

# Great and Little Plumstead

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**A Meeting of Great & Little Plumstead Parish Council was held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.00pm at Great Plumstead Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Mr J Wiley (Chairman)                      Mr A Cawdron  
Mr R Heath    Mrs J Jones  
Mr D Johnson    Mr R Claxton  
Mr S Vincent    Mrs L Carty  
Mrs M Bullen    Mr G Edwards  
Mr P Knowles  
Mrs T Scott (Clerk)

- **Police Report** – Thorpe End – 1, Little Plumstead – 3, Great Plumstead - 2
- **County Councillor Report** – The NDR has a five year planting scheme and there will be a survey of the damage caused by the hot summer of 2022. The road closure on Plumstead Road East will happen from 8<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March for essential flood repair and drainage works. Grit bins are due to be refilled this month, these can also be refilled on request. Councillor Martin Wilby has stood down from his Cabinet role for Transport, due to ill health. He has been replaced by Councillor Graham Plant who is the Council Deputy Leader. He has a great knowledge of highways, transport and other environmental matters. Residents are invited to comment on the Heartsease Roundabout Scheme by Transport for Norwich, the consultation closes on 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023. There is a new Konectbus service provided by a grant from the government. The 5b and 11a service will see both services enhanced. The last bus departs Norwich at 21:45. The County Council has been awarded £49.55m to help improve rural bus services over the next three years. Over £12m has been allocated to provide expanding bus services and new more environmental friendly bus fleets. Since March 2022 Norfolk has welcomed nearly 1,300 Ukrainian refugees to Norfolk. These have been hosted by over 500 households. The Council has worked with a large number of stakeholders to accommodate this number very well. Councillor Mackie arranged for the first child to be placed into a Thorpe School. From April 2023 there will be near arrangements given the extended nature of this war. The County Council has topped up the government grants to hosts by £50 each to support them during the current cost of living pressures. The County Council is to discuss the County Deal on 17<sup>th</sup> January for cabinet who want to recommend a government Mayoral system for Norfolk. The budget is due to take place in late February as usual. Given pressures and demand on services, inflation on materials and fuel as well as a staff pay award there will be an expectation of a council tax increase. *Councillor Wiley asked for Councillor Mackie to discuss with Highways the flooding opposite White House Farm in Little Plumstead.*
- **District Councillor Report** – A public consultation for the gypsy and traveller sites will open on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and run until 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023. No sites have been proposed for the

Plumsteads, the nearest being Burlingham. Broadland DC is driving forward the mitigating for nutrient neutrality and is pulling together a joint venture with Anglian Water and other Norfolk District Councils. It is proposed to be able to sell and verify mitigation “off-set” from early summer, as the short-term solution while the long-term Anglian Water solution required by Government is implemented and the infrastructure constructed. BDC is leading the Norfolk Warm Homes Partnership which provides renewable heating and insulation grants to households, more details and application forms are available on the Broadland website. £1m investment is being made by BDC to provide more suitable temporary accommodation, specifically targeted at people who are currently being placed in B&Bs with provision for a further c£1.4m to meet future demands on the statutory service. Initial investment will deliver a 21 unit accommodation in Hellesdon. BDC Bin app is available to download and has received very positive feedback.

- **Public Participation –**

## **AGENDA**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Jones – Item 6 (Hare Road, Great Plumstead)

### **3. TO APPROVE AS A TRUE RECORD THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

Agreed

### **4. TO REPORT MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT ON THE AGENDA: FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

The Clerk has searched for the owner of the bin on the footpath between Morris Drive and Nelson Drive, Little Plumstead, it appears that it has been emptied by Broadland District Council but the bin is owned by Flatlands. BDC have confirmed that they will no longer be paying for the emptying and this will fall to Flatlands, who have in turn confirmed that they will not pay for this service. The bin is to be removed. The Parish Council used £84.13 of the £100 compensation received from Natwest to purchase items for the community pantry.

### **5. TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

- Thank you from Reverend Darleen Plattin – The PCC sent their thanks for our donation to the community pantry and food parcels scheme. The Parish Council used the Natwest compensation monies to purchase the food for the schemes.
- Rough Sleeper Estimate – One gentleman was reported and he has been visited and offered support.
- NPLAW – New rates for Parish Councils
- Road Closure – Plumstead Road – Plumstead Road East from its junction with South Jill Road for 250m westwards and South Hill Road from its junction with Plumstead Road south for 10m southwards. Closed from 8<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March for works to install a replacement highway drainage system.

