

Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Greatham Parish Council held at Greatham Village Hall on Monday 2nd February 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

Present Cllrs A Bridgman, A J Booton, D Curry, A Fellows and C Rudd. Also present Mrs T Whelan (clerk)

The meeting was declared open at 7.30 p.m

016/10 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Ascherl

017/10 Chairman's Announcements

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

The Chairman said that there is now a signing in book for members attending the meeting and asked for everyone to sign in

018/10 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Rudd said that for personal interest she would leave the room for Item 12 as she lives in Wolfmere Lane.

019/10 Public Question Time

There were no comments or Questions

020/10 Approval of Minutes of meeting held on 4th January 2010

PROPOSED by Cllr Booton and **SECONDED** by Cllr Rudd, with all in favour. The minutes were then signed. Cllr Rudd asked that in future the reports should be entered in the order they are given. She also asked that the time be noted of any Councillors who attend after the start of the meeting. This was agreed.

021/10 Matters arising from the Minutes

No matters arising.

022/10 Reports from County and District Councillors

Mrs Onslow sent her apologies.

Cllr Clarke. Will arrive later in the meeting.

023/10 Reports of Representatives

(a) Coryton Almshouses

Cllr Booton said they are all running fine and well organised.

(b) Village Hall

Cllr Curry said that there was a follow up request regarding the notice board. GVHC suggest a three bay Greatham Village notice board which is priced at about £2000 including erection. This would be funded 50% by the Village Hall and 50% by Greatham Parish council. It would be positioned outside the village hall on land provided by the village hall. It was suggested that this would be a weatherproof low maintenance aluminium frame and erected on the right hand side before the porch. He showed some information from suppliers. Three bays was suggested so that one bay would be for the village hall, one bay for the Parish Council and the other bay for other village interests. Mr Jerrard pointed out that the council was not permitted to make a commitment of that amount of money without a full proposal for all councillors to consider and be voted on at the next meeting. Cllr Bridgman said we would discuss this matter further under Item 11.

(c) Old Church

Cllr Bridgman reported no action. A meeting has been set during March.

(d) **Transport and Highways**

Cllr Booton reported that the holes in the road outside the village hall were being filled in today. He has also received notification that the council are fitting the 30Mph signs.

(e) **Footpath and Tree Warden**

Cllr Fellows reported that the county council had done some work on the footpaths and he will pass the report to the clerk. They will now start clearing bushes etc.

(f) **Planning Committee**

Cllr Booton said that it had been difficult with the events at the last meeting. He had spoken with the district council who did not show much sympathy with our problem

The big issue was with No 5 Bakers Field which has now been turned down.

Cllr Bridgman said that he will set up a meeting with other parish councils to help meet with the district council to accelerate finding a site for gypsy travellers.

(g) **Playground Committee**

Cllr Bridgman confirmed that it is very dry in spite of the weather

024/10 RFO report to 31/01/10

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

Bank reserve	£26,413.97
Current	£ 245.29
Old church	£ 1,227.09

Schedule of payments

Payments to be made this month:

Clerk's salary January 26 hours	£260.00
Clerk's expenses January	£ 16.95

It was proposed that the schedule of payments be made and that £300.00 was to be transferred to the current account from the reserve account. **PROPOSED** by Cllr Booton and **SECONDED** by Cllr Curry. The clerk will send the signed transfer request to the bank.

025/10 Salt Bin purchase

Cllr Bridgman read out emails from Cllr Clarke and Hampshire County Cllr West regarding the supply of brass combination lockable bins . It was agreed that the clerk should apply for 5 to be located at Hopes Wood, Wolfmere Lane, Todmore, Forest Road T junction and Selborne Road junction.

Mrs Carr asked that the parish council should nominate salt monitors. Cllr Bridgman said that once installed, we will arrange for salt bin operators to be appointed.

026/10 Notice Board at Village Hall

Cllr Bridgman does not see the need to spend £2,000. Cllr Booton said that he would spend £500 max for his own business. Cllr Bridgman agreed the need for a notice board but not at that amount. He will investigate price and availability. Cllr Curry suggested that the board could have a logo or image on it. Cllr Booton suggested to look at the ermine coat of arms in the old church or maybe design a competition. Cllr Bridgman said we would leave it to the Village Hall committee. It may delay execution but we will also look into cheaper boards and report back at the next meeting. Cllr Bridgman asked Cllr Curry if he would refer to back to the Village Hall committee.

