

GREAT GLEMHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Agenda relating to the 221st meeting held in Great Glemham Village Hall on 25 November 2016

Present: Edward Benson; Jennifer Beaumont; Karen Debenham; Argus Gathorne-Hardy (Chairman); Peter Lincoln; Duncan McIver; Nicholas Redman (Honorary Clerk) Mark Runnacles. **In attendance:** Mr Patrick Wilson, emergency adviser, and around six electors. **Apologies:** Diane Minns, John Cross, Lenni Lewis and Steve Kite (all had prior commitments); Councillor Carole Poulter (illness); Councillor Stephen Burroughes (prior commitment). **Declaration of interests:** None was declared. **Minutes:** The minutes for the 220th meeting held on 20th May 2016 were approved and the Chairman signed the copy in the minute book.

Review of action points from the meeting held on 20th May 2016: The chairman had passed correspondence relating to the alleged breaches of planning control at High Grove Woods to Councillor Carole Poulter. He reported that that he had not heard from her but she had informed him that she was not well at the moment.

Crime report: As all present were already aware, the lead on the roof on the South aisle had been stolen. Two other local churches had suffered the same fate on the same night. The advice to the public was not to seek to tackle thieves but to call 999.

County Council report: Councillor Burroughes had given Nicholas Redman a detailed written report covering (among other things): progress in Suffolk schools; the news that Greater Anglia rail franchise was a top issue at Suffolk rail conference; the provision of reflectors for children as part of a "Be seen, be safe" campaign. Copies of the report may be obtained from Nicholas Redman .

Great Glemham Farms report: Jason Gathorne-Hardy reported that there was to be a coroner's inquest into the tragic death of a lorry driver attending the grain store in August. Work was being done on the footpaths and permissive paths. In particular, signs would be erected in places which were sometimes unlawfully used by members of the public. Work was being done on trees that were or were becoming hazardous. The dead oak opposite the Crown had already been cut down. Hedge trimming was being done. The farm had helped with the provision and fixing of a temporary cover on the parts of the church roof affected by the lead theft (see above). Copies of the report covering these and other issues are available from Nicholas Redman.

Butchers Field report: Nicholas Redman reported that, after dialogue with the "friends", the day to day management would be taken over by the parish council. He added that Simon Beaumont had kindly agreed to continue making regular "common sense" inspections of the field and the equipment and record his findings. He would also continue to undertake the mowing and strimming and call for assistance periodically as he expected the "friends" to rally round to help with bigger jobs.

Highways report: Jennifer Beaumont had continued to check public roads for potholes and to make reports to the County Council's roads team. Members indicated some affected roads: Simperts Drift and Workhouse Lane, the road near The Grove, the road near Pound Farm. Nicholas Redman reported that he had liaised with the Stratford St Andrew and Farnham clerk, Debbi Tayler, about a large pothole near Stud Farm. **ACTION:** Jennifer Beaumont to liaise accordingly with Suffolk County Council.

Sizewell C: Nicholas Redman confirmed that the phase 2 consultation was soon to start. The Chairman was to attend a joint local authorities' group session in early December. Nicholas Redman had obtained a copy of the full document. He planned to convene a meeting early in January to agree the parish council's response. See also under **Meetings in 2017** below.

Defibrillator – next steps: It was agreed that Nicholas Redman should consider the options presented by Lenni Lewis covering training/other first aid and routine maintenance/re-stocking of the defibrillator. **ACTION:** Nicholas Redman

Finance and governance - approval/ratification of expenditure including grants: Approval was given for the following expenditure: village hall hire costs for this meeting at going rates; £125 as annual section 137 grant to PCC for grounds maintenance; £250 as annual as annual section 137 grant to village hall; £50 as annual section 137 grants to each of Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Citizens Advice Bureau, Coastal Accessible Transport, the Air Ambulance, Disability Advice Service and St Elizabeth's Hospice; costs as indicated by Simon Beaumont for fuel and upkeep for the mower and strimmer used in Butchers Field.

Solar park funds: Nicholas Redman indicated that the funds this year were around £5,200. After discussion it was agreed to make £5,000 available to the parochial church council for expenses in relation to the planned replacement of the lead that had been stolen with tearne steel. Such expenses were likely to include the insurer's deductibles and related costs, the costs of surveys and inspections by church authorities and fees of construction professionals).

2017/2018 Budget: After discussion, the budget set out in the agenda was agreed. **ACTION:** Nicholas Redman to claim a precept of £1,625.

Preparation for winter: Patrick Wilson, the parish council's emergency adviser, reiterated the approach taken: residents would be urged to take practical and common steps to deal with bad weather. Those who were able to do so would check up on those residents who were elderly or otherwise infirm. There was some discussion about the "Z" cards issued by Suffolk County Council some time ago. Nicholas Redman reported that he had asked UK Power Networks to check the stability of the pole to the rear of the village hall car park as it seemed to him that a lot of earth had been washed away from the base of the pole. UKPN made an inspection the same day and declared that the pole was safe. **[Post-meeting note:** Karen Debenham and Patrick Wilson subsequently found that much of the information on the "Z" cards was out of date. An information sheet supplied to Nicholas Redman by Steve Kite had been found on the SCC website and now been posted on the parish council website. Nicholas Redman would arrange for hard copies to be made and to be distributed via *Ebb & Flow*.]

Transport: Some electors and informed Nicholas Redman that the CATS service had deteriorated recently. Block bookings and the attempt to serve a larger area on Saturdays had led to delays and inconveniences. **ACTION:** Nicholas Redman to make representations to CATS (copying in District Councillor James Finch, the member responsible for transport).

Suma and new Rendham shop: Edward Benson would consider the feasibility of making collective orders and local distribution of goods from Suma, a delivery service relating to household goods and food. In addition, the Juniper Barn shop and café had opened in Rendham. **ACTION:** Edward Benson.

Transparency Code: The minutes for the 220th meeting on the website should no longer be marked "draft". **ACTION:** Karen Debenham.

Meetings in 2017: Nicholas Redman felt that a meeting should be held in January to consider the parish council's response to the Sizewell C consultation which would need to be made by 3 February 2017. There should be other meetings scheduled for May (to include the annual meeting), September and November. **ACTION:** Nicholas Redman to liaise accordingly with the village hall booking secretary.

NA Redman, Honorary Clerk 15 December 2016