

Greatham Parish Council Minutes of Meeting Held 4th June 2007

Present

Cllr. Joyce (Chairman)

Cllr. Buckland (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr. Evans

Cllr. Flack

Cllr. Onslow

Cllr. Rudd

Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman opened the meeting by asking all present to sign the attendance sheet to comply with Village Hall requirements. He also reminded people of the location of fire exits etc.. He said there would be an open session of 15 minutes at the start of the meeting for general matters and 10 minutes discussion about each of the two planning applications.

Apologies For Absence

Cllr. Flack said that he had been asked by Cllr. Chennell to make his apologies.

Cllr. Onslow had been asked by County Cllr. Cartwright to make his apologies and to say he had not received an agenda.

Public Session

i. Mrs Dale-Harris said that she would prefer both planning and Finance Committee meetings to be held at the same time as the Council Meeting. She asked if the Council knew the cost of each meeting. The Chairman replied that the Council pays the Village Hall Committee a 'one-off' fee for the year but that it might be possible to negotiate a lower rate for next year.

ii. Mr. Bridgman asked about the Planning application in respect of the rear of 1-3 Kingshott Cottages and said that the actual position of the trees etc. did not correspond with those shown on the plans. He said he would like to be assured that the council would not 'nod through' planning applications with out thorough discussions. The Chairman assured that would not happen.

iii. Mr. Lewis asked about the dead lines for submitting items to be discussed at Council Meetings. He said he had submitted a letter to the Chairman that day and wanted to know if he could read it out as he realised that it was short notice. The Chairman said it was too short notice to be discussed at the meeting. Mr. Lewis said it was important as he felt the council might be acting illegally. The Chairman advised Mr. Lewis that if he thought that he should refer the matter to the Standards Board. Cllr. Evans said that the

Parish Council pays an auditor to advise the Council if they were acting illegally.

iv. Mr. Booton referred to the item in the Village magazine and said he had been approached by people asking about the suspicion and lack of trust in the village. He asked the Chairman about whom those remarks referred. The Chairman replied that the article did not refer to specific people but about the village as a whole.

v. Mrs Dale-Harris told the Council that she had been looking at the footpaths, some of which were very overgrown. She stated that the surface of the footpaths was the responsibility of HHC but the sides were the responsibility of the adjacent landowners. Mr. Booton, the previous footpath warden, agreed with Mrs Dale-Harris and said he had tried for some time to obtain full details of all the footpaths in Greatham from Mr. Lockyer of HHC. Mrs Lane commented on the state of the footpath behind Bakers Field. She said this path had been fenced off to allow horses to be kept in the field and as a consequence was extremely muddy and unpleasant in wet weather.

At this point the Chairman declared the open session to be closed and re-instated Standing Orders.

Minutes of Meeting 2nd April 2007

The Chairman said he was not prepared to ask the Council to approve the minutes which had been checked for accuracy by the Councillors who had retired after the election. No decision was made as to what should happen.

Minutes of Meeting 14th May 2007

It was proposed by Cllr. Flack and seconded by Cllr. Evans that the minutes be approved. This was agreed by the council and the Chairman signed the minutes.

Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Onslow declared that as District Councillor and a member of EHDC Planning Committee, she had a conflict of interests and would leave the meeting throughout all discussions about item 11.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Chairman announced that this item would not appear on the agenda in future.

Reports from County and District Councillors

- i. There was no report from the County Councillor.
- ii. District councillor Onslow reported that the Government was introducing a new Waste Strategy which would allow District Councils to charge individual dwellings for the clearance of rubbish. She felt it was unlikely to affect EHDC which has an extremely

good record for recycling.

Correspondence

i. A letter had been received from HCC which stated that there was a new strategy which could be followed if the village wanted to reduce the speed limit to 30 mph.. The Chairman reminded councillors that a portion of Selbourne Road and Snailing Lane has a 40 mph. speed limit.

ii. The Council received a letter from EHDC about a Housing Strategy Conference on the 5th June. Cllr. Onslow said she would be attending the conference.

iii. A letter had been received from EHDV about the affordable housing plan document. The Chairman advised the council that EHDC had been asked if they would be able to send a guest speaker to a meeting.

iv. The council noted that a letter had been received from EHDC warning that an external survey of listed buildings would take place shortly and that a letter had been received from the Rural Housing Trust about a house for sale in Selbourne to a local resident.

