

Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Greatham Parish Council held at
Greatham Village Hall on Monday 2nd February 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Cllrs A Bridgman, A J Booton, A Ascherl, A Fellows, P J Larner, C A Rudd.

Also present Mrs A Rozario (clerk)

028/09 Apologies for Absence Cllr D Redman

029/09 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman pointed out the fire escapes in the event of a fire.

030/09 Declarations of Interest Cllr Rudd and Cllr Ascherl declared an interest in item number 10 (h) regarding the drainage quotations for the children's playground.

031/09 Public Question Time

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

- (i) Mr J Dale-Harris spoke on behalf of the Village Hall Committee. He thanked the Parish Council for the grant of £3,500 paid last year. He presented the amended plans which the village hall were now hoping to get planning permission for. He said that the grants had been reduced from HCC and EHDC from £24,000 to just £15,000. There is approximately £86,000 set aside to use on the building works, but then there would be nothing left in reserve. The new plans would cost more to build than the original planning application. Cllr Larner said he would put the plans on the village web-site if Mr Dale-Harris could email them to him.

Mr Dale-Harris confirmed that the hole which had been dug at the front of the village hall was to show that works had started as the five year expiry date was today.

- (ii) Mr R Lewis said he was very concerned about the PAYE situation for 2007/08. He was concerned that the Parish Council had in fact paid the tax twice, once to Mr Youngs who should have then paid his own tax and then again following the meeting on the 12th May 2008. Mr Lewis asked if the Parish Council could write to Mr Youngs asking for the money paid to Mr Youngs with regard to the PAYE tax could be repaid. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to Mr Youngs.
- (iii) Mr D Jerrard asked if a copy of the Annual Return and the Accounts could be made public. Confirmed that this would be done. Cllr Larner said they could be put on the web-site as well as being put up in the village hall for the public to view.

Standing orders were then reinstated.

032/09 Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 5th January 2009

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Booton, Seconded by Cllr Larner, with all in favour, the Minutes of the meeting of the Greatham Parish Council held on 5th January 2009 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

033/09 Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 13th January 2009

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Larner, Seconded by Cllr Booton, with all in favour, the Minutes of the meeting of the Greatham Parish Council held on 13th January 2009 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

034/09 Matters arising from the Minutes

No matters arising from the Minutes

035/09 Reports from County and District Councillors

Cllr Cartwright from Hampshire County Council was present and he reported that the Concrete Crusher Recycling Site application had been rejected. He had not heard that an appeal had been started, but hoped that this was the end of the matter. Cllr Booton thanked Cllr Cartwright for his input.

Cllr Larner gave Cllr Cartwright some feedback on a scheme run by Hampshire County Council for potholes in the road. Cllr Larner said that he had gone online to report a pothole in Selborne and that within six weeks the hole had been fixed.

Cllr Cartwright left the meeting.

Cllr Bridgman read out the report sent by Cllr Onslow dated 27th January on matters of interest to the Parish Council.

- (i) Meeting with Greatham Senior Citizens attended by PCSO John Terry, Penny Tarrant, Crime Prevention Officer and Sue Gibson.
- (ii) Flooding outside Haresclose Cottages – to be dealt with by HCC.
- (iii) Parking outside houses near Greatham Inn, which is being looked into by Traffic at HCC.
- (iv) Longmoor Road land – A truck has been moved onto the site and is being monitored by EHDC.
- (v) CAB – joint management has been achieved. East Hampshire's financial support for the next three years has been agreed.
- (vi) Planning applications and public participation. Recommended to full Council that one member of the public, the Parish Council and the Applicant may speak.
- (vii) Two car parks in Petersfield are now free on Sundays.
- (viii) Developers contributions have increased to include £500 contribution for environmental works and countryside works including management of the AONB.
- (ix) Choice Based Lettings System goes live on 22nd April. EHDC has joined the Havant District Council and Winchester City Council to provide the scheme and received funding from the CLG for its implementation.

It was agreed that a letter would be written to Inspector Rickwood asking if the Parish Council could be kept informed of any further meetings with residents. Cllr Larner mentioned a new scheme called Street Watch which was being introduced. It was agreed that whilst writing to Inspector Rickwood that he would be invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting.

036/09 Dog Fouling in Longmoor Road

Cllr Bridgman reported that the clerk had been in touch with EHDC and was awaiting a response to having signs and a dog bin installed and trying to get the footpaths cleaned.

037/09 RFO report

Cllr Bridgman read out the RFO report and the balances on the accounts were as follows:-

Reserve Account	£32,634.67
Old Church Account	£1,132.93
Current Account	£10,558.70

Cllr Bridgman confirmed that the money from the Old Church account had been transferred to the wrong account, this money should have gone into the Reserve Account, but had been transferred into the current account. Cllr Larner proposed that £9,500.00 be transferred into the Reserve Account so as to secure as much interest as possible on this money.