- Little Plumstead Woodland – Shed – Cripps have responded and confirmed that a team will visit to board up the shed. Councillor Johnson questioned whether it could just be removed as it is no longer used.
- Update on the Church Road, Great Plumstead amenity land – BDC has confirmed that the Deed of Variation should be completed on the 16<sup>th</sup> January and the transfer should take place shortly afterwards.

## 6. TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Parish Council made the following comments on planning applications:

20222035	Broadland Business Park, Old Chapel Way, Postwick	Change of use of the warehouse at Plot L1 from its approved use as a former data centre (Class B8) to a food processing, storage and distribution factory (Class B2) along with changes to the existing building, introduction of ingredient silos and other associated works	1 - Previously the data centre trip provision suggested 60 cars daily, 10 vans and 2 HGVs. Potentially this could double with 120 car trips with HGV's rising to 5 a day with potential increase to 10 over time. 2 - The carbon footprint will rise and there is no mention in the application of how this might be ameliorated other than potential solar panels to the roof. 3 - The application provides no indication of how foul waste water will be dealt with. This needs to be clarified. 4 - Solar waste provision is skipped over by referencing it to existing facilities so it is known what type of waste is generated. Clarification is needed as to why this is not identified openly. 5 - There is cooking on site but no mention in the application of how odour will be controlled. 6 - A noise control study is contained in the application but it doesn't directly identify if there will be a problem with 24/7 operations for the adjoining and forthcoming housing. 7 - Will there be a condition identifying and controlling the external lighting so this does not become another light polluting source? 8 - There was a condition for the Business Park which limited occupation and square metres
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			<p>built until the link road through to Plumstead Road (Brooke and Laurel Farm) was constructed. When the data centre was constructed it exceeded the limitation. When challenged in 2006/7, Broadland District Council used the fact of very limited trip generation by the data centre as the reason for not insisting on the link road, this proposal will double the trip numbers generated and other building is taking place in the area included the police building and a general storage/plant hire facility. Has the condition been discarded?</p>
20222010	Land East of Hare Road, Hare Road, Great Plumstead	Erection of six single storey dwellings	<p>1 – This development exits onto a poor condition road. The road is prone to serious flooding in various locations, highways have been investigating the cause of the issue but it is still unknown. The road is also not an adequate width to have any further traffic nor is visibility good. Large concerns have been raised about further development on this road, which will cause further traffic, when at present there are issues when trucks and buses use this road and are unable to pass each other. Cars should be prohibited from being able to park on the road. (policy 2 and 4 of the Neighbourhood Plan) 2 – The junction of Church Road/Hare Road/Middle Road/Low Road has extremely poor visibility especially when existing from Hare Road, there has already been a number of accidents at this site. (policy 2 of the Neighbourhood Plan) 3 – The development is outside of the development boundary of the designated service village. 4 – There is no social, environmental or economical reason for this development. It is not adding to the village and only adds to the issue of traffic onto the already poor infrastructure. (policy 7 of the Neighbourhood Plan) 5 – Broadland District Council have</p>

			their 5 year land supply. 6 - Drainage and absorption are a real worry, as previously mentioned Hare Road is already suffering from flooding. The flooding itself does not drain away, and is a permanent "puddle" which covers half the road and after rainfall completely covers the road in at least 2 different places. 7 - This site was objected to under the GNLP as it is removing and occupying agricultural land (Grade 1). 8 - The area is poorly serviced by public transport. 9 - There are doubts about the foul water drainage capacity in the area. 10 - In the latest version of the GNLP (to be adopted) this site was deemed unreasonable for development. 11 – The pond shown is unreferenced in the application.
20222081	Gatehouse, 2 Broad Lane, Little Plumstead	Removal/variation of condition 2 of planning permission 20201241 – plans and elevations	No objections

Hare Road – A number of parishioners attended the meeting in objection to the planning application for Hare Road. There was a previous outline application for this site under 20191938 which was rejected by Broadland District Council. Councillor Heath said that it was hard to read some of the details on the application in relation to the road as the details are too small. Councillor Cawdron confirmed that the previous objections to planning application 20191938 are still applicable to this planning application. A parishioner mentioned that the road will need to be widened and to a sufficient width to ensure that there is not the chaos which happens on Church Road, Great Plumstead. Hare Road already struggles to allow a bus and a truck to pass each other, without adding in houses on both sides of the road. Cars should be stopped from parking on the road. Councillor Cawdron confirmed that the pond is not referenced in the application but is shown on the drawings. Councillor Carty mentioned that the previous development by Ingram Homes on Church Road was well built and they did sort the flooding issues on the road. Councillor Johnson proposed the Parish Council object to this planning application and Councillor Edwards seconded this. Councillor Knowles abstained to vote. Majority in agreement to object.

