

Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Greatham Parish Council held at Greatham Village Hall on Monday 11th May 2009 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Cllrs A Bridgman, A J Booton, P J Larner, D Redman and C A Rudd,

Also present Mrs A Rozario (Clerk)

077/09 Apologies for Absence Cllr A Ascherl, A Fellows,

078/09 Chairman's Announcements

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

079/09 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Redman declared an interest in items numbered 12 (grant application by Greatham Village Hall) and 13 (grant application by Greatham Village Events Committee).

Cllr Larner declared an interest in item number 13, (grant application by Greatham Village Events Committee).

080/09 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Booton and Seconded by Cllr Redman all in favour of the re-election of Cllr Bridgman as Chairman of the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: Proposed by Cllr Bridgman and Seconded by Cllr Larner, all in favour of the re-election of Cllr Booton as Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council.

081/09 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 Lewis requested that the pathway from Todmore to the Petersfield Road could be cleared of stinging nettles as these were getting out of hand. Clerk will write a letter to EHDC asking for this to be carried out.
- (ii) A resident of Longmoor Road asked about the caravans which had appeared today on the land known as Fern Farm Field. He said he was not aware of any change of use applied for by the owner. Cllr Bridgman said he was informed that a planning application had been submitted by Mr Shea on Friday and that caravans had been moved in today. The case officer for the application was Lesley Wells and the enforcement officer was Dane Swallow. It was believed that someone from EHDC had attended the site today.
- (iii) Mrs Carr asked what was happening about the Post Office. Cllr Larner confirmed that at the last meeting it was agreed that a survey would be carried out in the village, but was not sure at what stage this was at. Mrs Cheesman confirmed that the survey had been sent to Cllr Larner. Cllr Larner apologised and said he would send it round to the sub-committee.
- (iv) Mr Jerrard said that he was disappointed that Cllr Ascherl did not attend many meetings and would like to see her at more meetings. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Ascherl had attended a meeting in the last 6 months.
- (v) Mrs Cheesman requested that Hampshire Constabulary be contacted regarding the speeding through the village and also the cars and delivery lorries parking outside the school. The Clerk will write to Inspector Rickwood regarding this.

Standing orders were then reinstated.

082/09 Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 6th April 2009

PROPOSED by Cllr Booton, **SECONDED** by Cllr Redman, with all in favour. **RESOLVED:** the Minutes of the meeting of the Greatham Parish Council held on 6th April 2009 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

083/09 Matters arising from the Minutes

- (i) The Clerk has written to the Audit Commission regarding their invoice for £920.00 and has not received a reply to date.
- (ii) The Clerk wrote to the developers at the Silver Birch Mews regarding the grass verge outside Fulfords. A reply was received stating that they were obtaining a quote for the work.
- (iii) The Clerk has written a further letter to Hampshire County Council regarding the parking outside Woodland Cottages, Petersfield Road, but there has been no reply to date.
- (iv) The Clerk wrote to EHDC regarding developer contributions and has not received a reply.
- (V) The Clerk sent an email to Kate Fryatt at HCC regarding the stile at Todmore and no reply has been received.

084/09 Reports from County Councillor

Apologies were given for both County Councillor Cartwright and District Councillor Onslow. Cllr Bridgman read an email sent to the Clerk from Cllr Onslow stating that HCC were investigating Toll House Corner and their representative would be in touch once the report had been completed.

Mrs Porter whose garden runs adjacent with Toll House Corner asked for a letter to be written to the Police about this corner and also for figures on how many accidents occur on this corner. Mrs Porter also asked if the County Council could be informed of a kerb stone which has been displaced in the island in the road. Mrs Porter would also like to see a change in the "slow" signs which are painted on the ground as they are not very clear.

RESOLVED: A letter would be written to the Highways Department at Hampshire County Council and ask for a meeting with someone from their office.

085/09 No Cold Calling Zones

Cllr Bridgman reported on the presentation given by Mr Philip Mills of Hampshire County Council Trading Standards, at the Annual Parish Meeting. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk would write to Mr Mills asking for 260 packs. The Parish Council would arrange for these packs to be delivered to every household in Greatham.

086/09 Speed Reminder Displays

Cllr Bridgman reported on the possibility of having speed reminder signs in the village and said that Liss Parish Council were awaiting the Parish Council's decision.

Cllr Lerner gave a more detailed breakdown of the costing of the unit and the maintenance costs involved.

RESOLVED: The Parish Councillors voted unanimously not to go ahead with the speed reminder display scheme. The Clerk will write to Liss Parish Council informing them of this decision.

087/09 Planning Application

A planning application had been received from the Turf Centre for a change of use for unit 3A from redundant agricultural building for use B1, B2, B8 for SCR scooters storage, sales/distribution and maintenance of motability scooter, chairs and beds. The return date is 21st May 2009.

Cllr Larner said he had looked at the plans on line and thought this application was not a problem.

Cllr Booton and Bridgman will inspect the site.

088/09 Grant Application for Greatham Village Hall

Cllr Larner was not happy to commit to an application in principal and felt that an actual figure should be requested. Mrs Carr who is on the Village Hall Committee said Mr Dale-Harris, the Chairman, was asking in principal because they had not received the final quotes.

Cllr Booton was concerned that there was not going to be any money left for future maintenance to the village hall.

