

Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Greatham Parish Council held at
Greatham Village Hall on Monday
07 February 2011 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Cllrs A Bridgman (chairman), A Booton, D Redman, A Fellows, D Jerrard, C Rudd, and D Rudd; Also present Mrs T Whelan (clerk)

The meeting was declared open at 7.30 p.m

176/11 Apologies for Absence

No Apologies were received.

177/11 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman pointed out the fire escapes in the event of a fire. He also asked that everyone should sign the attendance register and turn off their mobile phones. He welcomed everyone and reminded them of the need to debate in a rational manner avoiding terms of abuse.

178/11 Declarations of Interest

Councillors C and D Rudd declared a prejudicial interest in relation to item 17 because of the proximity of Cllr D Rudd's house to Fern Farm. Cllr Redman declared a personal interest on item 8b in that he is the representative on the Village Hall committee.

179/11 Public Question Time

Ms Keddle said that she was bit confused as to how the housing association bungalows are assigned. Her sister has osteoarthritis and has particular problems with stairs. She fell last year and broke two ribs. She was born in Greatham and has always lived here. She only manages because she is looked after by her neighbours. She has twice bid for one of the bungalows. She tried to get No14 which was only announced last Thursday. They gave the council a personal letter. The bidding closed at Midnight on 6th February. Ms Keddle was informed at 9.15 on 7th February that the bungalow had already been allocated; she would like to know what the point of bidding was. Cllr Rudd asked if her doctor had written to EHDC. It seems that there is only a locum as her doctor has been suspended. Cllr Bridgman said we would write to find out what the correct procedure was. **Cllr**

Booton

Mrs Ballard asked if the objects of the Charity for the Labouring Poor which was set up with the funds from the allotment field could be changed back to allow the monies to be used for allotments in the village. Cllr Bridgman said that he understands that the original title deed was for the labouring poor. Mrs Ballard suggested that this would be difficult to allocate as the 'labouring poor' could feel stigmatised; whereas if it were for allotments for the residents of Greatham, then those who needed an allotment would be happy to apply for one. Cllr Jerrard said that this is not a Parish council matter and that she must address her question to the trustees of the Charity, Mr Lewis, Chairman and Mr Lerner, secretary. Cllr Bridgman suggested she write to Mr Lewis, who will have a meeting scheduled for March, to ask who changed the objects of the original charity, and if they could be changed again. Cllr Jerrard said that the previous trustees made an application to the Charity commission who agreed. He said that as a trustee it has been difficult to distribute this money and Mrs Ballard could ask if they would try to change it back. He pointed out that charity law is very restricted and trustees have to try to maintain the objectives. His personal view is that the original plan to use the land as allotments and was used as poor people's allotments and any income was distributed to Greatham's poor. When allotments were not required it was sold to provide an income for the charity. It would be good if the Charity Commission could be persuaded to change the objectives to allow for allotments.

Mr Trodden asked the council to consider that each speaker should introduce themselves, not just the councillors but the other people in the room. Mrs Williams agreed that when someone speaks they could stand up and say who they are. She then introduced herself. Mr Trodden went on to say that he understood that there had been covert meetings between the Chairman and Mrs Williams of the estate agent that works for Mr Shea and asked if this was a

conflict of interest. Mrs Williams responded that she works for Keats in Liphook and that she does not work for Mr Shea. Cllr Bridgman said that the lady had visited him for a drink on one occasion, 14th January, and a social evening occurred.

