

GREAT BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOM, MILL LANE, GREAT BLAKENHAM ON WEDNESDAY 13th APRIL 2011

PRESENT: Mrs S Fairburn, Miss L Martin, Mrs P Robinson, R. Simpson and District Councillors J. Field and M. Blakenham

4.1 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No questions were received from the public.

4.2 REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Councillor J Field's report is attached.

Councillor M. Blakenham reported that Suffolk County Council's closure of Bramford Recycling Centre had now been put back until 31st July 2011 because of pressure from the public. This will allow time for options to be considered. He also reported that Wally Binder was interested in operating this site and Suffolk County Council will consider leasing the land to Bramford Parish Council for a peppercorn rent for 10 years. Wally Binder will need to produce a business plan for SCC to consider.

4.3 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

No PC or PCSO were in attendance. PCSO Brill's report is attached.

4.4 Apologies: R. Edrupt, P. McLauchlin and D. Webb

4.5 Declarations of interest appropriate to any item on the agenda – None were received.

4.6 MINUTES of the meeting of 9th March 2011 were approved and signed.

4.7 WORKPLAN

All Parish Councillors present received an update on the outstanding matters.

It was requested that the overhanging trees between Tollgate Farm and the footpath into Hood Drive be cut back. Clerk to contact Suffolk County Council.

4.8 FINANCE

Monthly Payments – It was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £3,331.91. This included the payment to Suffolk Police Authority for £2,000 towards the police car. This also included last year's payment.

4.9 PLANNING

Application from Suffolk County Council- Maltings Farm, Stowmarket Road – The use of the land for the recycling of inert waste and aggregate, including associated operations ie importation, storage, crushing and screening, in conjunction with the adjacent recycling facility – Comments forwarded to SCC – The Parish Council has no objections.

0423/11 – 66 Claydon Business Park – Change of use of part of ground floor to form trade counter with office, storage and workshop remaining – Comments forwarded to MSDC – The Parish Council has no objections.

Application from Suffolk County Council – Variation of Condition No9 (to extend hours of operation for recycling operations) and Variation of Condition No12 (to amend hours of operation associated with bank/national holidays) – Masons Landfill Site - Comments forwarded to SCC – The Parish Council has no objections.

Former Cement Works Housing Application – The Chairman reported that she had been notified by Phil Isbell of Mid Suffolk District Council that a revised/amended planning application will be submitted for this site. It had come to light that the main underground wire to the sub station was lying under the large block of affordable housing. No housing can be built over this cable or be removed.

Councillors raised concerns that an amended plan would not be sufficient and that a full planning application should be made as this was a highly controversial application and were concerned about the amount of time for consultation if only an amended plan was received. It was agreed that the Clerk write to MSDC requesting that a full planning application be made rather than an amendment.

4.10 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Joint funded PCSO – The Chairman reported that the Service Level Agreement had been signed by the Chairmen of Barham, Claydon and Great Blakenham. The Agreement will last two years. It was also discussed at the Tasking Group the previous evening the areas that the parishes would like PCSO Brill to concentrate on. This included speeding in Great Blakenham.

Hackneys Corner – Land Registry – Following the last meeting where it was decided to investigate ownership of the piece of land on which the village sign, the commemorative trees and the milestone are positioned, Philip had advised the Chairman that he was not confident that a claim for the land purely on the basis of adverse possession would be successful. The Parish Council would have to indicate that they believe the land is owned by the Council.

The Chairman was advised that this course of action would still not guarantee that the developer would not develop this site, and with the costs involved would find it hard to justify the expense. It was agreed however that the Clerk write to the planning consultants to confirm that the commemorative trees, the village sign and the milestone are kept within the village centre design as was confirmed at the Planning Committee meeting at MSDC on 16th March 2011.

Annual Parish Meeting – The Chairman reminded everyone that the Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Wednesday 27th April 2011 in the Parish Room at 7.30 pm.

Chairman

Date

