

## Greatham Parish Council

Chairman— A.H.Randall.

Clerk— G.M.Eaves.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the Greatham Village Hall on Thursday 21st April 1983 at 7:30 pm.

Present: A.H.Randall (Chairman)

R.S.Jenkinson

E.M.Sampson

F.E.Momber

Lt. Col. R.M.Digby

R.W.Flack

G.M.Eaves (Clerk) and seven members of the public.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 18th March 1982 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Accounts: The audited accounts for the year ending 31st March 1982 were summarised. The Chairman answered several questions after which the accounts were adopted by the meeting.

### Chairman's Report:

After welcoming the members of the public to the meeting the Chairman gave his report of the activities undertaken by the Council during the past year.

One of the main achievements was the inclusion of Greatham End within the Parish which had the effect of increasing the numbers on the Electoral Roll, increasing the product of a penny rate and also, with effect from the May Local Elections, seven Parish Councillors instead of six.

Other items dealt with during the year were footpaths, bridleways, planning applications and attempts, as yet unsuccessful, to change the Post Office name from Blackmoor to Greatham although the postal address may now be Greatham.

The resiting of the speed restriction signs on the A325 and the B3006 and the improvements, due largely to Mr. Momber to the B3006 were also described.

Thanks to Mr. Flack, Mr. Momber and Mr. Ives were expressed for their hard work in replacing the Village Green seat by a 'vandalproof' oak seat, and also appreciation of the grass cutting work on the Village Green carried out by the L'Abri Fellowship.

The possibility of improving the surface of Benhams Lane seemed unlikely since this would require a large contribution from each of the residents.

The Chairman expressed regret at having received the resignations of Miss Brooker and Mr. Jarman, the Clerk and welcomed Mrs. Eaves as the new Clerk.

The existence of a Local Charity to aid "The Labouring Poor of Greatham" was brought to the attention of those present. The Chairman of the Trustees, Mr. Dennis Holliday of Mill Farm should be contacted if anyone knows of a village person in need.

Finally, The Chairman thanked Lt. Col. Digby for making available his considerable experience, Mrs. D. Digby for press reports on council activities and the Council for their support during the year.

#### Other Business:

The Chairman advised the public of their right to speak after which several questions were asked relating to the Kings Holt area and the boundaries between Greatham and Whitehill. It was explained that there had been a satisfactory outcome to the matter.

The issue of the proposed Pets Cemetery on land east of

Kings Holt Cottage, Longmoor Road was discussed at length  
The outcome of the request for planning permission would  
be known shortly.

Lt. Col. Digby described some of the work of the District  
Council with respect to planning and pointed out the value  
of local information and importance of identifying those  
concerned before initiating any action. Mr. Cyril Wood,  
the Development Control Officer had been a key figure in  
the successful outcome of action taken in planning matters  
and thanks were due to him. Lt. Col. Digby also expressed  
support given to him in the forthcoming election.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at  
8:10 pm.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_