

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at St John the Baptist Church on Monday 8th January 2018 at 7.30pm

Present Chairman Cllr C Rudd, Cllrs E Packett, A Cheesman, D Rudd, S Jerrard, T Whelan
Clerk to the Council: Mrs Jane Ives
County Councillor R Oppenheimer
District Councillor K Budden
8 members of the public were also present

- 1. Chairman's Announcements** – The Chairman welcomed the members of the public to the meeting, pointed out the fire exits, asked members of the public to turn off their mobile phones and requested that members of the public sign in. The Chairman also explained public question time and requested that when members of the public speak to please confirm their name and to address all comments to the Chairman. It was also confirmed that the meeting was being recorded.
- 2. Apologies for Absence** – None
- 3. Declarations of Interest** - There were no pecuniary interests declared.
- 4. Public Question Time - Standing Orders were suspended for 15 minutes to allow public questions.**
Cllr C Rudd read out an email from PCSO John Payne relating to burglaries in the Greatham area. This can be found at Appendix 1. In response a member of the public said that she was not given a crime reference number nor any follow up from the police regarding her reported burglary.

A member of the public was concerned about parking on the inner circle at Bakers Field. The Clerk to write to all properties in Bakers Field regarding not parking in that area as it is causing issues particularly for emergency vehicles. The Clerk to also chase up Cllr Budden regarding his action on parking issues in Bakers Field and Hopeswood. *Action Clerk*

A member of the public asked whether debris from clearance work could be moved by the lengthsman at Bakers Field including clearing any additional brambles. *Action Clerk*

A member of the public wished to thank the parish council for their work over the last year.

- 5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 4th December 2017**
The minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting.
Proposed Cllr S Jerrard. Seconded Cllr A Cheesman. All in favour.
The minutes were signed and dated by the Chairman.
- 6. Matters arising from the Parish Council Meeting on Monday 4th December 2017**
There were no matters arising.
- 7. Report of County Councillor** – Cllr Russell Oppenheimer provided a report to the Council which is attached to the minutes at Appendix 2. Cllr Oppenheimer agreed to provide annual updates to the Council regarding Greatham Primary School.
- 8. Report of District Councillor** – Cllr Keith Budden reported that Greatham Village Hall committee had been awarded the maximum £25,000 cabinet grant towards work at the Village Hall. He wished to congratulate Mr Josh Dale-Harris for his work to secure the grant and Cllr C Rudd also thanked Cllr Budden for his help in lobbying for this.

Cllr Budden confirmed that The Greatham Inn had now been appointed as an Asset of Community Value.

Cllr Budden reported that the travellers site in Hawkley had recently been refused permanent planning permission on the grounds that EHDC did not want to prejudge the Local Plan. He suggested the same could apply to Fern Farm should an application for permanent planning permission be brought forward. A member of the public questioned why EHDC have not accepted evidence regarding status of the residents at Fern Farm in that the people permitted to live there have never lived there. Cllr Budden will investigate and report back. **Action Cllr Budden**

Stagecoach have confirmed the current level of bus service will be maintained until April 2019.

EHDC aim to freeze council tax for the forthcoming financial year although this has not yet been confirmed.

Cllr D Rudd advised that hard core put down at Hill View is causing flooding and the drains are not copying. Cllr Budden will raise this at EHDC as there is ongoing legal action. **Action Cllr Budden**

Cllr A Cheesman advised that an AMK bus was damaged in Hopeswood by a commercial vehicle. Cllr Budden advised that EHDC enforcement are aware of the problem and he will forward this information. **Action Cllr Budden**