027/10 Wolfmere Lane

Cllr Rudd left the room. Cllr Bridgman said that there had been correspondence from residents of Wolfmere Lane over the last few months and therefore this item was put on the agenda in case there was anything to discuss. As we have had no recent correspondence there is nothing to consider.

028/10 Correspondence

Cllr Rudd was invited back by Mr Lewis

1. Community First East Hampshire have sent a letter saying they are looking for volunteers to the Board of Trustees including Chairman and Treasurer.
2. EHDC sent a letter regarding the information on low cost homes and also an email from Chris Murray in the same subject.
3. HALC have sent a letter regarding the consultation concerning NALC membership. And the points under consideration for the withdrawal from the national membership and the constitution of a regional body to perform the same duties. There is no immediate action for us to take on this. If anyone would like further information they are welcome to see the considerable paperwork. Hampshire are considering joining with Sussex, Surrey and Berkshire for setting up a regional Association which seems a sensible idea.
4. NALC sent a email regarding national training strategy, requesting councillors to complete a learning and development in the local council sector survey online.
5. EHDC are running Planning Training events for Parish councillors and would like to encourage all councillors involved with planning to attend one of the sessions. The planing process is constantly changing so even the most experienced councillors and clerks are urged to take this opportunity to ensure they are abreast of changes and equipped to maximise effective parish involvement.
6. An email regarding local government webinars – Online professional training. Any interest?
7. Email from Vendy Treagust regarding a study on bullying and its effects and costs to clerks and councillors. We will complete the questionnaire and return.
8. Cllr Clarke Arrived at this point. An email regarding healthy Bee population. This was passed to Cllr Curry
9. Details of 30mph wheelie bin stickers so that, when the bins are out, there are additional signs all over the place. But it will only remind people on bin days. They cost £1.25 each Cllr Booton commented that the more signs you have the less effective they become – are we a village or a notice board? Cllr Curry suggested that the £375 could be put towards the cost of a notice board. Cllr Bridgman said that he could see some advantage but we do not want this cost at this stage.
10. We have been advised that NALC that one candidate has withdrawn from the SDNP elections. We did not put anyone up. Cllr Booton considered it but the form was very lengthy. Cllr Curry asked if Cllr Booton could be put forward now. Cllr Bridgman said that they were not looking for a replacement as this was considered an 'Act of God'.
11. Kingsley Parish Council are looking for a part time clerk for an average of 6 hours a week.
12. We have received information regarding the Wheels to work moped loan scheme for 16-25 years old.
13. We have received some notices for display ' could you be paying less council tax or rent?
14. SDC are holding their AGM and General Meeting at Chichester on 2 February at 12 noon.
15. The South Downs Advisory forum are holding an Annual meeting at Chichester on 25 February.
16. East Hampshire Association of Parish and Town councils are holding their quarterly meeting on 10th march at 7.30 pm in Horndean. Anyone want to go?

029/10 Report from County Councillors

Cllr Clarke reported that this winter was a 1 in 30 year event. The council is required to hold a 6 day supply in reserve. Hampshire has 12 days reserve. However, the government can step in and divert supplies wherever they are needed and Hampshire's supplies were diverted to

Wiltshire. They currently have 18 days' supply. They are spending £1m on small snow ploughs to go on large mowers and quad bikes for the villages.

He said that if we wish salt bins, all code locked, they need to be stirred and spread and kept locked, we should apply to the leader of the county council. Hampshire are now importing via Southampton and are not relying on a sole UK supplier.

Cllr Bridgman thanked Cllr Clark for opening the village hall.

030/10 Any Other Business

None

031/10 Any Other Business for next meeting

Notice Board

032/10 Date and place of next meeting

The next full Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 1st March 2010 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the public meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

There followed an exempt session to consider the handling of the complaint against a councillor at which it was unanimously agreed that the parish council would send a letter with their concerns to the Chief Executive of East Hampshire District Council.