

## **GREATHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of Greatham Parish Council held at Greatham Village Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2008 at 7.30pm

**Present** Cllrs A Bridgman, AJ Ascherl, AJ Booton (Acting Clerk) , A Fellows, PJ Lerner, DW Redman and CA Rudd.

Also Present Mrs P Slivkin (temporary clerk) plus 13 Members of the public.

**85/08 Apologies for Absence** – none

**86/08 Welcome to newly elected councillors**

a) Cllr Bridgman welcomed to newly elected Councillors, and confirmed the formal appointment of A Ascherl, A Booton, A Fellows, P Lerner, D Redman and C Rudd, as Councillors to the Greatham Parish Council, following an uncontested election.

Cllrs Ascherl, Fellows, Lerner and Rudd signed their Declaration and Acceptance of Office form which was countersigned by the Acting Clerk as Proper Officer to the Council.

b) Cllr Bridgman welcomed everyone and identified the fire escapes for the public

**87/08 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Cllr Booton, seconded by Cllr Ascherl, all in favour of the election of Cllr Bridgman as Chairman of the Parish Council.

**RESOLVED:** Proposed by Cllr Bridgman, seconded by Cllr Lerner, all in favour of the election of Cllr Booton as vice-chairman of the Parish Council.

*Declaration of Acceptance Forms to be completed and signed by the chairman and Vice-Chairman.*

**88/08 Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Redman declared an interest in the Greatham Village Hall and Old Church agenda items.

Cllr Booton declared an interest in the Greatham Village Hall agenda items

**89/08 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.**

Concern was expressed at the temporary stables build on Longmoor Road.

Cllr Booton would investigate and respond  
A member of the public asked for an update on the internal auditors. The Chairman said that he was waiting for a response.

Standing Orders were then reinstated

**90/08 Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 23rd June 2008**

**RESOLVED:** With all in favour, the minutes of the meeting of the Greatham Parish Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

**91/08 Matters arising from the minutes**

**1) Vacancy of Locum Clerk/Permanent Clerk**

**RESOLVED:** that Mrs P Slivkin be appointed temporary clerk from the date of this meeting until the position is confirmed.

**2) Play area**

Cllr Booton now had the inspection sheets and confirmed that he had inspected the play area. He thought that the Zip slide needed readjusting and one gate hinge was broken.

**92/08 Report from County (HCC) & District Councillors (EHDC)**

Nothing to report.

**93/08 Appointment of Representatives:**

**RESOLVED :** the following Cllrs were appointed to the various Committees;

- a) Coryton Almshouse : Cllrs Booton and Fellows
- b) Greatham Village Hall : Cllr Ascherl
- c) HALC : Cllr Booton
- d) Old Church : Cllr Bridgman
- e) Transport & Highways : Cllr Booton
- f) Footpaths & Tree Warden : Cllr Fellows
- g) Planning Committee : To note that 3 individuals need to be appointed, and all applications require a response from the Parish Council within 28 days. Planning Committee is made up of Cllr Booton appointed Chairman and Cllrs Rudd, Larner, Redman
- h) Playground Committee: Cllrs Ascherl, Rudd and Bridgman

**RESOLVED:** each committee would be notified of new representatives

Cllr Bridgman to write to the Old church Committee to arrange meeting , which could be held in the Church Hall.

**94/08 Current Planning Applications**

1. Springwind Stables, Longmoor Road (4/6/08)
2. 3 Woolmer Terrace, Benhams Lane (2/7/08)
3. Pook Cottage, Church Lane (22/7/08)
4. Little Acorns, Longmoor Road (28/7/08)

Cllr Bridgman will pass current planning applications to the Planning Application Committee.

**95/08 Village Hall Application for £3500 grant**

The grant application was discussed and Cllr proposed that the grant was approved, seconded by Cllr Ascherl.

**RESOLVED** : 5 in favour and 2 abstentions to approve the payment of £3500 to the Greatham Village Hall.

**96/08 Current Correspondence to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

- 1) Invitation to the AGM of Homestart Buster
- 2) Strategic Flood Risk Assessment from EHDC
- 3) Church maintenance application for St John the Baptist Church - £800 to be paid
- 4) Greatham Village Hall in respect of a representative
- 5) Invitation to attend a meeting of the Liss Sick Poor Fund : Cllrs Fellows and Booton to attend
- 6) Invitation to the Citizens Advice Bureau AGM
- 7) HCC – rights of way – form to be completed
- 8) Invitation from the Chairman of the Whitehill Parish Council – Cllr Bridgman to attend

**97/08 Council Insurance June 1<sup>st</sup> 2008-2009**

Cllr Bridgman confirmed that the insurance had been paid for the period from 1 June 2008 to 30 May 2009. He would investigate changing the renewal date to 1<sup>st</sup> January.

**98/08 Financial Report to 30th June 2008**

Cllr Bridgman presented the report.

- a) Bank Reconciliation - The balance for the reserve account was £37,000.00. £5,000.00 had been transferred from the reserve to the current account. The balance in the current account was £5,239.01 after payment of the insurance.
- b) Bank mandate forms were signed by Cllrs Ascherl, Fellows, Larner, Redman and Rudd. Cllr Bridgman to present to the Bank.

**99/08 Adoption of GPC Finance Regs dated 7/3/2005**

Copies of regulations passed to Cllr Larner for comments. He will research position and report back at next meeting.

Resolved : 2002 regulations to be kept in place until further notice.

**100/08 Old Church Yew Tree Maintenance**

Cllr Bridgman had met with tree officer of EHDC who confirmed that the tree was over 1000 years old and needed to be protected by fencing.

Cllr Booton confirmed that he had arranged to have a tree surgeon to look at the tree and give his opinion of what action need to be taken to preserve the tree and cost to be presented at the next meeting.

**101/08 Coryton Almshouses Report**

Deferred to next meeting

**102/08 Any Other Business for next meeting agenda**

- 1) **Annual return** – apply to Audit commission for an extension
- 2) **Vacancy of Locum/Permanent Clerk** : The position would be advertised in Greatham School.

**103/08 Date and Place of Next Meeting**

Monday 1st September 2008 at 7.30 in Greatham Village Hall

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15pm