

Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Greatham Parish Council held at Greatham Village Hall on Monday 23rd July 2007 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr. D. Buckland - Chairman
Cllrs. M. Chennell - Vice-chairman
R. Flack
D. Rudd
J. Onslow

Also present:- Cllr. M. Cartwright (HCC), Mrs M. Parens, S.D.N.P. Campaign and sixteen members of the public

Apologies for Absence

001/07 An apology for absence was received from Cllr. E. Evans

Chairman's Announcements

002/07 Chairman reminded the meeting that the Council was a new Council and would seek advice as needed; the meeting had been called to acquaint the parish with business dealt with during the closed (confidential) session of the meeting held on 9th July 2007; Mr. P. Joyce had written giving his reasons for resigning from the Council - his letter would also be available on the village website.

Adjournment of meeting

003/07 The meeting was adjourned at 7.40 pm to enable members of the Parish to raise matters and ask questions of the Council. Several matters were raised and noted. The adjournment was closed at 7.55pm and the formal meeting re-opened.

Declarations of Interests

004/07 Members were reminded of their responsibility to declare and personal or prejudicial matters of interest no later than when the appropriate agenda item was reached.

Minutes

005/07 (a) RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th June 2007 be confirmed and signed as a true record

(b) Matters arising from the minutes: there were no matters arising from the minutes

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(d) Matters arising from the minutes: the auditor had not yet responded to Mr R. Lewis's letter.

Reports from District and County Councillors

006/07 (a) District Councillor: nothing to report

(b) County Councillor: congratulated chairman on election to office; budget guidelines for project applications; roads and meeting agenda

South Downs National Park Campaign

007/07 Mrs M. Parens reported on progress of the designation process, the Inspector's report following the public inquiry and the recommended exclusion of Greatham, the A3 corridor and several areas from a National Park. SDNP Campaign proposed objections to the revised area; EHDC and HCC also proposed to object and Great ham Parish Council was invited to do so as well. Proposed by Cllr. Buckland and seconded by D. Rudd and, RESOLVED: That SDNP Campaign objective to the revised area be supported and that a payment of £10 be authorised as contribution to the Campaign's expenses.

New Code of Conduct

008/07 Proposed by Cllr. Chennell, seconded by D. Rudd and , RESOLVED: That the new Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors be adopted with immediate effect.

Correspondence

009/07 EHDC letter notifying that a bye-election had been called to fill the existing vacancy on the Parish Council

Finance

010/07 Payment to be authorised:
Proposed by Cllr Buckland, seconded by J. Onslow and,
RESOLVED: That payment as follows be authorised:
EHDC:- election expenses £1134.92

Planning

011/07 Application F.30819/003/FUL/LL 11 Wolfmere Lane, Greatham
Cllr. Onslow withdrew from this item and for the remainder of the meeting. Councils decision at the meeting on 9th July 2007 not to raise any objection to this application was reported. Council agreed to hear comments from members of the public and concern was expressed about parking of vehicles on Wolfmere Lane. Council was advised that a change to it's decision of 9th July 2007 would be a breach of Council Standing Orders but it would be in order to express concern about the parking on Wolfmere Lane if the Council so wished.

Playground

012/007 Zip Slide repairs reported and following expressions of concern about the tension wires the Chairman assured the meeting that the repairs and adjustments carried out were adequate.

Next Meeting

013/07 RESOLVED: That arrangements for the next ordinary meeting to be held at Greatham Village Hall on Tuesday 4th September at 7.30 pm be confirmed.

Close of Meeting

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.02 pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....