Mrs Cheesman reported that Mr Long of Hampshire Playing Fields Association had commented on the lack of bark under the trip wire which needs to be filled up. Cllr Bridgman said that we will decide at the Playgound agenda item. She then asked what this council considers to be the main duties of the clerk. Cllr Bridgman replied to record minutes of the Council and advise the council on legal matters. Mrs Cheesman then asked if it was to ensure council compliance with the law? To which Cllr Bridgman replied yes. She then said that the clerk has to make declarations in writing. Cllr Jerrard said that the answer is that the clerk has to declare the same interests as the Councillors but in writing. Mrs Cheesman asked why the council had not undertaken their duties of allotments. There is a lot of land available if the clerk approached owners, for instance the land along the back of Longmoor Road from Wolfmere Lane to Petersfield Road. Cllr Booton asked her why she had not written to the council before. Cllr Bridgman said that the clerk takes notes and does not give an opinion. Cllr Jerrard said the clerk should run the meeting and seek guidance from the council and has as much need to make declarations. Cllr C Rudd said that we would clarify the matter and let Mrs Cheesman know. Cllr Bridgman said the clerk would review the position. Mrs Cheesman asked why the council had not looked for allotments. she also said that the item was not mentioned in the budget. Mr Trodden said that he agreed with Mrs Cheesman. Cllr C Rudd said that 6 applicants were needed before the Council had to consider positive action. Cllr Bridgman said that we have not had that many yet. The Council recommended to the two applicants that they approach the Village Hall to see if they have any land available and that is what they and the Council have done. He said he made a note of Mrs Cheesman's comments, thank you.

clerk

180/11 Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 10 January 2011

Cllr D Rudd said that regarding item 175/12 he did ask about the subject matter and felt he was put in a compromising position by the chair and asked that for clarity the words 'in accordance with normal procedure' to be inserted after the words 'and left the room'.

Cllr Jerrard said that he thought these minutes were not accurate and should not have minuted an address made to him from a member of the public. This was agreed to be removed. Mrs Cheesman also requested that a word be removed and this was also removed. The revised minutes were Proposed by Cllr C Rudd and seconded by Cllr D Redman with Cllr Jerrard abstaining as he does not believe that they are an accurate representation of what happened at the meeting.

181/11 Matters arising from the Minutes

Cllr Jerrard said that in regards to Road Safety item 174/12 he would like to know what progress had been made. He had noticed a lot of police presence, has the clerk contacted Highways. He was informed that there was a meeting arranged for 7.45 am on Wednesday to include Councillor Clarke.

Cllr D Rudd asked regarding the police presence why the police surgery had been in a police vehicle when it could have been in the village hall which would be more confidential. Cllr Bridgman said that it may be a mobile police station van and that he had made a note of the concern. Cllr Jerrard said that it is a very fair comment. His wife and he attended the surgery and did feel uncomfortable talking in public. Cllr C Rudd said that she thought they normally used the council premises for police surgeries. Cllr Bridgman asked PC Poulton who was at the meeting, if he could answer this. He replied that it was for two reasons, Cost and the fact that when it was in private there tended to be considerably fewer attendances. Also anyone who wished to have a meeting in private could have one arranged away from the public if preferred. Cllr Jerrard said that this should be raised by the clerk with the local inspector. Cllr Bridgman Agreed.

clerk

182/11 Report from County Councillor

Cllr Bridgman said that we had nothing from Cllr Onslow. Cllr Clarke is present and welcome. Councillor Clarke said that the County Council were looking to lose 1200 jobs by March 2012. 300 had volunteered and a further 200 from natural wastage. Hampshire CC has the lowest UK Government grant of £142million, Cumbria receives £450 million. The mobile libraries are leased by the County Council and will stop less often at the villages but for twice as long.

There will be no visits within 2 miles of a major library. The concessionary fares will be a universal system throughout Hampshire. The money from the government has been drastically reduced and concessionary bus fares will now start at 9.30 and some bus timetables may have to be adjusted to fit into the concessionary fares.

Problems have been experienced with the salt bins and any private use will be prosecuted. He explained that the only salt in the UK is from Cheshire and previous salt was obtained from Egypt and the next lot will be from Oman as the UK cannot supply it fast enough. He asked if there were any questions. Cllr D Rudd said that he had picked up the shovels and that they were currently in his workshop. Mr Trodden asked what is the problem with storing salt in the UK. Cllr Vaughan said that if there is a crisis the government can step in and send your salt elsewhere and all the salt from the Cheshire saltmines is also diverted. For example recently it all went to Scotland. Nowadays the salt is mixed with water and it lands on the road better and does not spread so far making it more efficient. This is why the pavements have been so bad.

