

Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Greatham Parish Council Old Church Advisory Sub Committee held at Greatham Village Hall on Tuesday 5th April 2016 at 7.30pm

Present Chairman A Bridgman (AB), Anna Dale-Harris (ADH), Anne Ballard (ACB), David Redman (DR), Sarah Bettin and Stephanie Spence (SS) (The Parish Council Clerk).

1. Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman welcomed the members to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

There was an apology from Teresa Whelan, Boopie Cope, David Rudd and Carole Rudd.

3. Minutes of the Old Church Sub Committee meeting on 19th January 2016

The minutes of the meeting of 19th January 2016 were read, approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of the Old Church Sub Committee meeting on 19th January 2016.

There were no matters arising.

5. Financial Report

The clerk reported that the balance of the reserve account was £5,626.71.

The Clerk noted that SPAB have been paid £7,500 from the Parish Council Reserve account, so the Old Church account now 'owes' this money to the Parish Council. However, the Parish Council has budgeted to spend a further £2,000 on the Old Church repairs in 2016/17, so the £7,500 figure should be reduced to a simple transfer of £5,500 from the Old Church account to the Parish Council Reserve Account. The Clerk to draft a letter to the bank for signing at the May PC meeting. Action SS

The allocated grant of £2,500 from EHDC was discussed. The Clerk to contact EHDC, SPAB and Julian Livingstone (if required) to secure the funds as soon as possible. If secured, these funds would be deposited into the Old Church Account. Action SS

The Clerk reminded everyone that Cllr Vaughan Clarke had promised a County Councillor Grant of £500 to help support the Old Church. The Clerk to complete the application. Action SS

6. SPAB Working Party

- Repairs

There was a discussion about scaffolding. ADH wanted it noted that any costs for scaffolding should be paid for from funds already donated to SPAB. AB to explore local scaffolding options and pass details to Jonny Garlick. Action AB

It was noted that the Alabaster Tomb would not be repaired as part of the July Working Party. Instead a full survey would be conducted after which a grant application to EHDC could be prepared. SS to keep in touch with Jonny on this issue. Action SS

- Accommodation and food
At least 22 volunteers want to camp and 12 might need b&b facilities. There was uncertainty as to whether volunteers could sleep upstairs in the New Church. It is possible they could camp in front of the New Church or possibly on land at the Village Hall. A campfire and/or BBQ might be acceptable at either location though H&S issues need to be explored. A bonfire would not be permitted. SB and AB to continue to work with all parties to firm up arrangements. Action SB/ACB
It might be possible for volunteers to stay at a local caravan park where a dorm costs approx. £150 per week. AB to speak to David Rudd to explore this and the possibility of the campsite donating the accommodation free of charge. Action AB
It was confirmed that volunteers would be provided with a light cereal type breakfast and lunch only. A roster of local helpers would need to be found to help with this provision. Local establishments such as Waitrose, Liss Bakery, the school and The Greatham Inn will be approached for donations of, for example, a day's food each. It needs to be clarified if SPAB give their volunteers an allowance for food. Tea/coffee and toilet facilities need to be worked through. Action SB/ACB
There was concern over the issue of parking. AB to contact Josh Dale-Harris and Eurotec to explore options. Action AB
 - Archive display
It was noted that Graham Johnson from Hawkley had done great deal of work on this already, and that costs had been incurred at his personal expense. ADH was working with Graham to produce an A1 size board presenting key information on the project. Action ADH
SS noted that Skye Stevenson, co-ordinator at SPAB for the school project, had requested Greatham photography. SS to send Skye's details to ADH to follow up. Action SS
 - L'Abri
There is not much information to hand at this time. SS to follow up with L'Abri. Action SS
 - School demonstration
SS has been communicating with SPAB who are confident they have everything in hand. SS to write to Boopie to ask if she would like to send her details to Skye at SPAB who may need help on the day. Action SS
 - Faith in maintenance
SS to send what details she has to all members of the Sub Committee. Action SS
 - Publicity
ADH volunteered to help SPAB to organise any local publicity as required. Action ADH
- 7. A.O.B.**
- 8. Date of next meeting** – It was agreed that the next Sub Committee meeting should be held on 20th June 2016.
- 9. Close of meeting.** – The meeting closed at 9pm.