

GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Greatham Parish Council held at Greatham Village Hall on Monday 3rd December 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllr Miss D Buckland (Chairman), Cllr A Bridgman, Cllr R Flack and Cllr Mrs J Onslow.

Also Present: Mr C Youngs (Locum Clerk) and Cllr M Cartwright (HCC) plus 5 members of the public.

068/07 Chairman's Announcements

- a) The Chairman welcomed everyone and identified the fire escapes for the public.
- b) The Chairman told the meeting that the Police had returned the laptop.
- c) The Chairman had written to the Police regarding the parking outside the School, on Longmoor Road and the camper van.

069/07 Appointment of Locum Clerk

Cllr Buckland read out the standing order regarding confidentiality, but Cllrs decided this item should not be confidential. It was then:

RESOLVED: To appoint Chris Youngs as Locum Clerk on a self employed basis.

070/07 Apologies for absence

Cllr M Chennel, Cllr D Rudd and Cllr E Evans.

071/07 Declarations of Interest

None

It was then:

RESOLVED: that the meeting be adjourned for 15 minutes in order for Councillors to discuss topics with members of the public.

Questions were asked about whether representation from the Council would be made at the South Downs enquiry. The Chairman replied that she had received correspondence on this and it would be dealt with. To a question on the minutes of previous meetings, the Chairman responded that these would be provided to be included on the Village website. The Council was asked who the Responsible Financial Officer was and in response it was stated that this would have to be addressed by the Council. The members were asked about the development of the

budget and precept and it was requested that if there was time a public meeting should be convened.

Standing orders were then reinstated.

072/07 Approval of Minutes

RESOLVED: with the deletion of the words “and meals on wheels” - minute number 057/07 (c) refers, that the minutes of the meeting of Greatham Parish Council held on 5th November 2007 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

073/07 Reports from County (HCC) and District Councillors (EHDC)

Cllr M Cartwright (HCC) gave the following information:

- a) The traffic calming had been put in, but he was disappointed that it had not been completed properly;
- b) There was concern at the Post Office closures, although this does not affect Greatham. However there was also concern that the Petersfield Post Office would not be able to deal with the increase in business and it was hoped that they would increase their staffing appropriately; and
- c) That he had a devolved £10,000 budget for projects, but this was not for revenue support. All claims need to be in by the end of February for this financial year and he encouraged applicants to come forward.

Cllr Mrs J Onslow (EHDC) gave the following information:

- a) That a meeting had been convened with the Police, the School and Hampshire County Council to resolve the issue over the safety outside the school; and
- b) She had asked Hampshire County Council to investigate the problem at Church Road which is potentially dangerous.

074/07 Financial Matters

a) To consider bank reconciliation

The Chairman told the meeting she had not prepared bank reconciliations, but there are no outstanding payments or receipts and the bank account balances are as follows:

Current a/c as at 31st October - £1,517.52 in credit
Reserve a/c as at 24th October - £33,070.03 in credit
Church a/c - £10,000 in credit

b) Approval of payment for invoices

RESOLVED: that the following payment be approved:

- 1. JH Landscapes Ltd £80**

075/07 **Correspondence**

The correspondence was noted and some acted upon as follows:

- (a) Letter from Mr P Joyce.
- (b) Letters from Mr R Lewis. It was agreed that the Locum Clerk, Chris Youngs reply to the letters and provide copies for members. This will then be an item on January's meeting agenda.
- (c) East Hampshire Association of Parish and Town Councils Agenda for meeting held 5th December 2007.
- (d) E-mail with details of administration detail changes for Hampshire Association of Local Councils.
- (e) E-mails from South Downs Campaign requesting financial and moral support. It was agreed that the Locum Clerk, Chris Youngs phone around other Parish Councils to find out their approach. In regard to the Enquiry, the Chairman would complete the form for the Planning Inspectorate, to request representation from this Council.
- (f) Memo from HAPTC re new salary scale for clerks.
- (g) EHDC Community Forum Minutes of meeting held 6th November 2007.
- (h) Changes to mailings provided by Hampshire ALC.
- (i) Hampshire ALC training day 'Planning Workshop' to be held on 7th February 2007. It was agreed that one representative attends and this be Cllr M Chennel or if he could not make it Cllr R Flack.
- (j) Hampshire ALC briefing on parish polls.
- (k) Memo from Hampshire ALC concerning Young drivers training course. It was agreed that the Locum Clerk, Chris Youngs find out more information and investigate whether we could work in partnership with Liss Parish Council.
- (l) Letter from Greatham Village Hall. It was agreed that the Locum Clerk, Chris Youngs reply to the letter.
- (m) EHDC minutes of planning meeting held 1st November 2007.

076/07 **Planning Matters**

Members were advised that there had been many applications and as there was an amendment to the Kingshott Cottages application, a Planning Committee meeting would be convened in the next two weeks.

077/07 **Playground Report**

Members were advised that Cllr Evans was obtaining 3 quotes for the drainage project. Cllr J Onslow suggested the Council seeks funds from EHDC's projects fund.

A discussion took place on the Zip wire and it was:

RESOLVED: that Cllr E Evans contact Hand Made Places to remove the wire.

078/07 Highways and Transport Report

Church Lane was discussed above in minute 073/07 in Cllr J Onslow's report.

079/07 Footpath Report

It was reported that the problem with the stile at Todmore had been reported to Hampshire County Council.

080/07 Old Church Representative

Nothing to report

081/07 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as being Monday 7th January 2007 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8:40p.m.