183/11 Reports of Representative

(a) Coryton Almshouses

Cllr Booton said that it is all run very well and that he has taken on board the comment regarding Mrs Cartwright but he is sure she will do whatever necessary. He has no problems as the meetings are well conducted. Cllr Jerrard said that he finds it extraordinary that someone not eligible to be a trustee can be chairman and that meetings are not allowed to be held in private houses and they should be held in the Liss hall. Cllr Booton said he is trying to point out that he understands this, but it is run very well. Cllr Jerrard said that this is not the point. Someone not meant to be running a charity should not be in the chair at all. Cllr Bridgman suggested that Cllr Jerrard should raise his objection with the appropriate body.

(b) Village Hall

Cllr Redman said that the notice board was not up as some of the pieces are missing. When they have all arrive it will be put up.

(c) Old Church

Cllr Bridgman said that the grounds are in reasonable condition and that the west wall of the church need slight repairs where some bricks have fallen out. Cllrs Bridgman and Booton will sort this. At the next meeting they will discuss the ability for visitors to gain access to a key and get into the church to look at it.

(d) Transport and Highways

Cllr Booton reported that there has been a meeting arranged outside Woodside cottages for Wednesday at 7.45 to assess what takes place at that time in the morning.

Cllr D Rudd said he had seen more white dots and some work had been done outside the old church.

(e) Footpath and Tree Warden

Cllr Fellows had nothing to report.

(f) Planning Committee

Cllr Booton said that it was noted that the building at Carylls has been refused and a letter has been received to thank the Parish Council for their assistance in achieving the result. He said that there are two applications

23298/023 Le Court Plot 1. With nothing built there yet and this is for an amendment of the plans to amend the garage

22170/003 Cam Green Cottage, Church Lane, has permission for a garage and to alter the driveway. They now need to move the garage closer to the road.

He would like this meeting to consider both today as he sees no reason for objection and therefore no need for a planning committee meeting. He asked for all in favour to raising no objection. This was agreed.

Cllr Bridgman read out the minutes from the community forum of 4 Jan where it was agreed to use developer contributions for £4,500 works to the Liss Riverside Railway Walk. Cllr Jerrard suggested that we should discuss the position of the developers' contributions in Greatham as there was doubt as to whether it is triggered when the properties are built or when they are sold. In addition we need to know if the 4 Queens properties would be treated separately. The clerk was asked to send a letter to enquire as to the availability of funds.

clerk

(g) **Playground Committee**

Cllr Bridgman said that all was in order other than we need more bark under the trip wire and that the wing of the dragonfly had fallen off. Mrs Cheesman said that her son would try to attend to these items when the weather was more suitable. Mrs Cheesman asked if they were under guarantee from the manufacturers. They were handmade by a place in Bordon. The clerk was asked to check and report back. **clerk**

184/11 RFO report to 31/01/11

Cllr Bridgman read out the RFO report and the balances on accounts on 1st February are as follows:

Bank reserve	£ 31,528.56
Current	£ 96.58
Old church	£ 1318.57

Schedule of payments

Payments to be made this month:

Clerk's salary Jan	£ 476.00
Clerk's expenses Jan	£ 24.97
Total	£ 500.97

It was proposed that the schedule of payments be made and that £500.00 was to be transferred to the current account from the reserve account. **PROPOSED** by Cllr C Rudd **SECONDED** by Cllr Bridgman. The clerk will send the signed transfer request to the bank **clerk**

The clerk requested a new battery for the lap top. One had been located at £32.99 for a genuine Dell part. In addition, a request to purchase Microsoft Word and Excel at around £250. Cllr Jerrard said that originally the council used Mr Larner's software and when he no longer used the machine for council work he removed it and replaced it with a free copy of open office which has now corrupted and is not entirely compatible with Microsoft. Cllr Bridgman asked for approval for these items which was unanimous. **clerk**

The clerk said that this year's regional Society for Local Clerks' conference is on 10th March in Reading and themed 'Big Society' and includes a legal workshop with an interactive session with discussion and case studies covering agendas, standing orders, FOI and other current legislation and said that she would like to attend this at a cost of £65. Cllr Bridgman asked if all were in favour and they all agreed.

