

Greatham Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at Greatham Village Hall on Wednesday 18 March 1992, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Messrs A Dent, R W Flack, R E Siney, P Stevens, Mrs Jenkinson, Lady Neave, the Clerk, 11 members of the public and the guest speaker, Mr Graham Walton, Divisional Environmental Health Officer, EHDC.

Apologies: Mr Snelling and Lt Col Digby.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 14 March 1991 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

Chairman's Report:

Welcome and Thanks. The chairman welcomed those present to the first Annual Parish meeting since the local elections last May. He thanked his fellow councillors and the clerk for their support during his year of office and reported that all the council meetings had been well attended. The chairman explained that Col Digby was unable to be present at this meeting because he had to attend an evening meeting at Penns Place.

A special thank you was extended to Mr Bill Williams, who although he did not stand for re-election this year, has been most helpful in following through the job he started in getting the best deal for local residents to retain access to the Longmoor Inclosure.

Mr Siney was thanked for his work in connection with his dual role as Tree Warden and Footpath Warden and Mr Nolan for his work as Tree Warden.

Parish Council Activity. During the past year the Parish Council had done its best to maintain a 'watching brief' on the interests of the parish in several areas.

There has been an improvement in the working relations between **District and Parish Councils**, particularly with regard to planning matters. A satisfactory conclusion had been achieved after several meetings concerning the By-pass contractors' caravans in Longmoor Road.

The Parish Council had been very pleased to learn that the **By-pass** will be finished with a black surface, not concrete as had originally been intended. There have been some worries and complaints from residents near the route and the Parish Council has talked and corresponded with the Highway Authority and Tarmac in an effort to resolve problems.

The Greatham Link, now called the Woolmer Link, is promised. The land needed will be released by the Army and the Parish Council will keep up the pressure for the works to be carried out as soon as possible and with particular attention to appropriate signposting.

For the first time this year there had been a combined meeting between the **Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council** at

which it had been agreed that future co-operation on any appropriate matter could and would take place. The future of the Old Church was mentioned.

Mrs Murphy and Mrs Flack had represented the parish at three recent meetings with Hampshire County Council in their capacities as the **Local Bus Representatives**. They were thanked for their efforts in this connection.

Sir Arundell Neave had continued to act as the **Community Adviser**, attending meetings so that in the event of a national emergency he will know what to do.

Recent changes in the village had been the retirement of Mr and Mrs Sampson - best wishes and thanks for their services to the village in the **Post Office and Shop** were extended. The Parish Council is very pleased that Mr and Mrs Stevens are able to continue the Post Office services and parishioners are urged to support them as often as possible.

The intended resignation of the **clerk** due to pressure of other commitments was announced. The position will be advertised and until a new clerk is appointed Mrs Eaves will continue to carry out the duties of Parish Clerk.

Reports from Representatives

Mr Williams gave a summary of the negotiations with the Department of Transport and the Ministry of Defence to maintain public access to the Longmoor Inclosure once the A3 By-pass is complete, which had started in 1985 and continues in 1992. At least five different routes have been suggested and all have met with varying degrees of approval or disapproval from the parties concerned. The Consultant Engineers are currently preparing drawings of all the possibilities and it is hoped that the views of the interested parties will soon be known. Mr Siney described the tree planting which will take place a year after the By-pass is completed, once the banks have consolidated. The footpaths are in good condition but poor drainage on the Bridle Path still remains a problem.

Mrs Murphy reported on the meetings which she and Mrs Flack had attended at Winchester and Alton. From 27 April the 202 Alton/Petersfield bus will serve Greatham, Greatham End, Woolmer Road and Longmoor Road and there will be five return journeys per day. The 226 will not run beyond Whitehill but a link-up bus will be available and there will be a late afternoon bus from Aldershot each day.

Accounts:

The clerk provided a summary of the accounts for the year upto 18 March 1992 and these were adopted by the meeting as proposed by Mr Williams and seconded by Sir Arundell Neave.

Guest Speaker: Mr Graham Walton, Divisional Environmental Health Officer, EHDC.

Mr Walton began by describing the differences between the three main areas of health: medical; community and environmental. The latter concerns the control and help of all matters at

GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS 1.4.91 TO 18.3.92Receipts

	£
Balance on Current Account brought forward	27.39
Balance on Deposit Account brought forward	1027.70
EHDC Precept	2000.00
Interest on Deposit Account [$\frac{1}{2}$ year]	18.18
Refund Safe Custody Fee	5.75
	<u>3079.02</u>

Payments

	£
Insurance	54.43
HAPC Subscription and Posters	69.00
Faith in the Countryside Video	8.75
Hire of Hall	40.00
Election Expenses	648.13
Donations	430.00
Clerk's salary	616.00
Administration	18.12
	<u>1884.43</u>

Balance	<u>£1194.59</u>
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