

GREAT BLAKENHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE PARISH ROOM, STOWMARKET ROAD ON WEDNESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2013

PRESENT: A. Beckett, Mrs B Edrupt, Mrs S Fairburn, Mrs P Robinson, P. McLauchlan, and County Councillor J Field

1.10 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public.

The Chairman informed the Council that a brass plaque had been retrieved from the Masons cement works site. The plaque commemorates the number of days without an injury at the Blue Circle site. The plaque was attached to a large concrete block. It was agreed that the block and plaque be installed on the large green area at the new Blakenham Fields site.

2.10 REPORTS OF THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

County Councillor Field's report was circulated at the meeting.

3.10 REPORT OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

PCSO Phil Brill's report had been circulated prior to the meeting.

4.10 Apologies: R. Simpson

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

6.10 MINUTES of the meeting of 11th September 2013 were approved and signed.

7.10 WORKPLAN Councillors received an update on all outstanding issues.

11/09 1.9 Pedestrian Crossing, Stowmarket Road – The Chairman reported that a response from SCC Highways, Mr Stiff, had been received. He informed the Parish Council that as of 1st October all design and construction had been transferred to KierMG. Therefore to move the crossing forward there was a need to identify a scheme. KierMG have been commissioned to undertake a preliminary design and provide an estimated project cost. This was being financed by Councillor Field from the £8,000 that had been offered previously towards this project. The design and costings are expected to be available by the end of the year, provided that they do not come across any difficulties which may require seeking quotes from public utilities.

11/09 10.9 – Development Blakenham Fields – The Clerk had written to Orbit Homes to establish the current position with regard to the development. To date no response had been received.

8.10 FINANCE

Monthly payments – It was agreed to sign cheques to the value of £13,313.56. This included the payment to Suffolk County Council for the street lighting changes to lights on Stowmarket Road and Mill Lane for £9,645.89

9.10 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The Clerk reported that she had attended the meeting with Mr Simpson that had been attended by other local Parish Councils. This had been a very informal meeting to establish the views of local parishes on whether they wished to be part of a joint Neighbourhood Plan. Financing a plan was one of the main issues raised and parish representatives agreed to find out further information on possible funding and the costs involved. A further meeting will be arranged for the new year.

Chairman

Date