Cllr Bridgman then read an article from the SLCC regarding the requirement for Parish and town councils to publish details of expenditure over £500. They said that as soon as more information becomes available on specific guidance as to how town and parish councils should comply, they will present it on their website and e-forum.

185/11 Appointment of Planning Consultant

Cllr Bridgman said that this was on the Agenda primarily because of this council's concern that within the next year the local council will have to consider the temporary planning at Fern Farm and he wonders if we should consider appointing a planning consultant so that whatever happens at Fern Farm it is within the law for such sites and would like views as to whether we should spend money on all issues concerned with a view to make representations to council. Cllr Booton said that with the new legislation regarding neighbourhood planning which looks at the village as a whole and suggested that we should look at someone skilled at this. Also, the government is suggesting to use developers contributions to pay for it providing it is used for looking at the whole village and not just one specific issue. Cllr Jerrard asked who thought of this. Cllr Bridgman said that he had and that was the reason for this agenda item discussion. Cllr Jerrard said that he finds it strange and that he certainly would not consider appointing any consultant until he knew what they would be asked to do and how much it would cost. He suggested that it should be an item for the planning committee to have a more general discussion as what is going to happen and what might be needed at the next meeting. Perhaps a special one with the new rules and informed debate. Cllr Bridgman agreed that this should be considered at a future meeting and possibly the planning meeting.

Cllr Booton said that we need more information as to what. Cllr Vaughan said that the Government Localism Bill which covers neighbourhood planning is continuing to be drawn up and suggested the parish council speak to Jo Hernandez who will be able to advise. Cllr Jerrard said that the parish plan was to get people together and interrelating and suggested this be an item at the Annual Parish meeting to get enthusiasm about what we want. He suggested that planning committee discussed this. Cllr C Rudd said she agreed we need to meet to see what is wanted. Cllr Bridgman said we will arrange a meeting to discuss the option further.

Cllr Bridgman

186/11 Liss and Greatham Poor Fund

Cllr Booton said that they are wishing to combine the small churches and friendship fund. Hawkley have agreed – they have been brought in as they are prepared to put money into the fund. At the recent meeting they had heard from the Charity Commission who are all fine. Mr Oakley seems to know what he is doing so he suggests we vote on the letter to say that we agree to it. This will now include Hawkley and distribute to the needy. There will be a representative from each council as well as each PCC. He asked if all were agreed. Cllr Jerrard said no, but he agrees that it needs to be merged into something. His first concern is that the meeting took place at Mrs Cartwright's house. And the secondly that there will be three representatives from the parish councils and four from the PCCs. Therefore the charity will be controlled by the church in the end. Previously they were secular charities. He believes in the modern world that it is correct procedure. He believes this should be run as a secular charity and therefore cannot support the proposal and he does not think the solution on the table is the right way forward. Cllr Booton said that he agrees with it and would like to put it to a vote. Cllr D Rudd said knowing Mr Oakley as he does, that he is honest and straightforward, and would do nothing untoward and would go ahead. Cllr Bridgman said that the Liss and Greatham Poor Fund had not been used in the last 7 years and Cllr Jerrard is the only one objecting. Cllr Jerrard said that he would withdraw the objection if there were a proposal that it should be a secular charity ie 4 Parish Council Trustees and 3 PCC Trustees, that would remove the objection as he does believe with the proposal otherwise. Cllr Redman said that would mean that the parish councils would run it. Cllr Jerrard replied ha the Parish councillors are elected and therefore it would be democratic control. Cllr Booton said that he takes on board what Cllr Jerrard had to say and is happy to vote on it. Cllr Jerrard said that we could only make a recommendation not a decision. We could propose that that Liss and Greatham combine with Hawkley and a recommendation that the number of Parish councillors should exceed the number of church members. Cllr Booton said that enough work has gone into this as it is and proposes we write a letter to agree. Cllr Bridgman said that we would take a vote on supporting the application on the terms set out or and then write. A vote was taken with 5 in favour and Cllr Jerrard against but only on the grounds of the balance of distribution of the trustees not being secular.

