

Greatham Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at Greatham Village Hall on Thursday 1 March 1990, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: R P Williams, A H Randall, Mrs H Jenkinson, A Dent, K G Snelling, P Stevens, Lt Col R M Digby, the Clerk, the local press representative, 14 members of the public.
The guest speaker Lt Col Briggs, Camp Commandant of Longmoor Training Camp.

Apologies: R Flack

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 16 March 1989 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

Chairman's Report:

The chairman welcomed the guest speaker and members of the public, reminding them that this meeting offered them the chance to speak. He then described the year's activities.

Planning: Apart from one major disagreement, the Parish Council had been broadly in agreement with the District Council and the decisions made had been upheld on appeal.

Access to Longmoor Inclosure: The Department of Transport is refusing to provide access once the A3 Bypass is constructed. All correspondence has been passed to Michael Mates MP who has agreed to take up the matter. The Ministry of Defence is not objecting to access being provided.

Housing Survey: The Parish Council conducted a survey to establish the housing needs in the village under the guidance of HCCS. The results have not yet been analysed but the type of housing envisaged would only be for village people and would not be an opportunity for profit making. EHDC had also carried out a similar survey in its area.

Tree Wardens: The appointment of local tree wardens is a joint venture involving Hampshire & Isle of Wight Naturalist's Trust, HCC, EHDC and HAPC to conserve the local landscape. The Parish Council has appointed two tree wardens, Eric Siney and John Nolan. These are entirely voluntary posts, without statutory powers but with a mandate to collect information, give advice and encourage practical projects relating to trees in the community. The first such project had taken place the previous weekend when nearly 400 trees and shrubs were planted around the Village Hall entirely by volunteers.

Whitehill Area Swimming Pool/Sports Complex: The Parish Council is represented on the study group which is assessing the need/feasibility of such a project.

Best Kept Village Competition: Each year Greatham receives improved comments and will be entering once again this year.

Thanks: The chairman concluded by expressing appreciation to the Community Adviser Officer Sir Arundell Neave, the Transport Representatives Mrs Murphy and Mrs Flack, Lt Col Digby for his invaluable advice, Mrs Digby for reporting the meetings and to his colleagues on the council.

Accounts:

The Clerk provided a summary of the accounts for the year upto 28 February 1990 and these were adopted by the meeting, as proposed by Sir Arundell Neave and seconded by Mrs Flack.

Guest Speaker, Lt Col Briggs, Commandant of Longmoor Training Camp.

Lt Col Briggs began by describing the history of Longmoor Camp and he outlined the various activities that take place on the 7200 acres for which he is responsible and the numbers of personnel involved. The post he holds is a retired officer's appointment, with 48 staff reporting directly to him, he controls his own budget for maintenance and is responsible for the administration of the infrastructure of the training area. His priorities are to provide the best possible facilities for training; to cater for many recreational activities, such as walking, riding, motor cycling, flying model aircraft; and to aid the conservation of the 5000 or so species of fauna and flora which exist in the area. The latter was illustrated by slides of the varied wildlife to be found in the training area. In conclusion, Lt Col Briggs saw the most important aspect of his job as dealing with people and being able to communicate with professional and part-time soldiers alike as well as sportsmen and the general public.

In answer to questions about the attitudes of soldiers to conservation, Lt Col Briggs explained that all commanders of units using the area are given instructions detailing a code which they ensure is followed and that in general, soldiers do not leave rubbish or damage the countryside.

The chairman thanked Lt Col Briggs for his excellent talk and then opened the meeting for general comments and questions.

There were some comments regarding the improved parking area near the church and the flooding at the junction of A325 and Selborne Road which is being investigated.

The use of a caravan situated in the back garden of a house in Bakers Field by a family of four was giving rise to concern among neighbours.

The meeting was closed at 8.18 pm.

Chairman

Date

A. Wilkin

14.3.91

GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD 1.4.89 TO 28.2.90

Receipts

Balance on Current Account brought forward	£ 17.67
Balance on Deposit Account brought forward	959.59
EHDC Precept	1000.00
Commonwealth War Grave Commission	12.00
Interest on Deposit Account	28.56
Part Repayment of Loan (Greatham Social Centre)	50.00
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Payments

Hire of Village Hall	£ 40.00
Insurance	55.12
HAPC Subscription	45.00
Posters for Meetings	6.40
Donations	300.00
½ Salary for Clerk	200.00
Administrative Expenses	19.23
Conference Fee	5.00
Best Kept Village Entry Fee	5.00
Trees	249.68
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Balance £1142.39