

# Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Greatham Parish Council Old Church Advisory Sub Committee held at Greatham Village Hall on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30pm

**Present** Chairman A Bridgman (AB), Anna Dale-Harris (ADH), Cllr Teresa Whelan (TW), Peter Merz (PM), Anne Ballard (ACB), Boopie Cope (BC) and Sarah Bettin (SB) (The Parish Council Clerk)

## 1. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting.

## 2. Apologies for Absence

There were apologies for absence from David Rudd, Carole Rudd and David Redman.

## 3. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015

The minutes of the meeting of Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2015 were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 4. Matters arising from the minutes of the Parish Council on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

ADH raised a query regarding the architect's fees. It was confirmed that the Old Church account would be responsible for paying old church bills. The clerk explained the systems of transfer between the bank accounts and confirmed that no payments can be made directly from the old church account.

TW confirmed that she had sought additional advice and details of two further people had been given as experts that could give advice. She also confirmed that the tile cappings that have been proposed are the correct way of finishing the walls. It was suggested that Cowdray Park be approached to see how they preserve their ruin.

ADH enquired if the terms of the grant had been clarified – the clerk is yet to contact John Townsend.

## 5. Financial Report

The clerk reported that the balance of the reserve account was £5415.61. This included a £25 donation for the strimmer, £30 donation for a print, £13.02 donations from the ride and stride opening and £230.05 raised from the ploughman's lunch.

The clerk to provide a more detailed breakdown of payments and receipts going forward as there are more transactions going through the account. **Action SB**

## 6. Fundraising

**Ploughman's Lunch** – This was a very successful event with 27 people attending. It was felt that £5 was not enough to charge and the donations for puddings were disappointing. The funds raised were £135 from ticket sales, £10 from book sales and £85.05 in donations. The church was open on the day.

**Ride and Stride** – AB and DRed worked hard to organise the day and the working party during the day. The visitors on the day were enthusiastic that the church had been opened.

One of the graves was identified as possibly being a Knight Templar grave. Research needs to be done for next year to see if the Old Church qualifies to be included in the Ride and Stride and receive sponsorship money.

**Postcards** – ADH reported that 100 had been printed and 95 have been sold (L'abri bought 50), after the cost of printing £42 has been raised. A discussion followed on what to do going forward. It was agreed that more cards would be printed. Action ADH

All members to try and sell the postcards. Action All

**Carol Service** – the carol service date is 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015 and will be advertised in the Village Magazine. A 6pm start was agreed and AB confirmed that Edith from L'abri has agreed to lead a team of musicians. PM to confirm this with Edith, ask if the school house are happy to provide electricity as previously done and confirm if the mulled wine can be heated up in the L'abri kitchens. Action PM

The carol sheets would be used. ADH, AB and BC to liaise with regard to making mince pies with numbers expected to be between 80 and 90. TW offered to try and source wine for the mulled wine, BC offered to decorate the church. Apple juice to be provided as an alternative. A working party on the Saturday morning would be needed to set up with two gazebos from AB and Selene Regan. SB offered to provide tea lights. ADH offered to design a poster, AB to email the Herald and the Post to advertise. Photos to be taken for a possible future Christmas card.

**Future Ideas/Events** – Communication within the sub-committee was discussed as three people had contacted the village magazine to advertise. ADH to do a write-up of past events for the village magazine. Action ADH

The Ride and Stride event should be planned further in advance next year.

A Christmas card will be produced for next year.

There is an Easter Good Friday walk which finishes at Greatham Church – it was agreed that it would be good to open the church on that day.

GVEC are planning an event for the Queens 90<sup>th</sup> – it would be good to combine with this event.

**Donations since last meeting** – this was covered under the Financial Update.

**7. Grant applications** – to receive an update from the clerk on grant applications.

The clerk confirmed that an application had been put forward for the SPAB working party and the result of this should be confirmed in November.

The slate lime was discussed and the location of it was unknown.

AB went through the Waitrose application and it was agreed that the group name should be the Greatham Old Church Preservation Group.

**8. Old Churchyard** – maintenance, planting and working party.

ADH reported that the Manor House has cut the grass a couple of times and liaised well. Hugh Pringle from the Woodland Trust had visited the Old Church and suggested trees to plant and to remove more of the laurel. A working party on a Saturday morning in November was suggested. A discussion followed regarding moving the entrance but it was decided to leave it as it is.

**9. History**

ADH reported that she had spoken to Dot Digby who had given her some information on one of the tombs. ADH to do further research. **Action ADH**

**10. Publicity**

This was discussed earlier in the meeting.

**11. AOB**

There was no further business.

**12. Date of next meeting** – to agree date of next meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

**13. Close of meeting.** – The meeting closed at 9.25pm.