The clerk would seek confirmation from the bank how much the Parish Council could hold in the bank account with a guarantee by the Government that this money would be safeguarded should the bank collapse.

The payments to be made this month are:-

Playsafety report fee	£224.25
Clerk's fees	£352.00
Clerk's expenses	£79.04
HMRC PAYE tax (for clerk)	£88.00
HMRC PAYE (07/08)	£109.06

It was proposed that the schedule of payments be made and that £9,500.00 was to be transferred from the current account to the reserve account. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Lerner and **SECONDED** by Cllr Rudd. The clerk will write a letter to the bank to be signed by Cllr Bridgman asking for the transfer to be made.

038/09 Bank Mandate Forms

The bank mandate forms which would allow the clerk to obtain information regarding the bank accounts and have the bank statements sent direct to her, were signed by Cllrs Ascherl and Fellows, as all other Councillors had signed at the previous meeting in January.

039/09 PAYE Tax 07/08

Cllr Bridgman reported on the situation to date and the various letters written to HMRC. Confirmed that the penalty had been waived and the £419.86 has been transferred into the tax year 07/08. Therefore the amount outstanding was £109.06. Payment of the outstanding tax was agreed which would mean that the Parish Council had cleared the debt with HMRC.

It was agreed that a letter would be written to Mr Youngs asking for a payment of the tax which had been paid to him in 2007/08, as this has in effect been paid by the Parish Council twice.

040/09 Reports of Representatives

(a) Coryton Almshouses

Cllr Booton said there was nothing to report.

(b) Village Hall

Cllr Ascherl had nothing to report. Mr J Dale-Harris had already reported on the revised plans for the village hall. Mr D Rudd had not been able to attend the last village hall meeting and so was unable to report about the insurance of the goal posts and basketball hoop.

(c) HALC

The Parish Reception was to be held at the Great Hall in Winchester on 17th April 2009 at 6.30 p.m. The clerk would attend with Cllrs Bridgman and Booton.

It was agreed that Greatham would not enter the Calor Hampshire Village of the year this year, but maybe in 2010.

(d) Old Church

An advertisement was put in the February 2009 parish magazine. A good response had been received with the following residents wanting to join, Mrs Sue Booton, Mr David Rudd, Mrs Debbie Hebdicker, Cllr Bridgman, together with a representative from The Manor.

(e) Transport and Highways

Nothing to report.

(f) Footpaths and Tree Warden

Nothing to report.

(g) Planning Committee

Nothing to report

(h) Playground Committee

Cllr Lerner reminded Cllr Bridgman of the earlier expressed declarations of interest by Cllrs Rudd and Ascherl. It was agreed that as the decision on who had won the contract had already been made, the Councillors could stay, as there was no conflict of interest. Cllr Bridgman confirmed that the clerk had not received confirmation that the zip wire drainage was included in the price given. Once this confirmation has been given then the clerk will write to RCD Hoare asking work to commence.

Maintenance of the children's playground – only one quote had been received from Hand Made Places and this seemed quite costly. The clerk would write to Hand Made Places asking them to reduce their costs and ask for the other quote previously requested for the guardrails. It was agreed that the maintenance had to be completed properly as it was the

children of the village who used the playground and their safety came first. As the quote was thought to be quite a lot then alternative quotes should be sought. Mr D Rudd would let the clerk have an alternative name of someone in Bordon who could do a quote for the Parish Council.

041/09 Parish Plan

Cllr Bridgman confirmed that John Rowles had volunteered to go on the Parish Plan Committee. Cllr Larnar suggested that maybe the original committee members should be contacted to see if they would like to be involved once again. Mr Roger Lewis said that he still had the photographs of the village but could not find any of the other information he had previously prepared. He was happy to hand over the photographs to anyone who wanted to take it on. It was suggested that Mr Peter Gripton might like to join the committee.

Mr D Jerarrd confirmed that the Parish Council does not have anything to do with the making of the Parish Plan and that it was a separate committee.

Cllr Bridgman would arrange a meeting with the other interested parties.

042/09 Annual Parish Meeting

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting was agreed for the 27th April at 7.30 p.m. The clerk will check the village hall's availability. The Agenda would be drawn up by the Chairman.

043/09 Correspondence

There was no further correspondence.

044/09 Any Other Business for next meeting

There was no other business for the next meeting in March.

045/09 Date and place of next meeting

The next full Parish Council meeting would be on Monday 2nd March 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in Greatham Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.21 p.m.