

Minutes of Meeting held 05/02/07

Present

1	Cllr. D. Jerrard (Chairman)	Mr. M. Cartwright (HCC Cllr)
2	Cllr. A. Bridgman (Vice Chairman)	Mrs. J. M. Cheesman Clerk
3	Cllr. Booton (AJB)	9 members of the Public
4	Cllr. G. Davis	
5	Cllr. P. Lerner	
6	Cllr. M Chennell	

06.060 Chairman's Announcements

1. The Chairman announced the death of Mr. Rainford Jenkinson, a former Parish Councillor, and offered the Council's Condolences to Mrs. Jenkinson.

06.061 Open Session

1. Mrs. P. Flack said that there was a problem with the street lighting in Todmore. Cllr. Chennell said that he would raise the problem with Hampshire County Council.
2. The Chairman said that there would be another open session at the end of the meeting if time permitted.

06.062 Apologies for Absence

No apologies were received.

06.063 Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th January 2007 were AGREED. Proposed by Cllr. Booton and seconded by Cllr. Davis. The minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

06.064 Chairman's Announcements

The chairman said there had been correspondence between The Trustees of the Village Hall and the Council. He said the Cllr. Bridgman had asked to attend the last meeting of the Village Hall Trustees to explain the help the Council was prepared to offer in respect the drainage problem but he had been refused permission to attend the meeting.

06.065 Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

06.066 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

06.067 Review of the Action List.

1. Action 06/009 This item has been completed.
2. Action 06/039 This item was reported to the Council meeting. No additional premium is required until the Insurance is renewed.
3. Action 06/040 This item has been completed.
4. Action 06/044 The Precept for 2007/2008 has been reported to EHDC.

5. Action 06/046 Cllr. Jerrard to write follow-up letter to EHDC re landscaping/biodiversity issues at the Silver Birch site.
6. Action 06/048 Cllr. Larner has updated the Greatham web site with the missing minutes.
7. Action 06/049 Cllr. Larner has amended the budget to include the election expenses.
8. Action 06/050 Cllrs. Jerrard and Bridgman are having discussions with the Village Hall Trustees.
9. Action 06/053 Cllr. Bridgman has written to Hampshire County Council re the lighting at Benhams Lane and is waiting a response.
10. Action 06/054 This matter has resolved with the appointment of a Clerk to the Council.
11. Action 06/060 Cllrs. Jerrard and Bridgman are awaiting a reply from EHDC (Mr. Daryl Phillips).
12. Action 06/064 This matter has been completed.
13. Action 06/068 Cllr. Larner is waiting a response from EHDC.
14. Action 06/072 One item out of three is still waiting a response from HCC.

06.068 Correspondence

The following items were noted:

1. Letter from HM Customs and Excise
2. Letter of apology from HCC
3. Cllrs. Bridgman and Booton volunteered to attend the HAT meeting at Greatham Village Hall
4. A letter of explanation had already been sent to the Audit Commission.
5. Cllr. Bridgman had replied to EHDC requesting the bins be delivered to Cllr. Booton
6. Cllr. Bridgman said that he would attend the Community Forum
7. The introductory email from EHDC Antisocial Behaviour Officer was noted.
8. The revised Code of Conduct
9. Standards Committee Nomination
10. The Council noted Cllr. Onslow's email. Cllr. Bridgman explained the problem which appears to be difficult to resolve due to a clash of personalities.
11. An email had been received from HCC re donations to the local bus Service. Cllr. Chennell said that the payment should be delayed whilst he investigates the quality of the revised bus service.

06.069 Contract of the Clerk/RFO

Cllr. Bridgman explained that the contract was similar to the contract of the last Clerk. Cllrs Booton and Chennell raised queries which were answered by the Chairman. After discussion by the councillors, Cllr. Bridgman proposed that the contract be approved. Cllr. Davis seconded the proposal which was agreed by the Council. The Chairman offered the Council's thanks to Cllrs Bridgman and Larner for the additional work they had undertaken whilst the Council did not have a clerk.

06.070 Reports of County and District Councillors

1. Cllr. Cartwright (HCC) said that he was unable to give information about works HCC would undertake during 2007/2008 as the county budget would not be decided until the following week.
2. Cllr. Booton queried the quality and positioning of signs within the traffic calming messages as he felt they were not suitable. He asked Cllr. Cartwright when the signs, posts etc at the recent accident site would be replaced. He pointed out that there were no traffic cones, flashing lights etc at the site and the accident had happened five weeks ago. Cllr. Cartwright said that he would investigate and chase the repairs but pointed out that HCC had limited resources.
3. Cllr. Onslow was unable to give a report as she did not attend the Parish Council Meeting.

