

GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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, 12th April, 1996, commencing at 7.30 pm

Present: Messrs. Flack, Chiverton, Dent & Redman, Mrs. Jenkinson, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Porter, Col. Digby, Mrs. Holbrook, (The Clerk) and one representative from the press 36 members of the public and guest speaker, Mr. John Shorrocks.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Perry.

Minutes: The minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 7th April 1995 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 and also thanked the other Councillors for their support over the year. Since the local election the Parish Council had four new Councillors, Mrs. Gail Anderson, Mr Brian Chiverton, Mrs. Trish Porter and Mr. David Redman and two were re-elected - Mr. Alan Dent and Mrs. Huguette Jenkinson.

Mrs. Gail Anderson had decided to stand for election as Councillor which left a vacancy for Parish Clerk. She carried on until a new clerk was found in September and Mrs. Donna Holbrook filled the vacancy. Mr. Flack thanked them both.

The Chairman also thanked Councillor Digby, our District Councillor and Councillor Perry, our County Councillor, for their help and interest over the past year. He also thanked the Press Representative for his attention to the village as the Herald was represented at all of our meetings - which had not happened for a long time.

Mr. Flack reported that the location of the seat in memory of Lady Neave and Eric Siney was almost agreed but some technicalities still had to be sorted out.

The terms of the conveyance to transfer the Old Church to the Parish could not be agreed, but the Council had received a revised conveyance which was with the solicitors and this should take place in the near future. Arrangements had been made for a new "GREATHAM" sign to be erected at the North end of the Village and new signs in Liss Forest Road and improvements to the road itself. Also, when the report was prepared, all our street lights were working.

Our Precept had been maintained at the same level as in the previous year.

Regarding the Woolmer Link, the Council were still putting as much pressure as possible to getting this project under way.

A planning application had been received just the previous week for a crematorium to be built near Ham Barn roundabout. The Council were already in discussion with some local people and the planning department of EHDC but there were a lot more discussions ahead.

Accounts: The Clerk provided a summary of the accounts to 31st March 1996 and the adoption of these was proposed by Mrs. Jenkinson, seconded by Mr. Dent and carried by the meeting.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Shorrocks, from the County Council, gave us a long and detailed report on the situation regarding the delays holding up the start of the Woolmer Link. He explained that, although the project had stood still for a while, the project was starting to move again but, as the MoD land belonged to the Crown, it could not be subject to a compulsory purchase order so negotiations were still going ahead with the MoD to purchase the land so the Woolmer Link could actually go ahead.

This project had high priority and the County Council were giving it their full commitment to get it started.

So, although Mr. Shorrocks could make no firm promises, as there were still issues outstanding regarding the construction of the road, he did hope that they would all be settled in the near future and that work could hopefully begin in late October.

Proposed Crematorium :

The Parish Council had plans of the Ham Barn Proposed Crematorium which were briefly viewed and discussed. The applicant had been advised by the District Council to hold a public meeting to see the plans in more detail. Also, a second application for a Crematorium in Church Lane, just behind the Church, had been received just before the meeting. No plans for this second application were available but site visits to both sites would be held in May and the Parish Council would be invited to attend.

It was pointed out that these were two separate proposals and two separate land owners - and both would be considered.

The meeting was then opened up for questions and discussion from the public .

The Chairman thanked all those present for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

Chairman.....



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