

**GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of the MEETING HELD at GREATHAM VILLAGE HALL on**  
**MONDAY, 7th MARCH 2005, at 7.00pm.**

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

**05.17 OPEN SESSION:** No questions.

**05.18 APOLOGIES for ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from County Cllr J. West.

**05.19 MINUTES of LAST MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting of 07/02/05 were approved with amendment to minute 05.24 to specify that the Chairman's expenses were taken from the Chairman's Allowance and not any other source. Proposed by Cllr Lodder, and seconded by Cllr Jerrard. All agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record.

**05.20 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Chairman announced that there would be a confidential meeting at the end of this Parish Council meeting.

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

Cllrs Evans and Jerrard declared an interest in Agenda item 12b – Village Hall as both are Trustees of the Village Hall.

**05.22 MATTERS ARISING:** There were no matters arising.

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

**05.25 CORRESPONDENCE:**

(a) Letter Allotments Charity 23/02/05: The Councillors agreed that this letter did not accurately reflect what happened on the night and was confrontational. Cllr Evans explained that the Council cannot legally allow people to stay on – everyone has to be elected. From the floor Mrs Jenkinson said that they understood that they could all be re-elected on the night. Cllr Evans agreed that everyone can stand but they have to be re-elected and that will depend on the vote on the night. Mrs Jenkinson assured the Council that the Allotments Charity

Committee did not wish to be confrontational, and was sure that there must have been a misunderstanding. Cllr Jerrard passed copies of the letter delivered to Mrs Eaves and reiterated the scheme for the benefit of the Council and members of public. I.e. This council can only elect Trustees at a public meeting. He suggested that the Council write to each of the current Trustees asking them if they wish to stand and arrange for advertising in the village inviting anyone else who may wish to stand to be approved at the next Parish Council meeting. Mrs Jenkinson asked the Chairman if the presentation of the report was required for the Annual Parish Meeting or the Annual Parish Assembly – it will be required for the Annual Parish Assembly. The Chairman then asked why the Minutes of the last Allotments Charity Committee meeting has not publicised the change of scheme. By law any changes to the scheme have to be made public. Cllr Evans also felt that the beneficiaries should have a say in the change of the scheme. Cllr Jerrard stated that under to Charities Act a draft of the change of scheme has to be presented to the Parish Council for consideration.

(b) Letter D Self re Old Church bank statements: The Chairman read to the letter for the benefit of the Councillors and the public. The Council was in agreement that copies of bank statements should no be sent through the post. The Chairman asked the Clerk to reply explaining that the bank statements are available to view, by appointment, but that the Council will not be sending copies through the post.

**ACTION: CLERK**

Letter from Charity – Cruse Bereavement requiring support: Cllr Evans stated that he felt the Council should continue to support its own charities. Cllr Booton seconded.

**REPORT FROM REPRESENTATIVE: (d) Old Church:** Cllr Evans informed the Council that Cllr Booton had been criticised by members of the Old Church Committee for the work that had been carried out at the Old Church. Cllr Booton had spent a great deal of time studying the report, that the Parish Council had paid for, he provided his services and materials free of charged and had been criticised for working to the architect's instructions by someone who hadn't even read the report. For the benefit of the members and the public, Cllr Booton read an extract from the Architect's instructions that gave clear direction on how the French Drain should be executed. On behalf of the Old Church Committee Mrs Jenkinson commented that as she was not an expert, she could only refer to what she had seen at Empshott. Cllr Evans reiterated that the Old Church Committee was a sub-committee of the Parish Council and should be guided by the Parish Council. Cllr Booton stated that he would like to come off the Old Church

Committee; Cllr Jerrard suggested that it would be better to wait until May.

**05.26: PLANNING MATTERS:**

**a) Minutes of meeting 22/2:** No comments.

**b) Notice of Permission – Game Shop – conversion to single dwelling.**

**c) Queens Car Park - Update:** Cllr Jerrard informed the Council that a letter containing the Parish Council objections had been sent to EHDC, and that there were 54 other letters of objection on file. A letter of complaint has also been sent to Mr Godfrey cc Mr Pattie. Cllr Jerrard voiced his concerns to the Parish Council re EHDC pushing this application through on delegated powers and suggested that Parish Council should write to local member requesting she fills in a pink form so that it will go to full Planning Committee. The Council agreed and asked Cllr Jerrard to draft a letter for approval at the next Planning Committee meeting. **ACTION: DJ**

**05.28: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:** Cllr Lodder confirmed that he had reviewed the papers on behalf of the Parish Council. In his opinion the Council should adopt the same format as Liss Parish Council. Proposed: Cllr Lodder, seconded Cllr Booton. So adopted.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**05.29: QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL:** Nothing to report.

**05.23 REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:**

There were no reports from the District Councillor.

With his apologies Cllr West passed on the following; HCC lowest increase in 35 years, and request for people to look out for the SEDA forms when they arrive on doorstep.

**05.30: REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:**

**a) Coryton Almshouses:** Nothing to report.

**b) HAPTC:** Nothing to report.

**c) Village Hall:** Re: Charity Commission. All Councillors have read the new deeds, Cllr Evans asked that the Council accept the draft scheme. Proposed Cllr Booton, seconded Cllr Lodder, Abstentions Cllr Evans and Cllr Jerrard (Trustees of the Village Hall).

**d) Old Church:** See earlier.

**e) Transport & Highways:** Cllr Chennell asked for the Council's backing to write a strongly worded letter to Highways and Byways Engineer re the pavement on RHS of Longmoor Road, as it is very dangerous with roots growing through. Also re street lighting the foliage has not been cleared making it very difficult to see. Cllr Chennell to liaise with Clerk re Lighting Survey.

**ACTION: MC & CLERK**

**f) Footpaths:** Cllr Booton investigated hedge at Bakersfield and it will be sorted. Footpaths through Todmore have been walked and fences have been re-erected. Will find out who clears path.

**g) Le Court:** Nothing to report.

**05.31 ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** Cllr Booton circulated a Travel Plan from Greatham Primary School regarding provision for a drop off point at the existing car park and the possibility of having new signs that comes on during school time advising traffic to slow down. The Council had no objections.

Further to the recent Planning difficulties experienced locally, Cllr Bridgman suggested the Parish Council should write to the neighbouring parish councils who are experiencing similar problems proposing joining forces to oppose the EHDC Planning Dept. All Councillors agreed that this was a good idea. Cllrs Bridgman and Jerrard will write on behalf of Parish Council.

**05.32 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.