187/11 Ham Barn Roundabout

Cllr Bridgman said that the newspapers report that change is expected for the near future. There were proposal to install traffic lights, remove the roundabout or have a flyover. Councillor Clarke said that there are some 150 schemes for a budget of £10-50 million and that Greatham is no. 150. Therefore we can only spend less than £10million. The original scheme was for a flyover as the water table is too high for an underpass. Cllr Bridgman proposed that we should leave it as it is as most of the traffic is light. Cllr Booton said that he had no doubt that the traffic will increase and therefore we should stop any left turn from Selborne except for buses. Cllr Jerrard suggested that this would not be very popular with the inhabitants of Greatham. Cllr Bridgman said that as Councillor Clarke had pointed out there is no likelihood of any immediate action and we will have 5 years to think about it. Therefore he suggests it should be an agenda item for the Annual Parish Meeting. A question was asked about the accident statistics especially regarding the lorries that have turned over. Cllr Bridgman said that 17 lorries had turned over since it was built about 17 years ago, decreasing after the adjustments to the roundabout and therefore not sufficient to worry about. It was accepted that nothing be done now.

188/11 Land Registry

Mr Trodden was asked to speak. He asked what you can do if you are having a dispute with a neighbour and there are things on the plan which do not have planning permission and

things that do have planing permission are not shown. Eg a yard created out of someone else's land is shown as signed sealed and delivered. How did it get onto this map? How can someone manipulate these maps? Who can change the map? Cllr Bridgman said you are right. It appears the land registry will accept any plan they are sent and therefore you need to employ a solicitor to make it robust. The government have said that if plans are submitted by a solicitor it is accepted as correct but the land registry. Solicitors are meant to check before they send it off. If a private individual sends the plan they have to prove it. So what is happening is that if you pay a solicitor 'fees' they will simply present what you ask them to. He agrees the council should make representation to the government that they should not rely on solicitor's information and that the land registry should check the information itself. Cllr Bridgman said that this is a matter for concern and that we would write to our MP to raise the issue. Mr Trodden asked if it is possible to trace which solicitor provided this information and that he will make a freedom of information request in this respect. Cllr Booton suggested that he could check by using photos and that he had got one back to 1956. clerk

