

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOM, MILL LANE, GREAT BLAKENHAM ON WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2012

PRESENT: A. Beckett, R. Edrupt, Mrs S Fairburn, P. McLauchlan, R. Simpson and District Councillors J Field, M Blakenham and PCSO Vincent Whitrow

1.11 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

2.11 REPORT OF THE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Councillor J. Field's report was laid round at the meeting.

Councillor M Blakenham reported on the District Council's community engagement process, the Incinerator and the opening of the Blakenham Field's development and voting for Suffolk's Police and Crime Commissioner.

3.11 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

PCSO Phil Brill's report was circulated prior to the meeting. PCSO Whitrow highlighted some areas of concern including the number of burglaries in the village.

4.11 Apologies: Miss L Martin and Mrs P Robinson

5.11 Declarations of interest appropriate to any item on the agenda – None were declared.

6.11 MINUTES of the meeting of 10th October 2012 were approved and signed.

7.11 WORKPLAN

Councillors were an update on the outstanding matters.

8.11 MSDC OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENT CASES

Councillor Field highlighted that there was still an outstanding enforcement case concerning Blueleighs in regard to the creation of concrete pads, erection of new garages and exposing roots of trees and the siting of 2 portacabins and one container and construction of 6 garages. It was agreed that this case should continue to be investigated by MSDC and decisive action taken.

9.11 FINANCE

- a. Monthly Payments – It was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £1804.58.
- b. Remembrance Sunday – It was agreed to pay £20.00 to the Royal British Legion for the wreath.
- c. Budget 2013/14 – Councillors had received the 1st Draft Budget for 2013/14. Councillors raised no initial comments. The final budget to be considered at the next meeting.

10.11 RAILWAY STATION, GREAT BLAKENHAM

The Chairman had been approached by Mr Barry Moore, the Transport representative for Claydon Parish Council to ask the Parish Council's views on whether in principle the Council would support plans for a smaller railway station in Great Blakenham if the SnOasis development did not go ahead. Claydon and Whitton Parish Council and Barham Parish Council were also being asked to consider supporting a station.

Some Councillors expressed concern that a railway station car park would not be used if there was a cost involved and would therefore encourage railway users to park on nearby roads causing problems for residents. If this became a problem would then be concerned that Highways could either double yellow line these roads or impose parking restrictions therefore causing further problems for residents. The amount of time the gates across Gipping Road could be shut was also highlighted and the affect for local businesses.

It was also felt a railway station could be a huge benefit for Great Blakenham and be beneficial to the local economy and be good for the growth of the village.

It was proposed by Councillor Simpson and seconded by Councillor McLauchlan that the Council support, in principle, a smaller railway station in Great Blakenham. Following a show of hands the Motion was carried.

11.11 MEETING DATES 2013

Councillors agreed the dates for next year's meetings.

Chairman

Date