

**GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of the ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at GREATHAM**  
**VILLAGE HALL on**  
**MONDAY, 9th MAY 2005, AFTER THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**

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

**05.48 OPEN SESSION:** No questions.

**05.49 APOLOGIES for ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from Cllr Lodder.

**05.50 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:** Cllr Jerrard proposed and Cllr Booton seconded, all in favour; Cllr Evans elected as Chairman.

**05.51 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN:** Cllr Booton proposed and Cllr Jerrard seconded, all in favour; Cllr Bridgman elected as Vice-Chairman.

**05.52 MINUTES of LAST MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting of 04/04/05 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Booton, and seconded by Cllr Rowles. All agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record.

**05.53 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Chairman announced that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Lodder.

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

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

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

**05.57 CORRESPONDENCE:** No Correspondence received since Agenda was published.

**05.58: PLANNING MATTERS:**

**a) 2004/5:** Cllr Jerrard presented a short report on 2004/5 Planning issues. He thanked Mrs Dale-Harris for her initial submission regarding 1-3 Kingshott Cottages and Cllr Bridgman for his presentation to the Inspector. With regard to The Silver Birch, Cllr Booton confirmed that he had received a letter from

Mr Heppell regarding suspected badger sets advising the an Environmental Inspector will be appointed to investigate. Cllr Evans informed the council that the recent meeting with neighbouring Parish Councils had been very successful.

**b) Minutes of meeting of 19/4/05:** See next meeting.

#### **05.59: REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES:**

**a) Coryton Almshouses:** Cllr Jerrard advised nothing further to report. At the last meeting Cllrs Jerrard and Booton suggested that a proper survey be done on the Almshouses to facilitate better budgeting for future expenditure.

**b) HAPTC:** Mrs S. Hudson retiring, nothing to report.

**c) Village Hall:** Cllr Evans reported nothing further to add other than in order to comply with the Disability Act there would have to be major alterations to the Village Hall. Quotes are being collected and the Trustees are currently looking in to possible avenues for funding.

**d) Old Church:** Cllr Booton will contact A Hughes re wall.

**e) Transport & Highways:** Cllr Chennell reported that the situation was on-going. The grass verge on Petersfield Rd now reinstated, but there is now a similar problem in Bakersfield. Still waiting on Highways to do pavement in Longmoor Rd and the bent over signs have still to be straightened. Cllr Chennell reported that there has been yet another tyre ripping incident at the traffic calming centre on the Petersfield Rd (between Village Hall and Deal Farm). Mrs Flack, from the floor, asked if it would be possible to paint it white as this may make the kerbs easier to see? Cllrs agreed that this was a good idea. Cllr Chennell suggested getting the Highways Engineer to a Parish Council meeting. **ACTION: MC**

**f) Footpaths:** Still on-going, Cllr Booton suggested writing to Barry Lockyer regarding the footpath at the end of Church Lane, and asking for it to be brought up to scratch as it is a very nice walk for the village.

**a. ACTION: AJB**

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

**h) Blackmoor Recycling:** Nothing to report.

#### **05.60: ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES:**

**a) Coryton Almshouses:** Cllrs Bridgman & Booton

**b) Village Hall:** Cllr Evans

**c) HAPTC:** Cllr Jerrard

**d) Old Church Sub-Committee:** Cllrs Bridgman & Booton, Mrs H Jenkinson, Mrs G Anderson, Mr D Self, Mr A Fellow, Mr D Summers and Mr D Redman.

**e) Transport:** Cllr Chennell

**f) Footpaths & Tree Wardens:** Cllr Booton & Rowles

**g) Le Court:** None at present

**h) Blackmoor Recycling:** Cllr Bridgman

**i) Planning Committee:** Cllrs Jerrard; Bridgman; Booton and Chennell.

**j) Environment:** Cllr Rowles

**05.61: PARISH PLAN:** Cllr Booton, Chairman of the Parish Plan Steering Committee, advised the Parish Council that the Parish Plan has come to a bit of a halt and needs kick-starting. For the benefit of the public, Cllr Evans reiterated that this was not a Parish Council issue but the initiative MUST come from the residents of Greatham.

**05.62: GREATHAM ALLOTMENT CHARITY:** An election for Trustees of the charity was held. Five Trustees were elected: Mr R Lewis; Mrs S Booton; Mrs H Jenkinson; Mr B Christie and Mr P Larner. Cllr Evans thanked the previous Trustees for their hard work.

**05.63: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** It was suggested that the Parish Council buy grass-cutting equipment in order to better maintain the playing field. The Council agreed that this was a good idea. **ACTION: MC**

**05.64: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.