189/11 Correspondence

1. ALC has advised when the first meeting, Annual Parish Council Meeting, may be held when there has been parish council elections. This is between 12th and 23rd May.
2. There is an offer of funding for Countryside Access scheme and closing dates for applications are 4th March, 17th June and 30th September.
3. Paper from NALC regarding the localism bill which talks about putting in place powers in the hands of local councils. Councillor Clarke suggested leaving this until it passes through parliament as it is very new and there could be many changes. Cllr Bridgman said this is sound advice
4. An email from EHAPTC regarding Code of Conduct. Councillors should be freed from restrictions that prevent them from championing local issues. Ministers are looking to inject common sense back into the system.
7. More about the localism bill which will boost to grassroots councils. The coalition government's Localism and Decentralisation Bill published on 13th December puts local communities and very local councils in the localism driving seat, giving yet another boost to the grassroots democracy and community action.
8. Journal of Local Planning repeats the same news
- 10 Correspondence from Hampshire Constabulary giving the dates of when a police officer will be available his vehicle. The next date is 3rd march 3-4pm. Cllr Bridgman asked that this should be put in the parish magazine
- 11 An email from the District Council regarding signs on the roundabout about the Kebab Van. Fly-posting, as this sign is, is you are right to say, illegal. Unfortunately, however, like many strictly illegal activities it falls into a very grey area of enforcement. It certainly does not fall to the Parish Council to enforce, nor are they authorised to use any of the laws that may apply. If he has permission of the owner of the land on which he trades there is nothing we can do to remove him. If he is on public land, he has to be causing a nuisance to both the public and the councils on whose land he is on. This is not currently the case as it is our belief he does clear up any litter generated by his business and we are unaware of anti-social behaviour at either of his trading locations.
- 12 The Whitehill and Bordon eco town council will have its next board meeting on 15th march at 2.30pm. If a member of the public has a question on an agenda item it must be received in writing no later than 48 hours before the date of the meeting.
- 13 The South Downs National Park Authority is looking for volunteers for the Local Access Forum. Cllr Jerrard asked if there is a difference between the local Access forum and the authority. Councillor Clarke said that the Forum gives advice to the authority. Cllr Bridgman said that a letter had been received fro Mr Lewis saying that he would be interested. Cllr Jerrard said that he would be happy to proposed Mr Lewis. This was agreed.
- 14 Hampshire Fire and Policing budget events. The Fire and rescue Authority will be considering their budget at the meeting on 9th February and the Police authority shall consider theirs on 15th February, probably at 10 am.
- 15 An update on the mobile library review and thank you to those who responded. Detail may be view online with feedback by 14 February.
- 16 Hampshire Parish Council Sector Conference 2011 will be held on 23rd March 9.30-3.30pm at the holiday in at Winchester.
- 17 Company offer of free funding and support for playground consultancy.

- 18 The Petersfield Society a civic voice for Petersfield and surrounding parishes, newsletter is available.
- 19 We have received an email regarding the erosion of the grass verges, particularly south of Jill Mitchell's. Cllr Bridgman said that we could request to Highways that they put in California blocks to give a firm base. Cllr C Rudd said that we had tried before but got nowhere. The clerk was asked to write to Highways.
- 20 South Downs National Park Planning Seminars for Parish Councils will be at Chichester Assembly rooms on 10th March 2-4pm; East Dean and Friston Village Hall on 14th March 10am-12; West Mean Village Hall 7-9pm 23rd March. These are generic. All are welcome to attend.
- 21 Sustainable Communities Act update on the government's recent initiatives

190/11 Schedule of Parish council Meetings for 2011

Cllr Bridgman asked if the Annual Parish Meeting should be held in April or May. Cllr Jerrard said that it should always be on a different date from the Annual Parish Council Meeting because of the different Agendas. He said that it is usually held before the election to which Councillor Clarke agreed. Cllr Bridgman proposed it should be Monday 18th April and Cllr Booton seconded. Cllr Bridgman proposed 16th May for the Annual Parish Council Meeting for the first meeting for the newly elected council. This was unanimously agreed. All the other dates in the schedule circulated by the clerk were agreed. **clerk**

191/11 EDHC attitude to enforcement of planning conditions

Cllr Bridgman read the Agenda item in full. Cllr Jerrard confirmed that this was not to discuss any individual site. Cllr Bridgman said that we have received an email from the planning authority which states that one of the conditions attached to a recent consent cannot be enforced because it would be difficult on grounds that it would be unreasonable for them to enforce. To say that they have imposed a condition and that they do not feel it would be reasonable to enforce seems a ridiculous statement. Cllr Jerrard said that if this addresses Fern Farm then Cllrs C and D Rudd need to leave the meeting. Cllr C Rudd said they would leave whilst this is being sorted out. Councillor Clarke said that the government department should be asked if the planning authority are allowed to set a condition which they then break. Cllr Booton agreed that this issue was not specific. We could have a situation where conditions are imposed and choose which one to enforce. You cannot have a consent given with conditions attached and the enforcement authority say that is not a condition which can be upheld. He proposed we write to Mr Pickles of the local government department. Can a District Council impose a planning condition and then ignore it on the grounds that it was an unreasonable condition. This should also go to the District council. We should ask Mr Pickles for his advice this was agreed by all present **clerk**