Cllr Bridgman said the Parish Council were keen to support the village hall but would need to know how much the committee were requesting and whether there was a definite need for the grant.

The grant application was deferred until the village hall committee had received the final quotes later in the year.

089/09 Greatham Village Events Committee (GVEC) grant application

Cllrs Larner and Redman could not vote on this agenda item as they are both on the GVEC committee. GVEC has asked for a grant of £1,000 to carry on their work in the village.

Cllr Rudd felt that it was a lot of money, and GVEC should be able to make enough money to carry on. Cllr Larner confirmed that GVEC is a non-profit making committee.

Mr Jerrard said that the Parish Council had given more than one grant to GVEC and suggested the Parish Council underwrite one of the more difficult events, such as the fireworks night. Cllr Larner confirmed the cost of the fireworks were a big outlay before the event. He also pointed out that the Summer Ball format had changed last year, which not everyone liked and it was also right at the start of the credit crunch, subsequently the Summer Ball did make a loss.

Cllr Rudd suggested that GVEC might be taking on too much and that maybe they need to cut back. Cllr Larner said GVEC were aware of the effect of the credit crunch on everybody and were therefore trying to make the events open to more residents.

Cllr Booton proposed a £500 grant to GVEC and agree to underwrite £500 for the fireworks night, should the need arise. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Booton, **SECONDED** by Cllr Rudd. **RESOLVED** the Clerk would write to Mrs MacDonald confirming the grant of £500 and the Parish Council to underwrite the fireworks night for £500.

090/09 Reports of Representatives

(a) Coryton Almshouses

Nothing to report.

Cllr Booton to remain as representative of Coryton Almshouses **PROPOSED** by Cllr Larner, **SECONDED** by Cllr Rudd.

(b) Village Hall

Cllr Ascherl not available to report. Cllr Ascherl has requested to stand down from this committee. Cllr Larner agreed to become the Parish Council representative. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Rudd, **SECONDED** by Cllr Booton.

(c) HALC

Nothing to report

(d) The Old Church Committee

Nothing to report.

Cllrs Bridgman and Redman would continue as the Parish Council representatives. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Booton, **SECONDED** by Cllr Rudd.

- (e) Transport and Highways
Cllr Booton to remain as the Parish Council representative. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Rudd, **SECONDED** by Cllr Redman.
- (f) Footpaths and Tree Warden
In his absence it was agreed that Cllr Fellows would continue as representative for footpaths and tree warden. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Booton, **SECONDED** by Cllr Redman.
- (g) Planning Committee
The planning application for the Turf Centre Ltd had been dealt with previously in the meeting.

Cllr Booton agreed to continue as Parish Council representative. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Larner, **SECONDED** by Cllr Rudd. Also on the sub-committee were Cllrs Bridgman, Larner and Rudd.
- (h) Playground Committee
It was noted that the playground area had a defective catch on the toddler play area. Cllrs Bridgman, Larner and Rudd were to be on the playground sub-committee **PROPOSED** by Cllr Booton, **SECONDED** by Cllr Redman.

091/09 RFO report

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

Reserve Account	£49,301.73
Old Church Account	£1,134.87
Current Account	£210.47

The payments to be made this month are:-

Clerk's salary	£465.00
Clerk's expenses	£27.39
N J H Landscapes Ltd	£30.00
RCD Hoare (Selborne) Ltd	£14,421.00

PROPOSED by Cllr Rudd, **SECONDED** by Cllr Booton that these payments are made and a transfer request for £15,000. The transfer letter for £15,000 was signed by Cllrs Bridgman, Larner and Rudd. The above cheques were signed by Cllrs Bridgman, Booton and Redman.

092/09 End of Year Accounts

The end of year accounts were summarised by Cllr Bridgman. The accounts were signed by Cllr Bridgman as Chairman and the Clerk as Responsible Financial Officer. Cllr Larner agreed to place these on the website.

093/09 Correspondence

- (1) The Clerk had received the order form for the new edition of the Arnold-Baker book and requested that she place an order for the book at a cost of £67.00 and £5.45 for postage. **RESOLVED** the clerk can order a copy **PROPOSED** by Cllr Booton, **SECONDED** by Cllr Larner.
- (2) A letter had been received from EHDC regarding Fern Farm Field dated 17th April and Cllr Bridgman read this out.

094/09 Any Other Business

The Clerk confirmed that the Employers Annual Return had been completed, but it had come to light that there had been an underpayment in PAYE tax for Mr Christopher Youngs for the year 2008/09 in the sum of £14.15. A cheque was then written to HMRC for £14.15 and signed by Cllrs Bridgman, Booton and Redman. **RESOLVED** The clerk will send this payment as soon as possible to clear the Parish Council's liability for Mr Youngs tax.

095/09 Date and place of next meeting

The next full Parish Council meeting would be on Monday 1st June 2009 at 7.30 p.m. in Greatham Village Hall.

The meeting then moved to an **EXEMPT SESSION** and the members of the public and press were asked to leave the meeting.

096/09 Fern Farm Field

The letter received from EHDC dated 17th April 2009 regarding Fern Farm Field was further discussed by the Parish Councillors. Cllr Booton confirmed he had spoken to EHDC today regarding the caravans on site and an application has been submitted for a travellers site. Cllr Bridgman would draft a letter to EHDC which the clerk would sign when approved.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.