

GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES of the MEETING HELD at GREATHAM VILLAGE HALL on
MONDAY, 6th JUNE 2005 at 7pm

05.65 PRESENT: Councillors E. Evans (Chairman); D.Jerrard; A Bridgman; A. Booton; H Rowles; County Councillor Mr Cartwright (arrived during the meeting) and Mrs T. Wicking (Clerk to the Council) were present, together with ten members of the public also attended the meeting.

05.66 APOLOGIES for ABSENCE: Apologies were received from Cllr Chennell.

05.67 MINUTES of LAST MEETING: The minutes of the meeting of 09/05/05 were approved. Proposed by Cllr Booton, and seconded by Cllr Rowles. All agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record.

05.68 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Chairman took the opportunity to introduce the new County Councillor, Mr Cartwright.

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

05.70 MATTERS ARISING: There were no matters arising.

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

05.72 CORRESPONDENCE:

a) Letter from Liss Parish Council: Cllr Evans read the letter for the benefit of the public. The Council asked the Clerk to send a letter to Liss enclosing a copy of the original press release and apologising for any misunderstanding.

ACTION: CLERK

b) Letter from Mrs Dale-Harris re publicising the Annual Parish Council meeting. Cllr Evans read the letter for the benefit of the public. There followed a discussion on publicising the Parish Council meetings in future and especially the Annual Parish meeting. Cllr Evans asked if there was anywhere else that people could think of? Cllr Evans also stated that he would arrange to get the key for the Notice Board outside the Village Hall, so that the notices could be put outside instead of inside. Mr Larner commented that it would be useful if anyone could e-mail him with anything else that they would like to see on the website.

ACTION: EE/CLERK

c) Cllr Jerrard brought to the attention of the Council a fax he received from Mr Savage – to discuss under planning.

05.73: PLANNING MATTERS:

a) Minutes of meeting of 17/5/05: No comments.

b) Fax Mr Savage: Cllr Jerrard read the fax for the benefit of the Council and the public outlining that Comparo is suggesting that either Mr Savage pay for the new planning application or they will take back the 3m strip. Cllr Evans suggested that this needs to be clarified with EHDC and that the Parish Council needs to see the Section 106 Agreement.

ACTION: EE/DJ

Question from the floor re Local Plan; Cllr Jerrard revisited the Inspector's Report as discussed at the last meeting for the benefit of the public and explained the process that it must now pass through confirming that this will be closely monitored, however there shouldn't be anything relevant to Greatham.

Question from the floor re Village Design Statement and Parish Plan; Cllr Evans reiterated that this cannot be a Parish Council led initiative. Cllr Booton confirmed that he should have more information at the next parish council meeting.

05.74: REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS: The new County Councillor for Petersfield Hangars, Mr Michael Cartwright introduced himself and gave a short resume of his career with the County Council to date. Cllr Booton gave a short history of the problems the village has had with the granite sets and the signs in the village, particularly the granite sets outside the village hall on which there is no priority for traffic. Cllr Cartwright replied that he would look into the problems.

There were no reports from the District Councillor.

05.75: REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES;

a) Coryton Almshouses: nothing to report.

b) HAPTC: nothing to report.

c) Village Hall: nothing to report.

d) Old Church: nothing to report

e) Transport & Highways: nothing to report

f) Footpaths: re the footpath at Pooks Cottage. Cllr Booton has spoken with Barry Lockyer and suggested that he visit the new owners of Pooks Cottage and discuss the problem with them off the record. Cllr Evans advised Cllr Booton that the comments made to him had been that the people had extended their garden at the expense of public land and that should not be allowed.

ACTION: AJB

g) Le Court: Nothing to report.

h) Blackmoor Recycling: Nothing to report.

05.76: ANY OTHER BUSINESS: There was no other business.

05.77: DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 4th July in the Village Hall at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:

Questions from the floor:

Q: Mrs Dale-Harris asked about the documents discussed at the last meeting re Mr & Mrs Onslow, were they a private matter or a council matter?

A: Cllr Evans confirmed that this matter had been undertaken in a private capacity.

As requested by Mrs Dale-Harris (letter dated 13.6.05) her question and the answer given are reproduced here in full:

"I understand that at the Annual Parish Meeting on 9 May, two files containing details about Cllr Mrs Judy Onslow and her husband David Onslow were produced and put on the table for members of the public to look at.

I subsequently contacted the Parish Clerk and asked to see copies of these documents but was told by the Clerk that she did not have them and had not had anything to do with them, and that they were matters being pursued by two individual councillors in their capacity as private individuals.

As they had been on display at the Annual Parish Meeting, I am confused by this and would therefore be grateful if the Chairman could confirm whether this matters is in fact a matter being dealt with by the Greatham Parish Council or a private matter being handled by Councillors in their private capacity?'

The Chairman, Cllr Elwyn Evans, replied: 'By councillors as private individuals.'

Q: Mrs Flack asked if the Council would be considering the grant for the graveyard under Financial Matters?

A: Cllr Evans replied no.

Mrs Flack then asked that when the matter is dealt with by the Parish Council, could the sum be increased. Cllr Evans asked that this request be put in writing together with a copy of the relevant annual accounts. There then followed a discussion between members of the public and the Council re the upkeep and legal responsibility of the church graveyard. Cllr Evans reiterated that the Parish Council had every intention of fulfilling its legal obligation. Mrs Flack replied that she wanted to make it clear that the sum in question is for the person who does the work not the church.

Q: From the floor, which other Parish Councils attended the recent meeting on planning issues?

A: Lindford, Headley, Grayshott, Blackmoor & Selborne.

Q: Mrs Flack regarding the Agenda, there wasn't one on the website. When contacted Mr Larner said that he hadn't got one. Mrs Flack asked whether this makes the website invalid.

A: Cllr Evans replied no not really. Mr Larner has just started a new job and has been busy working.

Further questions re website followed. Mr Larner confirmed that he had been very busy lately and had not been able to update the website, also the technology that the Parish Council has at the moment makes it very difficult, but that the Council is looking at improving this. Mr Larner told the members of the public that the website has had in excess of 1000 hits since it began.

Cllr Booton reminded the members of public that all the Councillors are happy to talk to them and are on the end of a telephone, so please just ring. Failing that call into Blackmoor Stores. Mrs Flack replied that she had gone to the shop to look for the Agenda but that it wasn't there. Cllr Evans answered that it was in the shop but that it had inadvertently been taken down.