

GREAT MASSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

7.30pm – 9.20 pm, Monday 19th August 2019
Village Hall Great Massingham

Minutes

Present:

Mick Wingell (Chairman) One member of the public
Sue Nash (Vice Chairman) - Minute taker
Vic Cross
Malcolm Hipkin
Mark Eldridge
David Speake
Peter James
Jonathan Cole

1 **Declarations of Interest** – Peter James – Historical Society

2 **Apologies for Absence** – Caroline Boyden

3 **Confirmation of any part of the minutes that is exempt under the Freedom of Information Act**

4 **Minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2019.**

It was proposed by Mr Cole, seconded by Mr James and all agreed that the minutes be signed as a true copy.

5 **Matters arising from minutes**

It was reported that the Massingham Heath Bridleway gate chains have been unlocked but it is still not possible to open the gates due to the openers being so stiff and low.

Mrs Nash to contact David Mills (NCC) again.

There was no update on the village incidents.

The water problem near the Post Office pit has been resolved.

The Mallard editor had asked if it is still OK to put Parish Council reports in the magazine now that the PC has its own website. It was confirmed that Parish Council reports and items should still go in the Mallard.

Mrs Nash had not yet purchased the baby swing seats she was awaiting confirmation that the ones requested are OK for play park use and not just domestic.

Dog fouling is still a problem. Mr Wingell will contact the Borough Council.

Mr Cross reported on the meeting at the land behind the doctors' surgery. He suggested that two metres be cleared around the edge of the site. This was generally agreed and Mr Wingell will contact Dominic for a quote to do the work.

6 Public Participation

The member of the public was asked if she wished to say anything. She said she also wished to comment on the dog fouling problem and agreed with Councillors on any action they could take. She also commented on various items discussed and was thanked for her input.

7 Financial Matters

It was proposed by Mr Hipkin, seconded by Mr Cole and all agreed that all outstanding accounts be approved and paid.

Expenditure:

19.8.19	Norfolk Parish Training and Support	£ 32.00
19.8.19	Glasdon UK Ltd (seat and dog waste bin)	£815.92
19.8.19	K&M Lighting (maintenance – Aug)	£ 72.84
19.8.19	Karen Creed (Youth Club)	£800.00
19.8.19	CGM (greenscutting – 28 th June, 12 th July	£415.75

We are still awaiting a new statement from the bank.

8 Bank Signatories

After discussion on the difficulties of dealing with Barclays Bank it was proposed by Mrs Nash, seconded by Mr Cole and all agreed that Mr Cross should press Barclays to update the signatories on the account. He will report back to the next meeting.

9 Responsibilities Update

It was agreed the responsibilities list is now correct.

10 Planning Applications

There were no planning applications.
Planning permission has been granted for the Coffee Shop at the Village Stores.

11 Signage for the Neighbourhood Watch Area

Mr James explained that the area is from number 47 to the end of Castle Acre Road. Residents have put Neighbourhood Watch stickers on their refuse bins but he would like signs placed at the start and end of the area. Various sites were suggested:- (Mr Cole – entrance of village, Mr Speake – on speed sign). Mrs Nash said putting a sign at the entrance of the village didn't give a good initial impression. After discussion Mr Speake's proposal of putting it on the speed sign was seconded by Mr Eldridge and agreed with Mrs Nash abstaining.

12 Neighbourhood Plan

Mr Cole reported that the group had visited Castle Acre and met with their Neighbourhood Plan group. Their Plan is not complete yet after two and a half years. A Planning Application put in by Holkham Hall was the group's reason for forming but they seemed to have gone off on various tangents and involved social issues. Their questionnaire runs to many pages and distracts from the planning issues. Mr Moriarty had reported that Snettisham PC had completed their Plan. The group therefore visited Snettisham who had a much more focussed approach to the subject.

There were a lot of similarities to Great Massingham. They had been confronted with the prospect of 80 new homes but their allocation was 30. The process took 2 years. They had a short questionnaire and the process was managed primarily by the Clerk and one other person.

The forward planning allocation for Great Massingham is 6 houses. Neither group could say how Rural Exception Sites fit in to the Parish Plan.

There was a discussion on the expiry time for Plans and applications.

The member of the public in attendance indicated that she would be interested in joining the group when appropriate.

13 Parish Clerk Vacancy

Three applications had been received for the vacancy. One each from Great Massingham, Spixworth and South Creake. The closing date is 31st August and interviews will take place after that.

14 Funding request from the Church

A request was received from St Mary's Church for money to pay for updating/repairing the Church electrics. Councillors had been given details of the requirements and there was a discussion. Mrs Nash was asked to find out if there are any legalities concerning making donation to the church.

15 Reports from County Councillor, Borough Councillor and Police

None of the above were present.

16 Goose and duck situation

It was reported that a parishioner in Weasenham Road is still feeding the ducks. A discussion took place but no conclusion was reached. The geese seem to be increasing in number by the day. The use of lasers was discussed. It was hoped that the geese would soon migrate and a plan could be put in place before they start to arrive next year.

17 General Maintenance in the Village

Mrs Nash was asked to order two litter bin inners.

The Chairman is to contact Houghton Estate regarding cutting the willows and also the tree next to the well.

18 Village Incidents

None reported.

19 Mallard/Website

Mr Speake – PUPs posters

Mr Wingell – Clerk vacancy closing date 31st August

20 Highway Matters

Flooding outside Cobwebs and in Weasenham Road to be monitored.

Mr James reported on Speedwatch figures. In Weasenham Road 4% of vehicles exceeded the speed limit but this dropped to 1.8% when the Speedwatch team were on duty. On Station Road the figure was 4% and 0.26% with Speedwatch. However, the

Castle Acre Road figure was 28% and 11.3% with Speedwatch. It was thought that the 30mph sign needs to be moved out nearer the entrance to the village. The Chair will contact the Highways Department regarding moving the sign and also about installing another SAM2 pole at the junction of Castle Acre Road and Drunken Drove.

21 Correspondence and Circulars

Circulated and will be discussed at the September meeting.

22 Items for Next Agenda

Neighbourhood Plan
Clerk
Geese
Extension to speed limit

18 Date of next meeting

Monday, 16th September 2019

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Acceptance of minutes of the meeting held on 19th August 2019.

Signed as a definitive record of the meeting

..... (Chair of the meeting) (Date