9. Review of Action Log

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3	06.03.17 Item 11h	EP	To investigate the repositioning of the bus stop and the need for hardstanding in addition to the slow drainage at Toll Corner	Open	
4	05.06.17	TW/ Clerk	To draft a financial risk assessment with the help of the Parish Councillors	Open	Feb agenda
5	03.07.17 Item 10	KB	A further consultation to take place in November regarding 4 traveller plots at Fern Farm.	Open	
6	03.07.17 Item 11	TW	Rewrite Old Church leaflet and take to next Old Church meeting.	Open	
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8	07.09.17 Item 4	Clerk	Produce maps for the footpaths in Greatham	Open	
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18	06.11.17 Item 7	All Councillors	Provide evidence to Cllr R Oppenheimer of damage to any BOATS in the locality	Open	
19	06.11.17 Item 8	Cllr Budden	Provide Clerk with report from EHDC on trees at Wolfmere Lane	Open	
20	06.11.17 Item 8	Cllr Budden	Ask EHDC Enforcement Officers to look into AMK buses parking near Hopeswood	Open	
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22	04.12.17 Item 4	Clerk	Add Neighbourhood Development Plan to January council meeting agenda	Open	Done
22	04.12.17 Item 4	Clerk	Forward email re high court ruling on Fern Farm once received	Clerk	Not received
23	04.12.17 Item 4	Clerk	Add Council's submission to SDNPA Consultation on Draft Local Plan to website	Clerk	Done
24	04.12.17 Item 11a	Clerk	Write to Village Hall committee asking them to repair tarmac under basketball hoop	Clerk	Done
25	04.12.17 Item 11b	Clerk	Write to Empshott PC re poor state of repair of road signs	Clerk	Done
26	04.12.17 Item 11e	Cllr D Rudd	Attend EHDC meeting on 5 th December re funding application for Village Hall	Cllr D Rudd	Done
27	04.12.17 Item 11m	Clerk	Write to contractor re Old Church wall repairs to ask for work to be done pending approval by council in January	Clerk	Done
28	04.12.17 Item 11n	Clerk	Request work is carried out by the lengthsman on footpath 10. Find out what work is being carried out on footpath 711a from Hampshire County Council.	Clerk	Ongoing
29	04.12.17 Item 11n	All Councillors	Identify which footpaths are a priority (up to 6) under the Hampshire County Council Priority Cutting List scheme and advise the Clerk	All Cllrs	Footpath list updated for Clerk to action

30	04.12.17 Item 11p	Clerk	Include a plea for Speedwatch volunteers in the January newsletter and request item in Village Magazine	Clerk	
31	04.12.17 Item 12c	Clerk	Seek council approval for £5k to be put into earmarked reserves for planning consultant at January council meeting	Clerk	Done
32	04.12.17 Item 13	Clerk	Add Staffing Committee Terms of Reference to Standing Orders	Clerk	Done
33	04.12.17 Item 17	Clerk	Contact EHDC re oak tree in garden of 1 Hill View Cottages and ask for a TPO to be placed on it	Clerk	Reported to EHDC 07/12

10. Co-option of Parish Councillor

Two candidates had applied – Mr A Crick and Mr P Hole – and both had been interviewed prior to the meeting by councillors. Mr A Crick's nomination was proposed by Cllr E Packett and seconded by Cllr C Rudd. Mr P Hole's nomination was proposed by Cllr T Whelan and seconded by Cllr S Jerrard. Councillors voted with 3 votes for Mr A Crick, 2 votes for Mr P Hole and one abstention. Mr A Crick was therefore appointed and will meet the Clerk to sign the necessary paperwork.

11. Reports from representatives of Organisations, Outside Bodies, Working Parties and Groups.

- a) **Playground** – Cllr Cheesman said that soil aeration needs to be carried out and painting will continue once the weather improves with a working party from Landmark offering to help. Drainage is an issue and will need to be looked at.
- b) **Highways, Public Transport & Traffic** – Cllr Packett advised that he had contacted Stagecoach when there was a problem with a tree down at Stairs Hill.
- c) **Footpaths & Bridleways** – Cllr Packett reported that the sleeper bridge behind Todmore will be repaired by Hampshire Countryside Services.
- d) **Tree Warden** – nothing to report. Cllr D Rudd asked the Clerk to chase up the tree report for Wolfmere Lane from Cllr Budden.
- e) **Greatham Village Hall** – nothing to report.
- f) **Coryton Trust** – Cllr Jerrard reported that one of the alms houses will become vacant but needs redecoration. The agent will write to the Council regarding the vacancy and the Clerk should ask for this to go in the Village Magazine. **Action Clerk**
- g) **Liss Greatham & Hawkley Friendship Fund** – next meeting 7th February.
- h) **HALC/EHAP&TC** – nothing to report.
- i) **Greatham Allotment Charity** – nothing to report.
- j) **Community Forum** – nothing to report.
- k) **Joint Meeting of SDNPA & HALC** – nothing to report.
- l) **CTCG** – next meeting 10th January.
- m) **The Old Church** – Work on chancel wall to be discussed later in meeting. Next advisory committee meeting is 21st February. Mrs A Ballard confirmed that work on the tomb would start in March. Chris Wood had suggested the trench should remain open to help the walls to dry out which may take up to 2 years. Appropriate signage should be on site. **Action Clerk**
- n) **Lengthsman Scheme** – The Clerk is liaising with the lengthsman regarding outstanding work.
- o) **Parish Communications** – The Clerk is due to start work on the next edition of the newsletter, due out end January.
- p) **Speedwatch** – The Clerk reported that there are currently not enough members to re-start the Speedwatch scheme. This will be promoted in the next newsletter.

