

MINUTES

Meeting of the Woolverstone Parish Council

Wednesday 8th March at 7.30pm at Berners Hall

1 Apologies:

Mr L Mayer, Mr A Golding,

Also from County Councillor Mr D Wood, District Councillor Mr P Patrick and from Judy Cracknell (invited)

2 Present

Mr S Pearce (chairman), Ms J Young, Ms A Glading, Ms E Iskander, Mr M Bostock, Mr P Mayhew, Mr S Quantrill

Also present Mr D Davies, DC. Kelly MDL

3 Declaration by any Councillor of any prejudicial interest in the content of the meeting

Simon Quantrill declared his interest regarding his position giving legal advice relating to the HMS Ganges planning application.

4 Woolverstone Marina - MDL

Kelly was invited to give a presentation and answer questions regarding the planning approval for 30 caravans and associated tree trimming on MDL land.

MDL had approached Mr Pizzey the District Council tree specialist who had visited the site and given approval for the tree trimming. Most of the work was on Sycamores.

The development will start in the autumn with 15 holiday lets which can be let 12 months of the year. Jen Young voiced concern over the nightingales, bats and owls using the area with increased light pollution, supported by Simon Pearce.

Kelly agreed to return and report to the Council on 12th July to give an update on the development.

5 Agree Minutes of PC meeting 11 Jan. 2017 Proposed by Elspeth Iskander.
Seconded by Alison Glading.

6 Matters Arising

- a) Speed Survey – Another one due after Easter further up the village- Simon Pearce said we need to think about methods of traffic calming.
- b) “Battles over.” Philip Mayhew reported that Lorraine Deville had contacted Denise and that we had registered our site and coordinator.
- c) Horsepond’s Green – Jen Young, Simon Pearce and Elspeth Iskander have planted the pollinator patch. The pond was flooded with sewage and has been pumped out by AWA. Simon Pearce will contact AWA to re test the water quality
- d) Village Survey- Jen Young expressed concern about any move not to retain the village hall and that the Church should not be demoted to a “festival” church.

7 Agree minutes of PC meeting 8 Feb. 2017

Matters arising

The letter from Shotley Parish Chairman was discussed and well received.

We must look at speeding and damage to soft red brick walls. (Can they be coated to protect from erosion?)

Mark Bostock said that we need to communicate with the developer of Ganges. Derek Davies suggested that we have a round table meeting with the developers re. transport of materials to establish terms of reference and code of conduct. Phil Isabelle now the corporate manager of Babergh Planning. Mark Bostock thought that this was a very good idea and needed to be supported.

Minutes proposed by Alison Glading, seconded by Elspeth Iskander

No matters arising.

8 Finance

A bill of £700 has been received from the PCC towards the upkeep of the churchyard which was still not up to standard. This is a large part of the total precept. Rowan Cousins is initialising some work volunteers. Elspeth Iskander would like to see some proof of costs. It was decided to ask a representative of the PCC to attend the July 12 meeting.

A donation to be made to Home Start and Royal British Legion as in previous years.

Speed camera- Chelmondiston has asked for receipts which can be supplied. The question of insurance on the camera was raised.

Elspeth Iskander promoted building in the Village Hall garden for older and younger residents.

9 Berners’ Hall

There have been more lettings of the hall

The footpath near the Hall has tree roots raising the tarmac.

Simon Quantrill reported that the footpath near no. 3 and 4 was overgrown and that important road signs were overgrown and obscured. Derek Davies will look into it.

10 Walled Garden

Permission has been granted for change of access, 3 bay-garage to be retained. Simon Pearce wrote to Babergh with 12 points to his letter which were not answered adequately. Derek Davies said we should go back again to get a clearer response.

11 New planning applications

Trees at Red House to be felled

Trees at the Woolverstone Marina to be felled / trimmed

12 Report from District Councillor. Derek Davies reported that a drop in Library was to be opened at Shotley village hall; open to everybody

13 AOB

Bill Jenman did not turn up to the meeting to discuss investment into the peninsula. Simon Pearce will invite him to the AGM in May.

Fund raising was discussed for the village hall.

Date: _____

Chairman: _____