

GREAT BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOM, MILL LANE, GREAT BLAKENHAM ON WEDNESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2011

PRESENT: R Edrupt, Mrs S Fairburn, Miss L Martin, P. McLauchlin, Mrs P Robinson, D. Webb and District Councillor J Field

1.1 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public raised concern that the bus shelter on Gipping Road was repeatedly being vandalised, and asked if the shelter could be removed. The Chairman advised that the decision would lie with the bus company but also with the impending development of the cement works the bus shelter may become more usable.

Mr Norman Mills of Icen Truck and Van Ltd attended the meeting to highlight the traffic problems that may be experienced with the proposed Incinerator on the land opposite the Icen Truck premises. He informed the meeting that the company had not been consulted on the proposal by Sita UK Ltd or asked about the amount of lorry movements the firm carry out each day. The company are currently installing a full Heavy Vehicle Test Facility to VOSA specifications which will increase lorry movements. Nightfreight, the parcel delivery company, also off Lodge Lane, operate heavy trucks and are constantly in and out all day. The Chairman advised Mr Mills to write to Suffolk County Council pointing out these issues.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Philip McLauchlan who had contacted the Parish Council regarding the vacancy for a Councillor. The Chairman had invited Philip to the meeting to give Councillors a brief introduction and why he wished to become involved in the Parish Council.

1.2 REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Councillor J Field's report is attached.

1.3 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

No PC or PCSO were in attendance. A report is attached.

1.4 Apologies: District Councillor M. Blakenham

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

1.6 CO-OPT NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

It was agreed that Philip McLauchlan be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Mr McLauchlan signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Chairman informed Councillors that due to ill health Peter Welham had resigned from the Parish Council.

1.7 MINUTES of the meetings of 8th December 2011 were approved and signed.

1.8 WORKPLAN

2011-01-19 Version 0.1

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

1.9 FINANCE

- a. Monthly Payments – It was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £1,391.04.
- b. Internal Audit 2011/12 – It was agreed that Heelis and Lodge be appointed the internal auditors for 2011/12.

1.10 LITTER WARDEN

It was agreed that tenders be invited for a new Street Cleaning Contract for a three year period, commencing 1st April 2011. Clerk to prepare the tender document for approval at the next meeting.

1.11 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT – GREAT BLAKENHAM CEMETERY

All Councillors had received a copy of the tender document for the Grounds Maintenance Contract for the Cemetery. It was agreed that this be sent to four companies, including the present contractor Levington Landscapes Ltd.

1.12 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. Visit with Sita UK to Kirklees, Yorkshire – The Chairman reported that Parish Councillors had visited an EfW Plant and Recycling Centre at Kirklees operated by Sita UK Ltd. It was agreed that it was a worthwhile visit but had been a long journey for just one day. The site was around 10 years old and had been built on an existing waste site in a predominately industrial area.
- b. Lorry Watch Scheme – The Chairman reported that Suffolk Trading Standards were inviting Great Blakenham to help and develop a pilot Lorry Watch Scheme particularly as the village has a Weight Restriction Order in place. The scheme will build on and enhance the existing HGV reporting system. This approach has been used, with great success, in other counties and therefore Suffolk Trading Standards feel it may also have value for Suffolk.

It was agreed that the Parish Council takes part in this pilot scheme. Pam Robinson will act as the co-ordinator. The Chairman and Lorraine Martin agreed to assist if needed. The Chairman will also be looking for local residents to become observers as well as Parish Councillors. All training will be provided by Suffolk Trading Standards.

- c. PCSO Task Meeting – At the last meeting it was agreed that these meetings to take place on a regular basis.

Chairman

Date