

GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Greatham Parish Council held at Greatham Village Hall on Monday 7th April 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Mr C Youngs (Locum Clerk)) plus 10 members of the public.

47/08 Chairman's Announcements

- a) The Chairman welcomed everyone, identified the fire escapes for the public and asked for mobile phones to be turned off.
- b) The Chairman reported on the recent death of Arthur Randall a Parish Clerk in the 1970s and Chairman in the 1980s

48/08 Apologies for absence - Cllrs Evans and Chennell

49/08 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Rudd declared a prejudicial interest in the grant application from St John the Baptist Church.

Cllr Onslow declared a Personal Interest in the Old Church agenda item.

50/08 Public Question time

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

Cllr Buckland had received 5 questions from a resident. The Locum Clerk read out the questions and Cllr Buckland read out her written response. Supplementary responses were given out By Cllr Cartwright (HCC) and Cllr Onslow on the damaged chicanes.

Questions were asked on planning committee quorum, requests for an apology due to the behaviour of Cllr Evans and the lack of an acknowledgement of e mails. These were responded to by Cllr Buckland.

Standing orders were then reinstated.

51/08 Approval of Minutes of 3rd March 2008 Council meeting

RESOLVED: With 3 in favour and 2 abstentions, the minutes of the meeting of Greatham Parish Council held on 3rd March 2008 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

52/08 Approval of Minutes of 19th June 2007 Council meeting

As there were only two Cllrs present that had attended the 19th June 2007 meeting this item was deferred to the next meeting.

53/08 Approval of Minutes of 31st July 2007 Council meeting

RESOLVED: With 4 in favour and 1 abstention, the minutes of the meeting of Greatham Parish Council held on 31st July 2007 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

54/08 Reports from County (HCC) and District Councillors (EHDC)

- a) Cllr Cartwright (HCC) apologised for not attending the last two meetings. He reported that the Council tax had been increased by 4.5%; that he had appointed 2 new LEA Governors at Greatham School and he agreed with the comments that the questions asked during Public Question time were not part of the Councils formal meeting.
- b) Cllr Onslow had nothing to report but when questioned by Cllr Bridgman, she mentioned the improvement to recycling due to door step glass collection and that there was very little to report that affected Greatham.

55/08 Financial Matters

Cllr Bridgman presented his report.

- a) **Bank reconciliation** - The balance for the Reserve account was £30,089.07, for the Old Church account £11,033.53 and the current account £886.07.

b) Payments

RESOLVED: that the following payments be approved.

1. Audit Commission	£158.63
2. HALC affiliation	£185.00
3. Chris Youngs	£399.75

- c) **Budget monitoring** – The end of year financial statement was circulated and Cllr Bridgman went through it.
- d) **Bank arrangements** – Cllr Bridgman reported on the problems with the bank and following apologies these had been resolved.

56/08 Grant aid Application for maintenance of Churchyard from St John the Baptist Church

Cllr Rudd left the meeting.

The Locum clerk informed the meeting that a grant aid application of £800 had been received from St John the Baptist Church, £400 for

2007/08 and £400 for 08/09. As no application had been received for 2007/08 in 2007/08, it was suggested that £400 for that year be funded from reserves. The Locum Clerk confirmed that the Council had the powers to grant this application.

RESOLVED: To award a grant of £800 to St John the Baptist Church, £400 of which will be funded from reserves.

Following the award of the grant Cllr Bridgman recommended a bank transfer from the Reserve Account to the Current Account.

RESOLVED: To transfer £1,000 from the Reserve account to the Current account.

Cllr Rudd returned to the meeting.

57/08 Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted and some acted upon as follows:

- a) Tracy Long – The Locum Clerk informed members that she wished to apply to HCC for a footpath to be added to the definitive map and he had suggested to Cllr Buckland that she could adjourn the meeting so residents could give their views. Cllr Rudd explained the route of the path.

It was: **RESOLVED: that the meeting be adjourned in order for Councillors to discuss the topic with members of the public.**

Cllr Cartwright (HCC) outlined the procedure for an application. Cllr Bridgman had requested a map, but he had not received one. Residents suggested that a map was necessary and that the Council should defer the item to the next meeting. Cllr Bridgman suggested that he could report back at the next meeting.

Standing orders were then reinstated.

- b) South Downs Campaign – The Locum Clerk gave an update and Cllr Buckland informed the meeting that she had received a letter that day informing her that the Western Weald element will be discussed and asked if anybody was interested in going to the Inquiry from 15-22 April in Brighton.
- c) East Hampshire Community Partnership Conference
- d) Developers contribution – The Locum Clerk reported that there was £3,292 available for open space and recreation and this could be used for the playground drainage.

58/08 **Frequency of meetings**

The Locum Clerk reported that following the last meeting he had been asked to investigate the financial implications of payments and village hall availability. He read out his report and circulated it to all members. Members generally expressed concerns and felt that no change was needed.

59/08 **Planning Matters**

Planning Appeal – 1 Kingshott Cottages. It was reported that the details from the Parish Council should be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate by 23rd April and it was suggested that the Locum Clerk should obtain EHDC's objections to the development and object on this and any others that residents or members have. To find out residents views it was:

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

Issues raised included the fact that the applicant had stated that he had no intention to develop the land; a copy of EHDC's objections should be made available for residents in Greatham and included on the website, that Cllr Bridgman should liaise with Locum Clerk to prepare a letter of objection and ask for a Public Inquiry.

Standing orders were then reinstated.

RESOLVED: To request that the Locum Clerk contacts EHDC for the list of objections, provide a copy for Cllr Bridgman, advertise it on the village website to enable local residents to make known their views and the Locum Clerk, in consultation with Cllr Bridgman, to submit the Council's objection to the Planning Inspectorate and request a Public Inquiry.

60/08 **Playground Report**

Cllr Flack informed the meeting that he had a copy of a quote for the drainage of the playground. The Locum Clerk suggested a small working party be formed of 2/3 members once all quotations have been received to review the quotes and report to Council. Cllr Rudd suggested all companies were sent a copy of the National Playing Field Association's brief that was provided for the Council. It was also suggested that close liaison with the Village Hall was required.

RESOLVED: To form a Working Party of Cllrs consisting of Cllrs Buckland, Bridgman and Flack and any others that wish to attend, to review the quotes received and to make recommendations to a meeting of Council.

61/08 **Highways and Transport Report**

None

62/08 **Footpath Report**

As it appears the style at Todmore still has not been completely repaired Cllr Bridgman will chase this up.

63/08 **Old Church Representative**

Cllr Onslow reported that the Heritage Lottery Fund had mislaid the grant application. Grants from EHDC and HCC may be enough to repair the tomb and rectify the damp problem without a grant from the Parish Council. A specialist contactor will be submitting an up to date quote.

64/08 **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as being 12th May 2008 at 7.30 p.m

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm