

## **GREAT BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOM, MILL LANE, GREAT BLAKENHAM ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

**PRESENT:** R. Edrupt, Mrs S Fairburn, Miss L Martin, P. McLaudlin, Mrs P Robinson, R. Simpson and District Councillor J Field

#### **9.1 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

A member of the public raised concern regarding the trees on the border of the new housing development. The Chairman advised that the tree removals were in accordance with the approved plans for the site.

#### **9.2 REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Councillor J Field's report is attached.

#### **9.3 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER**

PCSO Brill's report is attached.

#### **9.4 Apologies:** District Councillor M Blakenham

**9.5 Declarations of interest appropriate to any item on the agenda** – Mrs Shirley Fairburn declared an interest pursuant to an item on the minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011 in relation to Minute 7.11 and it was agreed that the minutes be amended to reflect this.

**9.6 MINUTES** of the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> July 2011 were approved and signed with the following amendment under minute 7.11:-

It was noted that the Chairman did receive hospitality over the value of £25.00 and was transported by road and air to the Isle of Man.

#### **9.7 WORKPLAN**

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

08/06 6.11 – Railway Barriers – All the reports had now been received and these will be forwarded to Dr. Dan Poulter MP.

#### **9.8 FINANCE**

Monthly Payments – It was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £2,712.80. This total included payments for August and September.

#### **9.9 QUALITY COUNCIL**

The Chairman reported that the Council should give consideration to achieving Quality Status. Each Councillor was handed a copy of the Quality Status booklet to read and at the next meeting a decision will be made whether the Council will take steps towards achieving the standards set by the Quality Status approach.

## **9.10 ALLOTMENTS**

The Chairman reported that following a recent letting of a plot to a resident there had developed a dispute with an adjoining allotment holder regarding boundaries. The Chairman and Clerk had visited the site to try to remedy the situation. Unfortunately it has continued and the local Police have been involved. Before the meeting tonight an email had been received by one of the allotment holders involved to confirm that the issue had now been resolved. Following this incident the Chairman and Clerk feel that the tenancy agreement needs to be updated and boundaries firmly stated.

All Parish Councillors received a copy of the existing allotment tenancy agreement and agreed that amendments needed to be made. It was agreed that consideration of the proposed amendments be discussed at the next parish council meeting.

It was also agreed that the Clerk write to Stern Farms to establish land ownership.

## **9.11 PLANNING**

SCC – MS/0867/11ART30c71013 – Submission of Condition 7: Noise Control, 10: Dust Mitigation and 13: Landscaping of Planning Permission MS/0867/11 – Maltings Farm, Stowmarket Road

The following comments were forwarded to MSDC –

The Parish Council has no objections to the application.

## **9.12 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chalk Hill Rise – Condition of Road – The Chairman reported that Blueleighs Residents Association had been in contact regarding the condition of the surface of the road leading from Chalk Hill Rise to Blueleighs. It was noted that highway issues are dealt with by Suffolk County Council and it was agreed that the Clerk contact the Association and advise them to contact SCC.

Noise and Smell Nuisance in Great Blakenham – The Chairman reported that a number of complaints had been received regarding the agricultural smell and the level of noise at the development site off Bramford Road. The Chairman advised Parish Councillors that any future complaints received should be directed to Environmental Health at Mid Suffolk District Council as the Parish Council had no control over these issues.

Suffolk County Council – Mobile Libraries Consultation – The contents of this document were noted.

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee – The Chairman and Parish Councillors gave consideration to marking this event with a suitable celebration within the village. It was agreed to set up a

Working Party to consider the options available. The Chairman had approached the Village Hall Committee and they had agreed that the Parish Council can use the Hall and the playing field for an event on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012. It was agreed to hold a meeting of the Diamond Jubilee Working Party on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm at Shirley Fairburn's. It was also agreed that any members of the public who wished to take part would be most welcome.

Chairman

Date