## 7. TO DISCUSS PARISH PROJECTS

### a. UPDATE ON GREAT PLUMSTEAD RECREATIONAL GROUND

A meeting with the quantity surveyor is taking place, this meeting is to go through the project to ensure that the surveyor provides an accurate price.

### b. UPDATE ON ROSEBERY FIELD, GREAT PLUMSTEAD

The Parish Council discussed the second invoice from AGA for £1363.50 which was the stopping time and extra equipment for the pathway. It was discussed whether this should be paid due as the fault lies with both AGA and the Council. Councillor Knowles proposed to pay this with Councillor Heath seconding. Councillor Jones, Bullen and Cawdron abstained. Majority in agreement. The Parish Council are going to see how the pathway settles over the next 6 months.

#### 8. TO DISCUSS THE HEDGING AND SIGNAGE ISSUES AT GREAT PLUMSTEAD RECREATIONAL GROUND

The hedge on the lefthand side of the field is to severely cut back. Councillor Johnson received two quotes from Target Trees and Plantscape. It was decided to go with Target Trees, the work would take 2 days at a cost of £2000 plus VAT. Proposed Councillor Jones. Seconded Councillor Bullen. All in favour. Councillor Jones mentioned that we need new dog signage on the main gate onto the field. Will gather in quotes.

#### 9. TO DISCUSS THE EXTERNAL PLAY AREA INSPECTION REPORT

There were no major issues with the play equipment. New bird guards on the swings were needed in Great Plumstead and new tires in Little Plumstead. The Clerk will look for quotes for the sanding down and repainting of the equipment.

#### 10. TO AGREE PAYMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BUDGET AS LISTED

The following accounts were agreed in accordance with the Budget:

#### Payments

Bank Balance	Nat West	<b>£17,195.47</b>	30.12.2022
Bank Balance	Scottish Widows	<b>£40,837.97</b>	31.12.2022
Bank Balance	Broadland Deposit Account	<b>£335,485.48</b>	31.03.2022
<u>Payments</u>			
T Scott		Salary and expenses	£1,331.93
HMRC		Monthly Payment	£96.50
Norfolk Pension Scheme		Monthly Payment	£417.36
Little Plumstead VHMC		Hall Hire	£75.00
Natwest		Charge fee	£2.80*
Natwest		Charge fee	£8.75
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,929.54</b>
<u>Receipts</u>			
Natwest		Cheque refund	50.35
Natwest		Compensation	100.00
Allotment		Hire fee	33.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£183.35</b>
<b>Outstanding Cheques</b>			
David Bracey		External play area inspection	198.00
Innershed		Email renewal	67.20
Norfolk Pension Scheme		Monthly Payment	£417.36
J Cator		Sandhole Lane - Annual Rental	£163.50
Broadland District Council		Litter Bin Emptying	£237.12

			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,083.18</b>
<b>Current Account Balance</b> after above payments made and <b>outstanding cheques cleared</b> will be approximately				
				<b>£14,366.10</b>
* already included in the accounts stated above				

Bank Balance	Unity Bank		<b>£53,949.54</b>	31.12.2022
<u>Payments</u>				
AGA	Rosebery Field			£9237*
Unity Bank	Service charge			£19.05*
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<u>Receipts</u>				
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>Outstanding Cheques</b>				
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
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				<b>£53,949.54</b>
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AMENDMENT to November's monthly statement. The payment to B Y Training Services was paid from the Unity Bank rather than from Natwest.

#### **11. TO CONFIRM THE DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING OF GREAT AND LITTLE PLUMSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**

The date of the next meeting is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.00pm at St David's, Thorpe End.

#### **12. TO RECEIVE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

There being no further business the meeting closed.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: