

**GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES of the MEETING HELD at GREATHAM VILLAGE HALL on**  
**MONDAY, 6th MARCH 2006 at 7pm**

**05.130 PRESENT:** Councillors; E Evans (Chairman); A Booton; A Bridgman (Vice Chairman) ; P Larner; M Chennell; Mrs T Wicking (Clerk to the Council) were present, together with eight members of the public also attended the meeting.

**05.131 APOLOGIES for ABSENCE:** There were apologies from Cllr nominee Mrs Cheesman.

**05.132 MINUTES of LAST MEETING:** Proposed Cllr Booton and seconded Cllr Bridgman. The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2006 were discussed, Cllr Jerrard raised the point that under the declared interest, the minutes should state "trustee of the village hall". The minutes were accepted with this alteration, proposed Cllr Booton seconded Cllr Larner.

**05.133 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** There were no announcements.

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

**05.135 MATTERS ARISING:** Cllr Evans will pass on the documents from Lupin for payment at the next meeting.

**05.136 NEW COUNCILLOR CO-OPTION:** Nominees: Mrs J Cheesman; proposed by Cllr Chennell seconded by Cllr Evans. Mr G Davis; proposed by Cllr Larner seconded by Cllr Bridgman.

After a secret ballot in which all councillors voted, Mr Davis was duly elected as a parish councillor for Greatham. The Declaration of Interest form and Declaration of Acceptance form were passed to Mr Davis.

**05.137 FINANCIAL MATTERS:** The Schedule of payments was circulated and proposed by Cllr Booton and seconded by Cllr Larner. Cllr Jerrard then asked that the council consider putting new systems into place for financial control. Cllr Evans replied that the current financial systems were correct, with the financial book available every meeting, and the Audit Commission is happy with everything. He added that the problem was not with the financial systems but Councillors as they never bother to look at the records. Cllr Larner asked that a bank reconciliation be circulated with the agenda before the monthly meeting. This was agreed. **ACTION: CLERK**

**05.138 CORRESPONDENCE:** Cllr Evans informed the council that a letter had been received from Mrs Porter re water leak, bollards and rubbish bins. The letter had already been passed to Cllr Chennell, who had spoken to the relevant people and the water leak had been rectified and the bollards are in hand.

**05.139 PLANNING MATTERS:** Cllr Jerrard ran through the details of the last planning meeting, there were no comments from the council.

1-3 Kingshott Cottages: Cllr Jerrard informed that council that EHDC had received 58 representations by the due date, and that this application would, therefore, have to go before the EHDC Planning Committee if there was recommendation for permission. There was nothing further to do at present.

Game Shop – Cllr Jerrard ran through the history leading up to this appeal. There then followed a discussion during which Cllr Jerrard was able to update the council on the feelings of Mr Smith of Welldiggers Cottage, the neighbour. Mr Smith would be grateful for any help that the Council can give. The Council agreed that Cllr Jerrard should write to the Inspector with the Council's feelings and also write asking to be present at the site visit. Proposed Cllr Larner, seconded Cllr Bridgman.

**ACTION: DJ**

Cllr Evans informed the council that a Health & Safety Inspection had recently been carried out at the Game Shop, following reports that venison was been butchered on the site which is no longer licensed. There had been no update from Health & Safety to date.

Silver Birch & Queens Car Park: With regard to the biodiversity issues, a letter had been sent and a reply from Ms Mansi acknowledging receipt. There was nothing further to do at present.

South Downs National Park: Cllr Jerrard ran through the latest position with regard to the current on-going court case.

#### **05.140 REPORTS FROM COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:**

There was no report from the District Councillor or County Councillor.

#### **05.141: REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES;**

- a) **Coryton Almshouses:** Cllr Jerrard reported that the next meeting was coming up in April and asked Cllr Evans if he could have a copy of the letter from Mrs Cartwright.
- b) **HAPTC:** Nothing to report.
- c) **Village Hall:** Nothing to report.

- d) **Old Church:** Cllr Booton reported that the last meeting had been very good, there is a great deal of activity at the moment and the parish council fully supports all the work. There is an article being put together for the local press so look out for that.
- e) **Transport & Highways:** With regard to Mrs Porter's letter, Cllr Chennell reported that he had carried out an inspection of all the litter bins. 6 new bins are needed for the village. Cllr Chennell presented some quotes to the council for consideration. The Council agreed that six new bins be purchased for the village. Proposed Cllr Chennell, seconded Cllr Booton.

Cllr Jerrard asked about the bus service. Cllr Chennell confirmed that funding had been provided until June and then hopefully money will be available from central funds after that.

f) **Footpaths:** Nothing further to report on either Pooks Cottage or Church Lane footpath. Cllr Booton send another e-mail to remind Barry Lockyer. **ACTION: CLERK**

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

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

#### **05.142: ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Cllr Larner reported that 80 people in the village were now registered with the website. He wondered whether a leaflet drop would be useful to increase the number of people registered to the website. Cllr Evans pointed out that a great many people in the village still did not have access to the internet and so anything the parish council does with regard to providing information to the public must be accessible to them as well.

Cllr Jerrard reminded the council that planning needs to be done for the Annual Parish Meeting, otherwise there wont be any speakers available. There followed a discussion on the possible content of the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed that a presentation be made on the website and the Old Church. Cllr Booton suggested that the Parish Magazine could also be highlighted. The Council agreed to ask Mr Daryl Phillips, Head of EHDC Planning to be this year's guest speaker.

**ACTION: CLERK**

**05. 143 DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2006 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed 20.45