Financial Matters

i. Reappointment of the internal auditor. It was proposed by the c Chairman and seconded by Cllr. Flack that Fair Accounts (Mr. P. Reynolds) be appointed as the internal auditor for the year 2007/08.

ii. Cllr. Onslow suggested that the Chairman and Vice-chairman hold a meeting with the internal auditor to discuss the information required in the Financial Statement.

iii. There was discussion about refiguring the layout of the accounts and it was decided this should be discussed with the auditor.

iv. The clerk announced that there was no change to the bank reconciliation as no cheques had been signed by the council.

v. Cllr. Buckland declared an interest in the payment for GVEC and refrained from voting. Cllr. Buckland proposed the payments and they were seconded by Cllr. Rudd. Payments were authorised for the following suppliers:

D. Redman	£400.00	Grass cutting at Old Church for 2006/07
Fair Accounts (P. Reynolds)	£125.00	Financial Tranche for fees for 2006/07
Playsafety Ltd.	£84.60	Inspection of play Equipment in playground
GVEC	£500.00	Grant authorised after meeting between GVEC and Councillors

The following payments were not authorised as queries had been raised to the Chairman. The Chairman suggested reduced hours but no decision was taken.

Mrs J. Cheesman	£392.02	Clerks salary
HM Revenue and Customs	£119.07	PAYE on clerks salary

Planning Matters

Cllr. Onslow left the meeting for all planning matters

i. The Chairman announced that following the election of additional members to the planning committee, he would open the meeting to the public in respect of each application for comments before the council made a decision.

The Council felt that the Planning Committee required four members and Cllr. Evans and the Chairman were elected to the committee. It was also felt that the Planning Committee might need to meet monthly. It was decided to leave the committee room booking as it is.

ii. F26723/012/FUL/LL Ham Barn Farm

Cllr. Flack reported that he had been to see the barn and discovered that the application was for a slight change of use for a small part of the building. He felt the Council should support the application. He also stated that EHDC has already granted the application.

iii. 39083/003/OUT/DM Rear of 1-3 Kingshott Cottages

This application was opened to the public with the Chairman allowing both supporters and opposers to talk for five minutes. Mr A. Booton said that the application was not posted on the website which made it difficult to obtain information. He said that the dwelling was only just inside the Settlement Boundary but the garden was outside. He explained the significance of this. Mr. Baskerville said that the trees were not accurately shown on the plans as one oak tree with a Tree Preservation Protection was omitted and the second was not fully shown. He suggested that the tree would be venerable to damage in the future from the new dwelling. Mr. Jerrard said that the Settlement Boundary was extremely close to the dwelling. Cllr. Flack confirmed that the tree was not correctly shown and said the original refusal for two houses on the same site was correct. Cllr. Flack proposed and Cllr. Evans seconded that the application be refused. All councillors present voted to refuse the application.

Cllr. Onslow returned to the meeting at 20.50

The Chairman reinstated Standing Orders.

Playground Committee

Cllr. Evans gave a verbal report about the Inspectors report which showed a few minor problems which he would discuss with Hand Made Places, the suppliers and installers, and ask them to supply an estimate for the repairs. He said that he had asked Mr. N. Hunter to cut the grass in the playground area on a regular basis and that he had already completed one cut. Cllr. Evans also commented on the drainage problems and announced that the council was waiting for a report from the Hampshire Playing Fields Association.

The Old Church Committee

The Chairman gave a brief report about the meeting which he and Cllr. Onslow had

attended. He said the main function of the meeting was to say good-bye and thank-you to Mrs. Jenkinson who would shortly be moving away from the village. Members of the public joined the council in saying thank-you to Mrs. Jenkinson for the many years service she had given the village.

Transport

Cllr. Flack, in the absence of Cllr. Chennell, gave a very brief outline of the discussions Cllr. Chennell had been having with EHDC about diverting ht Bordon to Liphook Bus Rail link. There was a discussion as to the possible route to be taken if the bus was diverted. It was agreed that Cllr. Chennell would attempt to obtain more information about the donations which had been requested by EHDC in respect of the bus service for the years 2006/07 and 2007/08.

Any Other Business

- i. Cllr. Flack queried the clerks timesheet and asked if it was necessary for the clerk to be present in the committee room for the specified time. The Chairman said that the matter would not be discussed in public.

- ii. Cllr. Flack suggested that agendas etc. be sent by email to all councillors in future where possible. The other councillors agreed.

- iii. The Chairman said a late correspondence item about Rural Excellence in Strategic Housing had been received. This was passed to Cllr. Onslow.

- iv. The Chairman said a letter had been received about an inspection visit they would be making shortly. He asked the clerk to confirm times with him.

- v. A comment was made that the Allotment Charity was one Trustee short and that the position should be rectified at the next council meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

It was decided that the next Council Meeting would be held on the 2nd July 2007

The meeting closed at 21.20

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