12. Parish Council Finances

a) **Financial Report** – the bank account balances as at 31st December were:

Current account	£ 50.00
Reserve account	£33,063.73
Old Church account	£ 1,321.25

b) **Grant applications** – two grant application had been received and were approved as follows:

Greatham Village Hall	£1,000	Proposed: Cllr Whelan. Seconded: Cllr Jerrard
Citizens Advice Bureau	£500	Proposed: Cllr Cheesman. Seconded: Cllr Packett

All voted in favour.

c) **Earmarked Reserves** - Councillors agreed earmarked reserves as set out below.

Proposed: Cllr Whelan. Seconded: Cllr Packett. All in favour.

d) **Budget** – Councillors agreed the budget for 2018/19 as below. The precept was agreed at a figure of £15,000 which represents no change from the current financial year.

Proposed: Cllr Whelan. Seconded: Cllr Packett. All in favour.

BUDGET

2018/19

		£
RECEIPTS	Precept	15,000.00
	Bank Interest	5.00
	Grants and Developers Cont	
	VAT Repayments	
	Receipts Sub-Total	15,005.00
PAYMENTS	Clerks Salary	5,720.00
	Allowance for clerk additional hours/pay review	1,478.00
	Travelling costs	100.00
	Recruitment councillor/staff	200.00
	Printing Newsletter/leaflets	500.00
	Stamps/stationery	300.00
	Publications	50.00
	PCC room hire	300.00
	GVH room hire	100.00
	IT/email costs	150.00
	Repairs & Maintenance	250.00
	Equipment purchase	150.00
	Insurance	650.00
	Sub-total	£9,948.00
Grants	Grant allocation	3077.00
	<i>Village Hall £1,000</i>	
	<i>Citizens Advice £500</i>	
	<i>PCC Churchyard upkeep £1240</i>	
	<i>Wreath £20</i>	
	<i>Total = £2,760 leaving £317 unallocated</i>	
	Sub-total	£3,077.00
Subs & Fees	Training	450.00

	SLCC and HALC	400.00	
	Internal Auditor	200.00	
	Sub-total		£1,050.00
Playground	Grass Cutting	600.00	
	Maintenance	250.00	
	Play Inspection	80.00	
	Sub-total		£930.00
	VAT on payments		
	Expenditure Sub-Total	£15,005.00	

OLD CHURCH

RECEIPTS	Old Church donations/fundraising	800.00	
	Grants	1000.00	District Councillor
	Receipts Sub-Total	£1,800.00	

PAYMENTS	Expenses	50.00	
	General Maintenance	1750.00	
	Expenditure Sub-Total	£1,800.00	

BUDGET TOTALS

Total Receipts	£16,805.00
Total Expenditure	£16,805.00
	£0.00

GENERAL RESERVES

Balance carried forward 31st March 2017	£25,462.00
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EARMARKED RESERVES

Playground 2015/16	£1,000.00	<i>excluded from General Reserves total above</i>
Playground 2016/17	£1,000.00	<i>excluded from General Reserves total above</i>
Balance carried forward 31st March 2017	£2,000.00	<i>Total Reserves end March '17 = £27,462</i>

Playground 2017/18	£1,000.00
Playground 2018/19 (from General Reserve)	£1,000.00
Playground Reserves end of 2018/19 if unspent	£4,000.00

Old Church 2017/18	£2,000.00
Old Church 2018/19 (from General Reserve)	£2,000.00
Old Church Reserves end of 2018/19 if unspent	£4,000.00

Planning Consultant 2018/19 (from General Reserve)	£5,000.00
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Planning Consultant Reserves end of 2018/19 if unspent	£5,000.00
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Earmarked Reserves total end 2018/19	£13,000.00
General Reserves total end 2018/19	£17,462.00

this includes money taken from General Reserves

Total Reserves at end of 2018/19 if unspent	£30,462.00
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13. Approval of Payments

The following payments were approved to be made by the Clerk.

Proposed: Cllr Cheesman. Seconded: Cllr D Rudd. All in favour.

