

## GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman :- Mr R W Flack

Clerk :- Mrs D Holbrook

The Annual Parish Meeting of Greatham Parish Council was held at Greatham Village Hall on Friday 7th April 1995 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present:- Messrs Flack, Stevens, Snelling, Mrs S Marshall, Mrs H Jenkinson, Colonel Digby, the Clerk and 10 members of the public.

Apologies for absence:- Messrs Dent and Chiverton and PC Andrews.

Minutes:- The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 11th April 1994 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman's Report:- The Chairman thanked the members of the public present for coming to the meeting and also thanked the other Councillors for their support during the past year. Colonel Digby received the Parish Council's gratitude for all his work and support with continuing the pressure to obtain finance for the Woolmer Link to be built. The Chairman confirmed that funding had been granted for the construction of the Woolmer Link and that work was due to commence in November 1995 and he thanked all those people that had campaigned for this to come about, after many years of disappointment. The Chairman also reported that part of the village of Greatham had been designated a Conservation Area despite some measure of protest and that this was generally accepted as beneficial to the village and its surrounds. The Chairman informed the meeting of the sad deaths of both Lady Neave and Mr Eric Siney during 1994 and brought to the attention of the meeting the work that both these people had done for Greatham, not only because they were Parish Councillors, but also because of their involvement and commitment to the village. They would both be sadly missed. The Chairman informed the meeting that the two vacancies on the Parish Council had been filled by co-opting Mr Brian Chiverton and Mrs Sheila Marshall on to the Council following the advertising of the vacancies in accordance with District Council regulations.

Representatives' Reports :- None were raised at the meeting.

Accounts:- The Clerk provided a summary of the accounts to 31st March 1995 and these were proposed by Mrs Flack, seconded by Mr Chennell and adopted by the meeting.

Guest Speaker:- PC Andrews had been due to address the meeting on the topic of home security, but unfortunately had been taken ill and was unable to attend. He sent his sincere apologies to everyone concerned and had sent along a series of leaflets detailing measures that householders could take to secure their homes and property.

Questions / Discussion:-

- \* Colonel Digby informed the meeting that funds had been granted to build the Woolmer Link and tenders were being sought during 1995 with the intention that work would commence in November 1995. The Woolmer Link had been the only scheme put forward by Hampshire County Council and they were hopeful of keeping to the timetable. In his position as Chairman of the East Hants Road Safety Council he informed those present that traffic calming through the village would not be installed until the Link was completed, but that consultants were investigating traffic calming measures presently and consultations would be held with the public before any measures were taken.

The Chairman again took the opportunity to thank Colonel Digby for his tireless campaigning for the Woolmer Link on behalf of all those present and the people of Greatham who would all benefit from the Link Road.

- \* Mr Chennell asked the meeting why the "Dead End" sign had been removed from the Longmoor Road junction with the A325. Colonel Digby explained that this sign had been installed prematurely, as it was due to have been put up once the Link was completed. It was agreed that a letter would be written on this matter to the County Surveyor and the Road Safety Council.
- \* It was brought to the attention of the meeting that major traffic calming measures had been undertaken in Liphook and that work there was continuing and Colonel Digby reiterated that traffic claming measures for Greatham would only be undertaken once the Link was built. Mr Snelling added that traffic calming measures could not be installed on an "A" road and that once the Link was in place the A325 would be deregulated to a "B" or "C" road and then measures could be installed. It was suspected that the speed limimt through the village would stay as 40mph, although this may be reduced when the result of consultations were known.
- \* Concern was raised over street lighting and the length of time it was taking to repair faulty lights, most particularly at Bakers Field and the Village Hall entrance.
- \* There was also concern about the Ministry of Defence not allowing cycling on the Longmoor Enclosure. The MoD had agreed that walking was still perfectly acceptable but not bicycle riding. Liss Parish Council wrere also unhappy about this situation and it was agreed by the meeting that the MoD should be asked to review the ban on cycling.
- \* The meeting was informed of the proposed VE Day celebration on 8th May 1995.
- \* It had been agreed that a bench would be purchased to commemorate Richenda Lady Neave and Mr Eric Siney and it was discussed as to where this bench should be placed. One suggestion was on the village green opposite the Church and another was that it should be placed halfway between Bakers Field and Blackmoor Stores where it was considered that it would be more useful as there was already a log seat on the village green.
- \* It was asked whether the press were invited to attend meetings of the Parish Council. The Chairman informed the meeting that the press was certainly informed of the meetings and welcome to attend, but that as many of the District Council meetings were now held in the evenings and the newspapers had limited numbers of staff, press attendance at Parish Council meetings had declined considerably.

As there were no further questions, the Chairman thanked all those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.55pm.

Chairman .....  ..... Date ...12/4/96.....

Receipts

Balance on current account brought forward	£1068.22
Balance on deposit account brought forward	£ 532.38
EHDC precept for 1994	£2500.00
EHDC precept for first half of 1995	£1500.00
Cash donation re noticeboard	£ 25.00
Interest on deposit account	£ 2.67
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Payments

National Association of Local Councils	£ 5.00
Clerk's salary (6 months)	£ 357.93
Hall hire	£ 49.00
Insurance premium	£ 93.73
Hampshire Association of Parish Councils	£ 92.00
Donation re Mr E Siney	£ 25.00
Donation re Lady Neave	£ 25.00
PCC (Churchyard maintenance)	£ 400.00
Coryton Almshouses donation	£ 50.00
SPAB donation (Village Hall Committee)	£ 25.00
HAPC AGM fee	£ 9.00
Clerk's salary (6 months)	£ 357.93
Action Group expenses	£ 26.04
Clerk's salary (4 months)	£ 240.20
Donations	£ 605.00
Solicitor's fee	£ 260.50
Administration	£ 74.29
Donation to Army re noticeboard	£ 25.00
Action Group expenses	£ 44.05
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BALANCE	£2863.60
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