

GREAT BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

7.1 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A member of the public congratulated the Parish Council on the quality of the grounds maintenance being carried out at St Mary's Churchyard.

7.2 REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Councillor J Field's report is attached.

Councillor M Blakenham reported on the results of the recent referendum to merge Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils, the current situation with regard to the proposed pylons and the preferred routes, the Localism Bill, Bramford Recycling Centre and Blueleighs.

7.3 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

PCSO Brill's report is attached.

7.4 Apologies: No apologies had been received.

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

7.6 MINUTES of the meeting of 8th June 2011 were approved and signed.

7.7 WORKPLAN

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

08/06 6.11 – Railway Barriers – The Chairman thanked Robert Simpson and Pam Robinson for submitted reports from the time they had spent monitoring the barrier, paying particular attention to the amount of time the barrier was down. The Chairman would like to receive a couple more reports and then these will be forwarded to Dr. Dan Poulter MP. Lorraine Martin reported that she had spent some time monitoring the barrier and would forward the reports to the Chairman.

7.8 PLANNING

SCC – Proposed amendment to Condition 6 – Compliance with approved plans – Great Blakenham Waste Transfer Site, Site 2, Land off Addison Way, Bramford Road

The following comments were forwarded to MSDC –

The Parish Council has no objections to the application, but would like to confirm that all the previous conditions remain in place.

7.9 FINANCE

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Monthly Payments – It was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £1,724.24

Annual Audit Return – It was agreed to accept the amendments made by the Clerk and Chairman to the Annual Audit Return as requested by BDO LLP and that the Asset Register be included with the return.

7.10 PARISH PATROLS

The Chairman reported that the local PCSO, Vinne Whitrow, has requested with the agreement of Suffolk Police, for Parish Councillors to join him on patrol in our area, to see first hand the issues that are dealt with within our area. A health and safety form would need to be completed for each patrol. Pam Robinson had already been on a patrol and had found it extremely interesting. It was agreed that if any Parish Councillor wished to participate that they contact the Clerk who will make the necessary arrangements.

7.11 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Sita UK's Incinerator Visit to the Isle of Man – The Chairman reported that she had accompanied other delegates to a visit at the Sita UK's incinerator on the Isle of Man. The visit had been successful and having seen the plant in operation had no criticisms of how it was being run. There was no smell, no rubbish deposited around the site and all the employees were extremely helpful and accommodating.

Housing and Pumping Station Application at Former Cement Works, Gipping Road – Lorraine Martin reported that she had attended the Planning Meeting at MSDC and that the application had been approved.

Chairman

Date