

GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL
ON FRIDAY 22ND JANUARY 1999 AT 7.30PM

Present: Mrs Anderson, Mrs Porter, Mrs Jenkinson, Messrs Dent, Redman, Flack, Chiverton,
West and Onslow
(Peter Gripton, Village Appraisal Committee, for an announcement)
(One member of the public - Mr Tagg))

99/01 Apologies for absence: No apologies were received.

99/02 Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 1998: The minutes of the meeting were approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

99/03 Matters arising:

School Bins - Mrs Mitchell has again complained about overflowing bins. DR measured the area and it will need 4 6x6ft hurdles and 5 posts. It was debated whether the Council should be paying for this or maintaining it at all. A vote was taken and it was decided to ask the school to write requesting a donation and confirming that they would be responsible for erection and maintenance.

Village Appraisal - Peter Gripton announced that the appraisal questionnaire is now ready and will be delivered shortly. There is a meeting of the committee on 1 February to arrange distribution.

He mentioned the possibility of doing a parish map as a millenium project.

As footpath warden he is going to put a footpath guide each month in the parish magazine. This was met with approval. Apparently grants are available for footpath maintenance. The Council unanimously voted to back Peter Gripton to go ahead and make contacts to get this going.

The Parish Council would like to thank Mr Gripton and the rest of his committee for all their efforts in relation to the Village Appraisal.

99/04 Correspondence:

1. EHDC - Grant Aid Policy Change
2. HCC - Dial-A-Bus renewal contracts.
3. EHDC - Central Area Forum
4. EHDC - Consultation Draft - Economic Development Strategy
5. EHDC - Draft Arts & Entertainment Plan
6. Dot Digby - Cycle way and poor condition of Forest Road
Cycle way is in Hawkley parish - write to inform Mrs Digby of this.
7. Copy Ltrs HCC - Cycle route
8. RSPA - Childrens playground inspections.
Look into need under insurance to comply to British Standards.
9. EHDC - Biodiversity Action Plan
10. Whitehill Town Council- Land opposite Silver Birch
11. Hampshire Sculpture Trust - Survey of Sculptures, Monuments, etc
Clerk to write informing them of war memorial and old church ruin and tomb

99/05 Circulars:-

1. HCC - Update leaflet
2. Community Action Hampshire - Annual Review
3. " " " - Action News
4. HAPTC - Bulletin
5. National Lotteries Board - Small grants information
6. EHDC - Open space document
7. Victim Support - Newsletter
8. EHDC - Facts and figures
9. HCC - Street lighting leaflet
10. EHDC - Draft Register of Electors
11. EHDC - Countryside Design Summary
12. EHDC - Property name change
13. HAPTC - Millenium Bug information
14. HCC - Rural bus service update
15. Local Council review
16. EHDC - Crime & Disorder Audit
17. Cycling information and leaflet
18. Newsbrief x 9

99/06 Planning:-

F.34295/FUL Revised application - Detached double garage and detached workshop - Holt End Cottage, Petersfield Road, Greattham

NO OBJECTION

List of all planning in East Hants from 20.11.98-22.1.99

99/07 Finance:-

Cheque to Joyce Coffin for £15 for meals supplied to Old Church workers at last year's barbecue.

It was agreed to look into the viability of using the deposit account properly in order to gain interest when the Council have good size funds in hand. *(Clerk to look into this)*

Precept

GA proposed that this be raised to £6,000 to support potential village progression from appraisal results as well as ongoing Old Church expenses. This was debated in relation to justifying a large rise taking into account current and possible expenses etc., but was agreed that if the proposed expenses do not materialise it can be reduced again in the future. A vote was taken and it was unanimously decided to raise the precept to £6,000.

Donations

A proposal of a donation to the Spire Fund of £1,000 was agreed but we need to check the legality of such a large donation in relation to percentage of the total precept. To discuss again at next meeting.

The following other donations were agreed:-

L'Abri
PCC

£ 50

Deferred until Spire Fund donation discussed

LUPIN	£ 25
1 st Greatham Rainbows	£ 50
1 st Greatham Brownies	£ 50
Alton CAB	£ 60
Whitehill & Bordon CAB	£ 60
Petersfield CAB	£ 60
New Churchyard Maintenance	£ 450
Old Churchyard Maintenance	£ 200

No donation was agreed to the Village Hall Committee.

Clerk's Contract/Salary

It is now a requirement that clerks have legal contracts. Pro-forma contract used from HAPTC information and it was agreed to circulate this separately and for it to be signed at next meeting.

Salary has not been kept up to date and following HAPTC information minimum amount payable for this size parish is £951.60pa. It was agreed to update pay to this. There is a separate scale of pay which HAPTC have informed us is used by many Councils, based on actual hours worked. Clerk to keep record of hours worked over next few months and report back if it exceeds current salary scale.

99/08 Traffic Calming:-

Meeting with Geoff Topps when new layout was discussed and agreed.

Siting of bus stops near Todmore incorrectly sited. Bus stops were put in as HCC had some spare money from traffic calming funds but without prior consultation. HCC have since said it is Parish Council's responsibility for maintenance.

It was agreed to write to HCC passing on concerns from Todmore residents and also to ask for an extra one by the Selborne junction to replace existing. Inform them of our annoyance at not having been consulted nor of informing any member of the Parish Council about the original site meeting to remedy bus shelter problem. Request meeting with HCC representative to discuss re-siting these bus shelters. *(Notify JW of any meeting so that he can attend)*

Mr Barton - Verona. Has shared access driveway but is trying to get permission for private access. Has been refused by planning dept as they say he has to be able to get off his driveway frontways. However on county map for bus shelters a new access way for Verona is clearly shown. *DO to speak to EHDC to see what the position is.*

Traffic regulation proposals notice received for closing off one side of Forest Road junction.

99/09 The Old Church:-

Clearing of land in November went well and many brambles were dug out. Next working party on Saturday 27 February @ 9.00am onwards. Hugette to put in parish magazine. Also put poster in paper shop and one in each pub.

Contact Malcolm Hooker to say a lease not required to Charitable Trust only to manage the Old Church. HJ would like to get this set up before elections in May. Get some draft paperwork for next meeting.

Insurance - David Self (Architect) is going to look into it. He also said he would be happy to be a Trustee. This was thought to be a good idea.

Noticeboard will be put up soon and can be moved when Forest Road junction has been finalised.

99/10 Next Meeting:-

The next meeting will be Friday 19 February 1999 at 7.30pm at Greatham Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm

Chairman

Date