

# Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Greatham Parish Council held at  
Greatham Village Hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

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

The meeting was declared open at 7.30 p.m

## **122/10 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bridgman and District Councillor Onslow.

## **123/10 Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman pointed out the fire escapes in the event of a fire.

## **124/10 Declarations of Interest**

Councillors C. Rudd and D Rudd declared a prejudicial interest in 8(f) in that this may affect a member of their family

Councillor Redman declared a personal interest in 8(b) in that his mother is on the Village Hall Committee.

## **125/10 Public Question Time**

A member asked for an update regarding Bakers Field posts. Cllr Booton explained that the posts had been put up by two people looking for adverse possession on land which was owned and given to the residents of Greatham by Captain Coryton. Highways have confirmed that it is part of their land from their records and have written asking that the posts to be removed and this has now been done.

Mrs Cheesman requested that the section of the last minutes regarding the Parish Council's support for the Village Hall notice board be read out. She said that an email had been received from EHDC confirming the grant that had been awarded and that there was a shortfall of some £208.

## **126/10 Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010**

Cllr Redman said that the cost of the nursery heaters was £3372, not as in the minute; and Cllr Rudd said that it is Mr Dance not Dane who lives in Liss and had been with the railways., Acceptance of the minutes with these revisions was **proposed** by Councillor Redman and **seconded** by Cllr C Rudd.

## **127/10 Matters arising from the Minutes**

Regarding the Parish Council's potential liability for the Village Hall, the clerk read out the opinion received from Hedleys in March 2009 which stated that there would be no obligation for the Parish Council to take on the Village Hall as such, on dissolution. Copy attached.

The clerk confirmed that the police were investigating the reports of some drivers entering Longmoor road from the A3 slip road.

Cllr Jerrard asked if the clerk had collected the papers regarding the conditions attached to Fern Farm. The clerk confirmed that she had taken copies from the file pertaining to condition 12 as this was the only one outstanding. Cllr Jerrard said he would like to see these. Cllr Booton said that a desk top study had been done regarding the contamination as the MOD were not being forthcoming as to what is on there. He said that he had suggested to Chris Murray that an inclusive study must be done. Cllr Jerrard said that he wished to see all the files for all the conditions.

Regarding the Parish Plan, Cllr Booton has spoken with Mr Lewis who is happy to take this to the next stage and we could discuss this at the next meeting. He just needs to tidy it up before he hands it over, or the Parish council draw a conclusion.

Cllr Jerrard read out Inspector White's response of 7<sup>th</sup> July and went on to comment that Inspector White had forgotten the stolen digger from the village hall and Mr Budd's stolen 4x2. Cllr Jerrard will be contacting the chief constable regarding the firearms and arson, and declared a personal interest in these. He said that from the day after the arson attack when

he was visited by the police, he had not received a single communication from the police. He had given them names and contacts of witnesses. He did not raise this earlier as the people concerned were at the Parish Meetings and how can the council consider these items at that time. Councillor Booton said this is not a matter for the Parish council. Cllr Jerrard responded that the Parish Council has a duty regarding allotments; the churchyard; and to maintain law and order in the parish. He would like this to be discussed at a further meeting of the parish council either in an exempt or open session. He feels it should be exempt.

### **128/10 Reports of Representative**

(a) **Coryton Almshouses**

Seems to run well. The next meeting is in two months' time.

(b) **Village Hall**

Cllr Redman reported that there will be a quiz night on 20 November at 6.30-7pm. The charge being £8 including fish and chips. He also reported funds in excess of £7,000 between the two bank accounts.

(c) **Old Church**

Cllr Rudd said that there would be a candlelit carol service in December and that the date is yet to be agreed. He also reported that the grounds look very good.

(d) **Transport and Highways**

It was noted that white markings have appeared in the Petersfield Road in what appears preparation for road repair work.

(e) **Footpath and Tree Warden**

The footpaths are being kept clear by volunteers. HCC own the surfaces.