192/11 Fern Farm enforcement of Planning Conditions

Cllr Jerrard read out his proposal. He went on to say that Cllrs C and D Rudd have already declared their interests and declared that he has a personal interest. Cllr C Rudd seconded his proposal. Cllr Jerrard then said he wished to speak to the proposal. And asked Councillor Clarke to confirm that he had the authority to do so. He said that he had personal emails and documents of items which people wish to raise and a lot of these wish the matters discussed to be kept confidential so that it is not known who has raised the question. He would like to amend his proposal in that since PC Poulton is present that he would like him to be allowed to remain in the meeting. And therefore add to his proposal 'with the exception of PC Poulton'. Cllr Bridgman said he would like to draw the councillors attention to Arnold Baker's Local Council Administration 7.6 Confidence and Admission of Strangers which states in 'few cases is there any good reason for excluding the press or the public from meetings' and lists 4 types of business where it is desirable to treat the discussion as confidential. The first 3 do not apply. The 4th states 'the early stages of a dispute'. He does not see that this applies to this issue. We are not entering into a dispute so he sees no grounds to have an exempt session. Cllr Jerrard said that Mr Chairman was preventing any discussion of what is going on in the village especially on matter which need to be discussed in confidence so how will these matters be dealt with? We are all aware with the problems associated with the temporary Fern Farm permission. He asked for a roll call vote to record which way each councillor voted.

Cllr Jerrard FOR
 Cllr C Rudd FOR
 Cllr Bridgman AGAINST
 Cllr Booton AGAINST. We are here to discuss parish matters. He does not like exempt sessions as it should all be in the open.
 Cllr Redman Not in favour – ABSTAIN
 Cllr Fellows OPPOSED as he would like all meetings to be open
 Cllr D Rudd FOR should be exempt session but he lives in the vicinity.
 The vote was drawn the Chairman therefore used his casting vote AGAINST.

Cllr C Rudd said that the meeting was being recorded and then left the room with Cllr D Rudd. A member of the public asked why the gentleman at the back was recording. Mr Shea handed his mobile phone to PC Poulton to show that it was not being used. When he received it back he switched it off.

Cllr Jerrard said that he would read out the letters he had received. The clerk asked him if had had permission from the people concerned to read them in public. He said yes.

1. Messages concerning Lorries and Fern Farm sent to Lesley at EHDC, containers of rubbish going into the field and leaving empty with dates and times and giving the name of the carrier. Also reports of black smoke emanating from behind the straw bales which hid the cause from view. She claims she has no record of these complaints. Cllr Bridgman said that we have restricted powers. Cllr Jerrard said we could write a letter to say we have heard about activity that should not be happening. Cllr Bridgman said we could write a letter to that effect.
2.if the police or anyone else need collaboration of the trouble at Fern Farm; offloading 20ft containers, low loader, burning of rubbish, flagrant disrespect of planning conditions – am sorry not able to make the meeting.

Cllr Bridgman asked if there are more of these as it is 10.20pm and what point he was making. Cllr Jerrard said the criminal aspects and burning of rubbish etc. Cllr Bridgman said they are properly raised but they must be raised with the District Council. These things should be referred to the District Council because they can do something about it.

Mr Trodden said that in his experience it was useless going to planning but the allegations of waste it should go to the EHDC environmental Protection officer Simon Davies. It is his job. Enforcement are inundated at the moment but it is Mr Davies' job to investigate these matters. It needs a higher level than Parish Council to sort this out. Mr Shea said that you may tell the environmental department they are welcome to call at any time.

Cllr Bridgman said the law applies to all but there is no point in discussing in exempt session those matters of which we have no influence. The purpose is to discuss matters of which we have direct influence.

193/11 Any Other Business for the Next Meeting

Cllr C Rudd asked if it would be possible to audio tape parish council meetings. The clerk said she would ask for a round robin and report back.

194/11 Date and place of next Meeting

7th March at 7.30 in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 10.26 p.m. and Cllr Bridgman thanked everyone for attending and their patience demonstrated.