06.071 Financial Matters

1. Cllr. Larner gave the Financial Report and said that the bank reconciliation for all three accounts was correct.
2. He said that the independent auditor had carried out the audit for the first nine months of the current year and was satisfied that the accounts were being completed correctly.
3. He stated that one payment had been made between council meetings to prevent the strimmer and portable computer falling 'out of cover'.
4. To cover the forthcoming payments it was necessary to transfer One Thousand pounds from the Reserve Account to the Current Account. The transfer was proposed by Cllr. Davis and seconded by Cllr. Davis.
5. Cllr. Larner also explained why it was necessary to increase the fidelity insurance as soon as possible.
6. It was agreed to send a donation of £25.00 to Macmillan Nurses via Michael Miller, with a request for a receipt which has been received.
7. Following discussion of the invoice from Jacqui Cheesman Management Support Ltd and explanations from Cllr. Jerrard, it was proposed by Cllr. Davis and seconded by Cllr. Booton that the two outstanding payments be made. This was agreed by the Council.

06.072 Planning Matters

1. The minutes of the Planning Meeting on the 23rd of January were read by Cllr. Booton.
2. Cllr. Booton said that a letter requesting more information about the proposed changes had been sent to EHDC and a reply was awaited.
3. Cllr. Booton had contacted EHDC about the parking outside the Silver Birch and The Queens building sites and had been told it was a police matter despite the fact the developers were ignoring '106' agreement. Cllr. Larner suggested asking for compensation in respect of the damaged trees.

06.073 Greatham Allotment Charity

1. Mr. R. Lewis, Chairman of the Allotment Charity asked that the Parish Council appoint another trustee as, despite previous advertisements, there had been no applicants. The Chairman volunteered to stand as a Parish Council appointee. This offer was accepted by the Council.

06.074 Transport

1. Cllr. Chennell said he had received an email from HCC asking for a subsidy of £150.00 towards the bus service. He said that he felt the Council should not pay this as he felt the Council had received insufficient information about the proposed changes which he felt were detrimental to Greatham residents as bus passes and tokens will not be accepted on the 'Dial a bus' service. Cllr. Chennell said that he would ask HCC for more information before a decision was made.

06.075 Rubbish

1. Cllr. Booton spoke about the rubbish which accumulates in the village and suggested that flyer be sent to each house in the village asking them to pick up rubbish outside their own house. He said that he would attempt to write such a letter for consideration.

06.076 Playground Committee

1. Cllr. Bridgman, as Chairman of the Playground Committee, gave a brief report in which he said Mr. Ellis had provided him with a contact name. That person had attended the playground and assessed the site and felt the drainage could be improved and said he would provide a report with his proposals. Cllr. Bridgman said that he had written to the Trustees of The Village Hall saying that the Council would pay for the professional survey. The Chairman said that the situation had moved on and he offered to contact the chairman of the Trustees to ask if Cllr. Bridgman could attend the next meeting of the Trustees. Cllr. Bridgman thanked Mr. Ellis for his assistance.

06.077 Old Church Committee

1. Cllr. Bridgman reported that he had written to the committee in an attempt to clarify the position regarding the situation regarding Trustees ability to undertake paid work for the Trustees. It was agreed the Chairman would prepare a report for the next Council meeting. Cllr. Booton agreed to liaise with the Chairman.

06.078 Any Other Business

1. The Chairman read two extracts from the Minutes of the last meeting of the Village Hall Trustees. The first said that the secretary had received a cheque of £1000.00 from the Parish Council and the second complained that the Council had left the heating on in the village hall but did not specify when.
2. Cllr. Chennell said that foul water had been coming from Kings Holt Cottage and that he would talk to Juliet Wren about the problem.
3. Cllr. Chennell said that the lights at the school were now working and he hoped people would find them helpful.
4. Cllr. Chennell asked if the heating in the village hall could be sorted as he felt it was still cold in the main hall.
5. Cllr. Larnar suggested that the Council produce annually a small booklet saying what the council had achieved in the last financial year and what it hoped to achieve in the following year. He had prepared a proposed layout ,based on 16 A5 pages and estimated it would cost approximately £1.00 per household.

06.079 Second Open session

1. Mrs. Jenkinson asked why information about the Council meetings etc. was not put in the Village magazine. Cllr. Bridgman explained he had written to Mrs. Ashby (Editor) but she had decided for editorial reasons not to include it. He said he would contact her again with another piece but that it was not his decision.
2. Mr. Lewis queried the proposed road closures between Greatham and Alton. Both Mrs. Flack and Cllr. Chennell said that they would investigate the matter and report back.

06.080 Date of Next Meeting.

1. The next meeting will be held on Monday the 5th March at 7:30 pm

06.081 The meeting finished at 9:45 pm.

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Date _____