage Lottery Fund – AOB – there is a £20 million grant with 23 applications. This is to be match funded. We should know in a couple of months as to whether we are successful.

Simon Quantrill asked about the road signs and maintenance. Administration have cut back on verge cutting and sign maintenance. This is simply to save money.

8. Report from District Councillors

Peter Patrick

He thanked the committee for allowing him to come and talk. He highlighted that he would be busy elsewhere but he would still try and come to Woolverstone. They have money to employ someone to encourage and assist with development of small groups of houses within villages.

Derek Davis

Widows Cottage is on the market as it is in a bad state and as Grade 2 listed building this is too restrictive. There is no longer a trust on the property. Simon Quantrill asked if the new buildings would be looked after better than the Widows Cottage had been looked after. The Shotley Peninsula Tourism Action Group have been busy and work on the Arthur Ransome trail has worked well.

9. Finance

Three payments were agreed.

Simon Kent, Insurance for the Speed Camera and church grounds maintenance.

A loan agreement is to be drawn up between Berners Hall Management and Woolverstone Parish Council. It was agreed that interest should be paid on this loan.

10. Berners Hall

Unanimous decision regarding loan

Fence along road in front of the Cottage has been replaced by David Hazelwood.

David has also done a summer trim to the hedges around the car park entrance.

The committee have decided to purchase a refrigerator, to improve the facilities for hirers which will be placed in the Lobby.

Hiring continues at a steady but variable rate.

11. Planning

a) Home Farm – views to be reported back

b) IHSG – Agreed

- c) Cherry Trees – tree work – agreed
- d) Deer Park Lodge – tree work – agreed

Meeting closed at 22.16.

Signed:

Date:

Simon Pearce, Chairman.