

GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the MEETING HELD at GREATHAM VILLAGE HALL on
MONDAY, 6th SEPTEMBER 2004, at 7.00pm.

04.109 PRESENT: Councillors E. Evans (Chairman); J. Lodder; D.Jerrard; A. Booton; A. Bridgman; H. Rowles, seven members of the public, J. West (County Councillor) and Mrs T. Wicking (Clerk to the Council) were present.

04.110: OPEN SESSION: There were no questions from the public.

04.111: APOLOGIES for ABSENCE: Apologies were received from District Cllr Mrs Onslow, and Cllr Chennell.

04.112: MINUTES of LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of 07/06/04 were approved, proposed by Cllr Booton, and seconded by Cllr Rowles. All agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record with a change to point (c) 04.105 from EHDC to HCC Highways.

04.113: MATTERS ARISING:

(a) Letter from Mrs Onslow (04.098): Carried over from previous meeting. **ACTION: CLERK**

(b) Letter to Lynn Croker (04.012): Carried over from previous meeting. **ACTION: EE&CLERK**

(c) Planning Matters (04.104): Wolfmere Lane extension, site visited by AJB and Area Inspector and meets planning requirements.

04.114: FINANCIAL MATTERS: The schedule of payments was circulated to the Council and agreed for payment. Proposed Cllr Lodder seconded Cllr Booton.

04.115: CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT – CLERK (04.100) Cllr Lodder has read through both draft contracts and advised the Council that the HAPTC draft seems most appropriate. Cllr Evans asked Cllr Lodder to put together a contract for the Clerk to be circulated before and signed off at the next meeting. **ACTION: JL**

04.116: PARISH PLAN: Cllr Evans suggested that there maybe a feeling in the village that nothing has happened. Cllr Booton and Mr Larner explained that the project was ongoing and that a meeting of the Steering Group Committee is scheduled for the last week of September. The Council was informed from the floor that the Village Design Committee has met and are currently in the process of photographing properties in the village and will be holding another meeting next week. Cllr Booton will update at the next meeting.

ACTION: AJB

04.117: HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY: Cllr Jerrard informed the Council that he has spoken to John Lancaster and that there had been a good response to the survey of 45%. This result compared favourably with the 50% response experienced by Selbourne.

04.118: CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting and there were no comments. Cllr Evans outlined the RoSPA report to the council, it was agreed that it was a good report.

04.1190; PLANNING MATTERS:

(a) Mill Farm: Appeal refused. Cllr Jerrard suggested that this item be adjourned to the next meeting of the Planning Committee to allow him to produce a paper outlining comparisons between this application and other similar ones, as some villagers have expressed concern that Mill Farm has been refused while other similar applications have been granted. This was agreed. **ACTION: DJ**

Cllr Evans suggested that this matter should be included in the external audit instigated by Will Godfrey of EHDC. Cllr Jerrard said that he intended to write to Will Godfrey to ask for a timetable for the external audit, and would put this and other matters forward for consideration. Cllr Evans reiterated that the Council had no objections to the Farm Cottage extension.

(b) 1-3 Kingshott Cottages: Nothing further to report, Cllr Jerrard will continue to monitor the situation. **ACTION: DJ**

(c) Greatham Inn car Park: The Council unanimously agreed that they should support Neil Savage's position, which corresponds to the site plan from the Appeal papers. Cllr Evans stated that for the pub to lose the car park would surely compromise its viability.

04.120 CORYTON ALMSHOUSES: Cllr Evans explained that the Trust Deed of this charity states that two of the trustees must be parish councillors from Greatham, with the other trustees made up of councillors from Liss and Hawkley. As this is not the case at present, the council agreed that it was imperative that the situation be rectified as soon as possible. Cllr Jerrard will attend the next meeting of the trustees, together with either Cllr Bridgman or Cllr Booton.

04.121 REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: Cllr West informed the Council that reflective posts had been installed to the granite sets and hopefully this would help reduce the number of punctures. Cllr Booton stated that the posts had not helped at all, in fact there had been another incident just before the meeting. He reiterated that the situation had not been improved at all and feared that the granite sets would cause a very serious accident, as they are very dangerous. Cllr West suggested that the Council write to the Area Surveyor outlining their concerns with a copy to him. **ACTION: CLERK**

There was nothing to report from the District Councillor.

04.122: REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

Nothing to report

04.123: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- (a) **Old Church:** The Council discussed a letter from the Old Church Preservation Group outlining work and repairs that need to be done to the Church. It was agreed that Cllr Evans and Cllr Booton should visit the site, together with an expert in ancient building repairs and report back to the Council at the next meeting. All agreed that the work must be done properly regardless of cost. **ACTION: EE & AJB**
- (b) **HAPTC:** An agenda for the 57th AGM has been received; this was passed to Cllr Lodder.

04.124: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed to meet at 7pm on Monday 4th October 2004, in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Cllr Jerrard informed the Council that he had spoken to Mrs Knowles regarding the letter to the Ombudsman but that the instigation of the external audit had rather overtaken events. He proposed and Cllr Booton seconded, that he should write to Mrs Knowles outlining recent events. **ACTION: DJ**