

Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Greatham Parish Council Old Church Committee
held at Greatham Village Hall on Tuesday 6^h July 2010

Present Cllr Alan Bridgman, David Rudd, Sue Booton, Debbie Hedicker.
Also present Teresa Whelan (Clerk)

1. **Apologies** None

2. **Welcome**

Cllr Bridgman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

3. **Minutes**

The Minutes of the last meeting dated 15th March were read out and approved and then signed by Cllr Bridgman.

4. **Matters Arising**

With reference to the outside, Sue Booton said that L'Abri had been brilliant with working parties going on.

5. **Easter Function** 25th April had been a successful open day. The Notice Board had been redefined and is now readable and will need redoing every so often. Sue Booton did not have any visitors during her watch but Alan Bridgman had 7 in total and sold 3 Greatham Parish History at £5 each. Additional copies were bought direct and a profit of £6.00 was made.

6. **Tile Investigation**

Alan Bridgman tested to see if there were was a tiled floor under the grass but found a concrete path to the front door and nothing either side – just grass.

7. **Next Open Day**

5th September with tea and cakes. Time was agreed 3 to 5pm and electricity to be supplied by L'Abri. Debbie said she has been practising clip art and would prepare some notices for around the village. It was agreed to ask for donations. Alan Bridgman said he would obtain more copies of the church history.

8. **Any Other Business**

The grounds have been beautifully maintained. Alan Bridgman suggested that the furniture should be rearranged at the church. The pew on the left is still in solid condition. The other two, one is falling apart and the other needs attention to the legs. The defective chairs need to be moved to the middle and the chairs stacked to the left. Sue Booton asked if they should be repaired or discarded. Alan Bridgman said he would prefer to repair them in due course. It would need a competent chippie. He also said that he had seen woodworm. Sue Booton said she would arrange for the restoration of the pew.

Sue Booton said she was concerned regarding the damp and the tomb. Dave Rudd said ideally it should be moved to the new church or put in some air bricks. It would cost around £20,000 to restore. It could be put at the back of the new church with a rail around it. Sue Booton said that we need some advice from the experts. It was suggested that the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings may come and give advice. Dave Rudd said he may have information and will write to them. Alan Bridgman suggested that ventilation roundels could be put into the glass in opposite walls. Dave Rudd said it may be possible to cut in 9x9 airbricks with a disc cutter. He will see a builder friend.

Alan Bridgman and Alan Booton will try to sort out the wall next to the road where a row of bricks have gone and it needs repointing. Sue Booton suggested that maybe L'Abri would do the wall as well. Dave Rudd said that he would speak to SPAB about this as well

It was agreed to get the posters up for the Open day by 24 August. It was mentioned that Trish Porter may have photos from the carol service.

Alan Bridgman said he would take to Alan Booton about the yew trees.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 5th October 2010 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20p.m.