

**GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD at GREATHAM VILLAGE**  
**HALL on**  
**17th JANUARY 2005 at 7pm**

**05.102 PRESENT:** Councillors; E Evans (Chairman); A Booton; A Bridgman; P Larnar; H Rowles; M Chennell; Cllr Jerrard and Mrs T Wicking (Clerk to the Council) were present, together with two members of the public.

**05.103 APOLOGIES for ABSENCE:** There were no apologies for absence.

**05.106 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The Chairman announced that he had received a letter of resignation from Cllr Rowles, effective immediately. All agreed that she would be missed and wished her well in her upcoming travels.

**05.107 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** The Chairman reminded members of their obligation to make any declarations of interest. Cllrs Evans and Jerrard declared a personal and prejudicial interest as trustees of the Village Hall in the 2006/7 Precept.

**05.108 PRECEPT:** Cllrs Evans and Jerrard withdrew from the meeting and Cllr Bridgman took over as Chairman. There followed a lengthy discussion on the 2006/7 Precept. Cllr Larnar suggested that the Precept be kept the same as last year or only raised by inflation, 2.5% and the donations to the Old Church and Village Hall alterations be reduced. Cllr Booton commented that inflation is actually closer to 6%, and that in any case Greatham is one of the nicest villages in the area and he wouldn't want to live anywhere else and is quite happy to pay an extra £5 per head for the privilege. Cllr Chennell commented that this matter have been discussed and voted on already.

Cllr Larnar proposed that the precept be kept the same as last year. There was no second for the motion – the motion failed.

Cllr Bridgman proposed the same motion as discussed in the December meeting, that the Precept be raised by 8% to £18,100 from £16,300. The motion was seconded by Cllr Booton. Cllrs Chennell, Bridgman and Booton voted for the motion, Cllr Larnar against.

Cllr Chennell proposed that a special meeting to discuss the precept be arranged for November, before the scheduled Parish Council meeting in December. All agreed.

Cllr Jerrard returned to the meeting.

**05.116: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** The new planning application was briefly discussed and all agreed that it should be discussed in depth at the next Planning Committee meeting. This would be enough time to invite as many interested parties as possible to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.48pm.