

MINUTES of a MEETING OF WHEATACRE BURGH ST. PETER
PARISH COUNCIL HELD on 18 October 2023 at 7.30pm

Apologies: Cllrs Cowin & Kerridge.

Present: Cllrs Forrester, Miller, Beaumont & Graham

1. MINUTES.

Proposed Cllr Beaumont 'That the Minutes of the last meeting (20 September 2023) were taken as read and signed as a true record of the meeting .'

AGREED

2. MATTERS ARISING.

a) Swings on playing field. The Chairman and clerk had replaced the flat swing seat. Part of the swing frame is corroding and will need to be repaired in the near future.

3. PLANNING

a) 2023 / 2477 Land off White Lion Road Wheatacre.

Retention of two containers for agricultural storage.

A neighbour wrote a letter of objection to the retention of the containers to South Norfolk Council and stated 'I do hope no one gets preferential treatment as I've been made aware that Mr. King's company does the parish council accounts free of charge.'

Clearly, this statement is directed at the parish council that was being consulted on the application, which was Wheatacre Burgh St. Peter Parish Council. Councillors were both shocked and outraged at this totally untrue allegation as it brought the integrity of the Council and those who serve on it, into question. More over the letter was displayed on S. N. C. Planning web site for all to view. This Council has no dealings with Mr. King or his companies. The clerk had already posted a note stating this on the parish notice board.

Councillors ask the clerk to write to the neighbour telling her that her allegation was untrue and that her untrue allegations seriously undermined the integrity of this Council and the people that serve on it.

With regard to planning application 2023 / 2477. Cllr Miller believed that the containers were not solely used for agricultural purposes but as she was not present at the September meeting this had not been included in the Parish Councils response. Cllr Miller had advised the neighbour to attend the September meeting of the Parish Council to convey her objections to the application in person.

b) 2023 / 2656 Wheatacre Hall, Station Road , Wheatacre.

Conversion of building to café & meeting Rooms.

Councillor Miller declared an interest in this application and after briefly outlining the details of the proposal took no further part in the subsequent discussion .

A majority of councillors supported the application as it would create employment for local people and provide additional recreational facilities within the parishes. One councillor had no objection to the application.

4. CORRESPONDENCE.

None

5. FINANCE

a) Proposed cllr Forrester seconded cllr Graham ‘ That Mr. M Sparkes is paid for grass cutting of the playing field for the 2023 season.’ **AGREED**

b) Proposed cllr Graham seconded cllr Forrester that Mr. Jason Eichner is paid for his work on building & registering the Parish Council web site.

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AGREED

6 ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

None

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 15 November 2023 at 7.30 in Burgh St. Peter village hall.