(f) **Planning Committee**

Cllr Booton reported that an application has gone in regarding the game shop. Cllr Jerrard said this will need to be looked at soon so as to meet the consultation date.

(g) **Playground Committee**

Mrs Cheesman said that there had been an 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party and suggested that the playground be checked for bottles etc. It was agreed to have one more grass cut.

### **129/10 RFO report to 31/10**

The Clerk read out the RFO report and the balances on accounts on 1<sup>st</sup> Oct are as follows:

Bank reserve	£ 33,120.99
Current	£ 38.25
Old church	£ 1,313.45

#### **Schedule of payments**

Payments to be made this month:

Clerk's salary Sept	£ 245.00
Clerk's expenses Sept	£ 20.39

<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 265.39</b>
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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 Redman **SECONDED** by Cllr C Rudd. The clerk will send the signed transfer request to the bank.

Cllr Jerrard asked how the clerk claimed her time. The clerk responded that all hours are recorded in her diary as and when work is done; a time sheet showing the dates and times is then produced at the month end to give the total for that month.

### **130/10 Greatham and Liss Sick and Poor Fund**

Cllr Booton reported that the Greatham and Liss Sick and Poor Fund had been left a house which had been sold and the funds were invested into gilts. There is now only £2,000 left. A

pity since the house market has shot up since and the house could now be worth some half million. Mr Mike Oakley has replaced Mr Robin Stockwell as Chairman and he would now like to consider getting together with other charities that only have small amounts of funds to form a new charity 'Liss and Greatham Friendship Fund' which would make a fund of some £8,000. Cllr Booton said he thought this was a good idea. Cllr Fellows agreed. Cllr D Rudd said that Mr Oakley is on the general synod and very good with finances. Cllr Jerrard said he would like to know which other charities are involved and have a clear proposal before we part with £2,000. The paper does not express clearly the other sources of funding and how much this is. Cllr Booton said that at this stage we are only agreeing the principle. Cllr Jerrard said he would be happy to do that but would want approval to be considered after the detail has been seen. Proposed by Cllr D Rudd and seconded by Cllr Fellows.

#### **131/10 Report from County Councillor**

Councillor Clarke reported that he was having difficulty attending the meetings on the first Monday for both Steep and Greatham. He proposed that he will not attend next month's meeting and would attend two monthly thereafter.

#### **132/10 South Downs National Park**

Cllr Jerrard read out the South Downs National Park Management Plan. He considers this to be very important. He will complete the consultation document and asked for two volunteers to form a sub committee. Councillors C Rudd and D Rudd agreed to join the sub committee. Councillor Vaughan said that Margaret Paren is the Chair of the South Downs National Park Authority.

#### **133/10 Correspondence**

Cllr Booton asked if there were any items of correspondence that anyone wished to discuss.

1. A letter was read out from the Greatham Gardeners Club who wished to move the plants from the south of the village to the village hall, level the ground and purchase soil and turf to place around the trees. This was proposed by Cllr Fellows and unanimously agreed.
2. HALC are holding a village shop event on 19<sup>th</sup> November. It was regretted that our shop had had to close. Councillor Vaughan said that they had tried to give Ms Buckland a grant but it was not taken up.
3. HALC are offering a new style planning session to provide a broad overview of the planning system, how it affects parish and town councils and how councils can most effectively influence it. This is being held in West Wellow on 25<sup>th</sup> November 7.30-9.00pm £15. An advanced level session will be added next year. Cllr Jerrard suggested that we learn more about the system.
4. A request for support to save the Alton Museum by going to the website [www.savealtonmuseums.org](http://www.savealtonmuseums.org) where there is a model letter and downloadable petitions.
5. Information regarding the small grants scheme and small grants biodiversity. Cllr Redman suggested this should be forwarded to the Village Hall.
6. A letter together with posters received from Mr Griffiths Environmental Protection Officer regarding the new dog fouling campaign featuring the 'dog poo fairy'.

#### **134/10 Any Other business for the next Meeting**

None

#### **135/10 Date and place of next meeting:**

The next full Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.