Payee	Purpose	Amount
St John the Baptist Church	Hall hire for parish meetings	£49.00
Mrs J Ives	Payment for 30 additional hours worked August – December 2017	£330.00
Viking	Print cartridge (VAT amount £7.60)	£45.59
Mrs J Ives	Clerk's salary 1 st November to 30 th November 2017	£476.67
	Total Payments	£901.26

14. Old Church

a) **Terms of Reference for Old Church Advisory Committee** – Cllr Whelan provided some amendments to the Clerk's previously circulated document. This will be circulated to all councillors for comment and then forwarded to members of the Advisory Committee for their comments. The item was then deferred for a decision at the February Council meeting. Proposed: Cllr Packett. Seconded: Cllr D Rudd. All in favour.

b) **Chancel wall repairs to the Old Church** – The Council agreed the following:
In accordance with Financial Regulation 11.1 (d) the Council agreed to waive financial regulations to enable a price to be negotiated without competition because of the specialist nature of the work to be carried out. Proposed: Cllr Packett. Seconded: Cllr C Rudd. All in favour.

To agree a budget sum of £1,400 plus VAT to be taken from council general reserves for a week's work commencing 22nd January 2018 to repair the chancel wall at the Old Church by Mr T McNeilage. A contingency amount of £1,400 was agreed should the work suffer unforeseen delays. Proposed: Cllr Cheesman. Seconded: Cllr Whelan. All in favour.

Mrs A Ballard and the Clerk will meet Mr McNeilage on site on 22nd January to oversee the work. The Clerk to write to Mr McNeilage to confirm start date of work. **Action Clerk**

The Clerk to move money from General Reserves as detailed above. **Action Clerk**

15. Neighbourhood Development Plan

a) The following councillors were appointed to the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party: Cllr Crick, Cllr Cheesman, Cllr Jerrard.
Proposed: Cllr C Rudd. Seconded: Cllr E Packett. All in favour.

b) The Terms of Reference were agreed for the working party and are attached at Appendix 3.

Proposed: Cllr Cheesman. Seconded: Cllr Whelan. All in favour.

16. Report of Planning Chairman – there was nothing to report.

17. Planning Applications – Cllr D Rudd had looked at both applications on the agenda and made the following recommendations. Both applications relate to the same address as follows:

West Fork, Farnham Road, Liss GU33 6LA

SDNP/17/05901/FUL Change of use of land to residential and retention of patio and steps
(retrospective application)

The Council have no objections to this application.

Proposed: Cllr D Rudd. Seconded Cllr Packett. All in favour.

SDNP/17/06166/FUL Retention of building to form 3 holiday lets (not in accordance with approved plans)

The Council were unhappy that the applicant did not resolve the planning issues whilst the holiday lets were being built as they were not in accordance with the approved plans. He recommended that the Council make no comment on the application and instead to allow EHDC planning to decide.

Proposed: Cllr D Rudd. Seconded Cllr Packett. All in favour.

18. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 5th February 2018. If there are any planning applications to consider there will be a Planning Committee meeting on Monday 22nd January 2018.

19. The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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31	08.01.18 Item 8	KB	Forward information to EHDC regarding AMK bus being damaged in Hopeswood	Open
32	08.01.18 Item 11f	Clerk	Ask Village Magazine to publish article about vacant Coryton property	Open
32	08.01.18 Item 11m	Clerk	Check whether appropriate signage has been placed at the Old Church regarding open trench	Open
33	08.01.18 Item 14b	Clerk	Write to Torquil McNeilage re start date of work on chancel wall	Open
34	08.01.18 Item 14b	Clerk	Move money from general reserves to fund work on chancel wall	Open

Appendix 2: Report from County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer

1. Transformation to 2019 ("T19")

The County Council has made good progress in identifying the £140m of savings needed within the coming two years. I am pleased to be able to report that at Cabinet on 11 December 2017 three important local services have been taken out of the scope of T19:

- School Crossing Patrols
- Community Transport
- Household Waste & Recycling Centres

This is very welcome news for all residents who place great value on these services.

However, the savings do still need to be found and it looks inevitable that implementation will stretch beyond that two-year period due to the complexity of delivering the efficiencies. 11 separate service specific consultations are planned to take place in 2018 with the bulk of the exercises likely to occur in the second half of the year. We will have to look at the detail to see what the impact will be for residents and for Parish Councils.

2. Local Government Finance Settlement

The Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement was issued by the Government on 19 December 2017. In a nutshell, this settlement will enable Council Tax to be raised by an extra 1% meaning that the maximum permitted increase from April 2018 will be just below 6% instead of just below 5%.

To be more specific, the settlement will give all authorities the ability to levy a council tax increase of 2.99% (excluding the social care precept) before a referendum is required. There is still then the option to apply an adult social care precept of up to 3%, taking the total permitted increase to 5.99%.

No decision has yet been made by Hampshire County Council on the rate of Council Tax increase from April 2018. However, given the well-known funding pressures, an increase of 5.99% seems a high probability outcome. The additional 1% per annum would provide additional recurring funding of £5.7m from 2018/19 and £11.4m from 2019/20 onwards (assuming that the extra 1% is implemented in both years). The County Council will set the increase for April 2018 at its meeting on 22 February 2018 and this will be announced in a Press Release.

The settlement also gave extra flexibility to Police and Crime Commissioners. For example a Band D increase of up to £12 will be permitted for all PCCs (this equates to 7.25% for Hampshire and Isle of Wight).

There is still no restriction on the increase which Parish and Town Councils can seek to their precept. Communities Secretary Sajid Javid stated that:

“The government intends to defer the setting of referendum principles for town and parish councils for 3 years. This is subject to the sector taking all available steps to mitigate the need for Council Tax increases...and the government seeing clear evidence of restraint in the increases set by the sector as a whole.”

3. Greatham Primary still “requires improvement” according to OFSTED

Following an inspection in November the 2017 OFSTED report on Greatham Primary was put on the website in December. As Parish Councillors may be aware, the report has given an overall rating of “requires improvement”.

The report acknowledges that the school has made good progress in a number of areas such as maths. Outcomes for children are above County averages in most areas. Hampshire County Council is satisfied that the school is going in the right direction. However it is acknowledged that the school needs to improve teaching of writing skills. We have school improvement officers working closely with the school and I have also been in touch with Head Jo Gorman to offer my support.

4. Hampshire Highways out all night following Storm Eleanor

The highways teams worked hard through the night to manage the impact of Storm Eleanor on our roads, and I think they deserve huge credit for doing such a first-class job. We saw in excess of 50 trees brought down following the excessive wind speed and a considerable amount of rain leading to areas of saturated ground. Disruption to the transport network was minimised as a result of the team working through the night.

With the ground saturated, trees are more susceptible to high winds. Fallen trees may affect power lines, communications and transport, as well as blocking or obstructing roads and footways. Anyone that experiences an issue on a Hampshire road can report it online at www.hants.gov.uk/transport

5. New electric vehicles are reducing costs whilst also cutting carbon emissions

We want Hampshire to be at the forefront of electric vehicle technology and two new initiatives ensure that we are leading the way in encouraging people to switch to electric vehicles. I am considering it myself actually.

Firstly, a new electric delivery van and pool car based at Bar End, Winchester, will cost 97% less to ‘fuel’ than equivalent diesel vehicles. The County Council is also reviewing which other vehicles in its 156 small vehicle fleet could be replaced with electric equivalents – which could save £210,000 every year.

The other initiative is to install charging points, which make it easier for people to use electric vehicles. 40 new charging points are to be installed by the County Council across Hampshire. The County Council and its partners have already installed 14 charging points across the county - Petersfield Festival Hall car park is one of the locations which now has an electric charge point. A tender process is underway to appoint a private sector partner to install and operate additional charging points.

The County Council has already saved nearly £30 million in energy costs over the past seven years after cutting its carbon emissions by 38.1% since 2010. The local authority has now set a more ambitious target to cut carbon from 40% to 50% by 2025. Hampshire has a strong claim to be one of the greenest councils in the UK.

RUSSELL OPPENHEIMER

County Councillor for Petersfield Hangers

Appendix 3: Terms of Reference for Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party

Terms of Reference v2.0 adopted by Greatham Parish Council 8th January 2018

1. The Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Working Party will be appointed by the Council and will consist of 3 councillors.
2. The Chair of the NDP Working Party shall be appointed by the working party at its first meeting.
3. The aim of the NDP Working Party is to carry out a feasibility study into whether Greatham Parish Council should undertake a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the parish of Greatham.
4. The NDP Working Party should also consider the option of a Neighbourhood Development Order.
5. The NDP Working Party can invite any individual, business, council or other organisation to take part that it deems useful whilst carrying out its work in order to inform the study.
6. The NDP Working Party should consult with the South Downs National Park Authority, particularly with regard to the Local Plan, in order to advise whether starting a Neighbourhood Development Plan would be beneficial for the parish.
7. As part of its work, the NDP Working Party should assess the costs of a NDP and whether any grant funding is available and how much may be awarded.
8. The NDP Working Party should consult with other local parishes of a similar size who have either considered or adopted a NDP or are in the process of working towards a NDP to seek advice.
9. The NDP Working Party should report its findings back to the Greatham Parish Council by the Parish Council meeting in March 2018.
10. Once the feasibility study has been completed the NDP Working Party shall be disbanded.
11. Only members of the working party appointed by the Parish Council are permitted to vote.