

GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the MEETING HELD at GREATHAM VILLAGE HALL on
MONDAY, 1st NOVEMBER 2004, at 7.00pm.

04.143 PRESENT: Councillors E. Evans (Chairman); J. Lodder; D.Jerrard; A. Booton; H. Rowles, M. Chennell, A. Bridgman together with thirty members of the public, and Mrs T. Wicking (Clerk to the Council) were present.

04.144 OPEN SESSION: No public questions at this time

04.145 HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY: The Housing Needs Survey was presented by Mrs John Lancaster who advised the meeting that there had been a good response from the people of Greatham of 42%. The survey identified a minimum need of 10 properties. Mr Lancaster advised the Council that he would not make any judgement, but if the Parish Council decides to proceed further he would be happy to help.

There then followed a lengthy discussion between the Council, members of the public and Mr Lancaster regarding the results and implications for Greatham of the survey. At the end of which Cllr Evans, on behalf of the Council, thanked Mr Lancaster. Mr Lancaster left the meeting at 19.55.

Cllr Evans advised the members of the public that copies of the Survey would be available from the Clerk for a small charge (£1.50) for anyone wished to purchase one, and the Council would also look into the possibility of publishing the Survey on the Village website.

ACTION: EE/CLERK

The meeting resumed.

04.146: APOLOGIES for ABSENCE: Apologies were received from District Cllr Mrs Onslow.

04.147: MINUTES of LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of 04/10/04 were approved, proposed by Cllr Jerrard, and seconded by Cllr Booton. All agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record with a change to the attendance to include Cllr Chennell.

04.148: CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Chairman had no announcements.

04.149: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: The Chairman reminded members of their obligation to make any declarations of interest.

04.150: MATTERS ARISING:

- (a) **Item 04.136(c) Letter to Allotment Charity:** Draft letter approved.
- (b) **Item 04.137 External Audit:** Cllr Evans informed the Council that although the external Audit had been due to start today nothing had been heard from either EHDC or the auditors.

04.151: FINANCIAL MATTERS: The schedule of payments was circulated to the Council and agreed for payment. Proposed Cllr Evans seconded Cllr Bridgman.

04.152: CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT – CLERK (04.100) A copy of the revised contract had not been received by the Clerk. Cllr Lodder will forward another.
ACTION: JL/CLERK

04.153: PARISH PLAN: Cllr Booton revisited the process for the benefit of members of the public present and advised the Council that the situation continued to progress albeit slowly. The appraisal forms were due to be sent out to all the villagers soon.
ACTION: AJB

04.154: CORRESPONDENCE: The correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting:

- (a) **Blackmoor Estate Recycling Facility:** See below
- (b) **Mr Mitchell – affordable housing**
- (c) **To Mr Heppel – 1-3 Kingshott Cottages**

04.155: PLANNING MATTERS: No matters arising.

The meeting paused to allow members of the public to ask questions:

From the floor: Q Have the Council thought about buying some of the land in dispute (bottom of Wolfmere Lane)?

A Cllr Evans replied that yes it has been talked about and if enough interested people could be got together to make a bid for the land, it was felt that the Parish Council could have a role to play in a coordination capacity, although it would have to be a private matter.

From the floor: Q With regard to the Housing Needs Survey what can be done for the people of Greatham who have said that they need help?

A There will be an initial discussion at the Planning Committee meeting on 16th November, the Parish Council will read through the report and make suggestions at the next Parish Council meeting in December. Cllr Evans replied that yes something should be done, but that he strongly believed that there is a danger that people will be brought in from outside the village.

There being no more questions the meeting resumed.

04.156: BLACKMOOR RECYCLING FACILITY: Cllr Evans reviewed the history of the Blackmoor Recycling Facility for the benefit of the public and then handed over the discussion to Mr Jock Trodden whose property borders the facility. Mr Trodden presented his evidence against the Blackmoor Recycling Facility for continued breaking of the planning restrictions and urged the Council and members of the public to strongly object, in writing and by signing a Community Statement of Objection, to the latest application for a mobile concrete crusher at this site. Mr Trodden thanked the District Councillor, Mrs Onslow for her help on his behalf, and also for Greatham Parish Council for their support.

The Council offered Mr Trodden their full support and agreed to write expressing this.

04.157 REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

There were no reports from the District Councillor.

Mr West reported on the increasing responsibility of County Council and with regard to the Boundary Commission the new division including Greatham will now be called Petersfield Hangers.

Further to the discussion on Blackmoor Recycling Facility Mr West told the Council that the County Council take Mineral and Waste items very seriously and consult extensively at district and parish levels when each application comes up. Mr West commented that it was his understanding that the site will be restored to its original state and would therefore not become a brownfield site – but that would need to be confirmed by legal experts. He also stated that the County Council feels that concrete crushing is very environmentally friendly.

With reference to the limitations on vehicle movements at the site, Cllr Evans asked Cllr West why restrictions were not being enforced. Cllr West replied that further to the last Liaison Panel Meeting it was his understanding that 30 movements in and 30 movements out were allowed rather than 30 in total. Mr Trodden replied that this was not the case and that he had it in writing that the number of movements allowed was 30 in total. Cllr West disagreed but said that he would follow up this issue. Cllr West was asked from the floor whether soil analysis had been done? He replied that this was the responsibility of the Environment Agency and that they have a representative on the Liaison Panel. Cllrs Chennell and Booton asked Cllr West why Mr Trodden's photographic and security camera evidence was not being used? Cllr West replied that all the information gathered by Mr Trodden

had been discussed at the last Liaison Panel Meeting and was being looked into. Cllr Chennell referred to a photograph showing reinforced concrete on the site, Cllr West commented that this can be crushed within 28 days without a planning application and that work done there was with 28 days.

From the floor Mrs Flack asked about the 30mph signs, Cllr West replied that as there are street lights within specified distances 30mph repeaters are not necessary.

Cllr Chennell responded that the lighting in Longmoor Road was very bad and Cllr West replied that he understood that all had been replaced when the traffic calming work was done.

Cllr West was asked from the floor who to contact re roads and lighting? He replied Hampshire Highways at Old College.

Cllr Chennell asked Cllr West if he had any further information regarding the lay-by at the Church. He replied that he believed the matter was in hand.

04.158: REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:

- a) **Coryton Almshouses:** Cllrs Jerrard and Booton attended the last meeting and had nothing further to report.
- b) **HAPTC:** Cllr Jerrard attended the meeting and reported that four resolutions had been passed. There had also been a discussion on Quality Parish & Town status.
- c) **Village Hall:** Cllr Evans reported that the costing process for the Village Hall was still on going.
- d) **Old Church:** Material on site for French drain and clearance work has begun.
- e) **Transport & Highways:** Cllr Chennell had nothing further to report on Minibus service. Drains at the end of Longmoor Road blocked. With regard to street lighting, Cllr Evans asked Cllr Chennell to conduct a survey and report back to the Parish Council.
- f) **Footpaths:** Cllr Booton had received no complaints apart from the Todmore footbridge. From the floor a query was raised re the footpath from Petersfield Rd to Todmore that needs resurfacing. Cllr Booton will contact Barry Lockyer and report back to the next meeting.
- g) **Le Court:** Nothing to report.

04.158: ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Cllr Evans reported that he had received an enquiry regarding allotments. From the floor Mrs Flack reminded the

Council of the provision of allotment arrangement with Liss Parish Council, Cllr Jerrard commented that the Council had no confirmation of this and that it maybe necessary to contact Liss Parish Council directly.

04.1592: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: It was agreed to meet at 7pm on Monday 6th December 2004, in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm.