

# Greatham Parish Council

## Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 8pm – Greatham Village Hall

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of Greatham Parish Council for the transaction of business set out below.

*J Ives*

Jane Ives, Clerk to the Council

6<sup>th</sup> February 2020

### AGENDA

**1. Chair's Announcements**

**2. Apologies for Absence** – To note any apologies received from Councillors

**3. Declarations of Interest**

*Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. You must withdraw from the room or chamber when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter*

**4. Approval of Minutes:** To approve minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**5. Update on actions arising from Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held as above**

**6. Report from District Councillors:** Report from Cllr Adam Carew/Cllr Phillip Davies

**7. Report from County Councillor:** Report from Cllr Russell Oppenheimer

**8. Approval of Minutes:** To approve minutes from the Planning Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**9. Planning Update:** To hear an update on any planning matters & existing planning applications

**10. Public Question Time:** Adjournment of the meeting for 15 minutes to allow the public to raise questions

**11. Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party:** To appoint an additional person to join the working party

**12. Planning Applications:** To consider and agree a response to the following planning application:

**SDNP/19/05129/FUL Copse House, Church Lane, Greatham GU33 6HB**

Replacement dwelling (as amended by plans and additional information received). Comments by 05/02/20

**13. Parish Council Finances/Administration**

a) **Financial Report:** To note the current report

b) **Payment Schedule:** To approve payments on the Payment Schedule

c) **Parish Online subscription** – To agree a cost of £75 + VAT for one year's subscription funded from general reserves

**14. Postal Address for Parish Council:** To consider & agree options for the Council's postal address, including installing a post box at the Village Hall and agree costs/budget

**15. Grants 2020/21:** To consider grant applications received and agree grants for 2020/21

**16. Traffic Working Group:** To hear an update from the working group

**17. SLR locations 2020/21:** To consider and agree suggestions for SLR locations for next year for consideration by Hampshire Highways

**18. Grass Cutting at Village Hall Playground:** To agree to continue with the current contractors for 2020/21

- 19. Greatham Inn:** To hear an update regarding the current status of the sale of the pub
- 20. Annual Parish Meeting:** To agree costs for refreshments at Annual Parish Meeting funded from general reserves and confirm date and speakers for the meeting
- 21. To note reports from representatives of Organisations, Outside Bodies, Working Parties, Leads & Groups**
- 22. Items for next agenda**
- 23. Date of next meeting** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 8pm. Planning Meeting, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (subject to planning applications)

## Appendices

### County Councillor's Report

#### 1. Libraries consultation gets underway

A 10-week public consultation opened on 9 January 2020 asking Hampshire residents for their views on the emerging vision for Hampshire's Libraries to 2025 and the level of need for library services in specific local communities.

As previously reported, at HCC we are facing an anticipated budget shortfall of £80 million by April 2021 and are having to look across all the County Council's services to find savings which can help to bridge this gap as demands for services rise, particularly in social care. The Library Service is required to identify £1.76 million towards the County Council's overall savings target.

There are 10 libraries which have been identified for possible closure, following an elaborate scoring process. None of the 10 libraries identified for closure is in East Hampshire. The alternative to closures is to reduce opening hours everywhere. The proposals in the consultation include options for the community to step in to run independent community-managed libraries.

The consultation is open until Wednesday 18 March 2020. Feedback received will inform decisions to be made by the Executive Member for Recreation and Heritage Cllr Sean Woodward in summer 2020. No decisions will be made on any of these proposals until people have had the opportunity to give their views. To take part in the consultation just visit [www.hants.gov.uk/library-consultation](http://www.hants.gov.uk/library-consultation) or fill in a printed copy from any Hampshire County Council library.

#### 2. HCC Budget news

Care pressures continue to top the list of priorities for the budget. We are determined to continue to provide high-quality care for vulnerable children and the elderly despite substantial financial pressures. At Cabinet on 3 February there will be considered the following additional budget decisions and indeed it is quite likely that they will be put forward to Council:

- One-off investment of up to £2million to tackle climate change (see below item)
- An extra £2 million each year is being proposed for fixing potholes, together with another £3 million for 2020/21. (This is on top of the £10 million we spend annually on Operation Resilience - our long-term strategy to ensure Hampshire's road network is more resilient to the impact of heavy traffic and worsening winters.)
- A total 3.99% increase in Hampshire County Council's council tax precept for the financial year beginning 1 April 2020 – of which 2% is specifically for adults' social care, in line with Government policy.

The proposed council tax precept for 2020/21 would generate an additional £25 million for delivering County Council services in 2020/21 and would mean that Hampshire is still likely to remain the 2nd lowest council tax of counties in the country.

#### 3. Cabinet receives Interim Report on Climate Change Action Plan

Cabinet considered the Interim report on 6 January 2020. The Interim Report was developed following the declaration of a climate emergency on 18 July 2019 and the endorsement of the Hampshire 2050 Commissioners Summary report on 23 September 2019.

Cabinet approved the target of **carbon neutrality by 2050 for the wider Hampshire area** which aligns with national government target. The Cabinet also approved a “resilience target” which is to plan for the impacts of a two degree Celsius rise in temperature. There are three other noteworthy initiatives:

- Establishment of a Salix De-carbonisation Fund of £1million to fund a range of energy saving initiatives on the County Council’s corporate built estate. The fund will comprise a £500,000 allocation from the remaining £1.1million of County Council funding identified for energy saving initiatives with match funding of £500,000 from Salix.
- A programme of tree and wildflower planting on highways amenity land, which will be funded by ringfencing 100% of capital receipts from the sale of surplus highways land.
- Revocation of the 2013 Executive Member for Policy and Resources “Wind Policy” which prohibited large wind turbines and wind farm developments on county land. This blanket ban (it is felt) does not support the principles of the climate change strategy. Any decisions on changes to County Council land use will henceforth be subject to the normal approval processes and will be assessed on their own merits.

For anyone who wishes to read it the report is available at this link:

<http://democracy.hants.gov.uk/documents/s42787/Interim%20Progress%20on%20Climate%20Change%20Strategy%20and%20Action%20Plan-2020-01-06-Cabinet.pdf>

#### 4. Dark Skies Festival takes place in February across the National Park

The South Downs National Park was designated as an International Dark Skies Reserve in 2016. Every year we celebrate this with a festival, now in its fourth year.

2020 also marks the 10-year anniversary of the South Downs becoming a National Park and throughout the festival we’ll be suggesting 10 actions you can do to protect our night skies.

In East Hampshire our local Stargazing South Downs event takes place at the Petersfield Festival Hall on **Tuesday 18 February between 16.00 and 20.00**. No booking is required and it is a free event. Activities include:

- Indoor planetarium shows
- Virtual Reality Experience of our dark night skies
- Giant ‘sky at night’ colouring wall
- Nocturnal wildlife
- Outdoor stargazing (if the conditions are right)

Unfortunately, I will miss this event as I am taking my children to Paris for half term. I do hope that some of you can attend!

**RUSSELL OPPENHEIMER**

**County Councillor for Petersfield Hangers**

**Planning Application Tracker as at 05/02/20 (decisions since last meeting)**

Reference	Address	Proposal	Consultation Expiry Date	Determination Date	GPC Comments	Decision
SDNP/19/05338/HOUS	2 Bridge Cottages, Farnham Rd Liss GU33 6LA	Single storey rear extension & replacement garage	25/02/20	02/03/20	No objection	
SDNP/19/05998/HOUS	1 The Mount, Petersfield Rd, Greatham GU33 6AU	Extension of existing detached double garage and new pitched roof to existing section of garage		10/02/20	No objection	
SDNP/19/05738/FUL	5 Bakers Field, Greatham GU33 6EX	Replacement dwelling following demolition of existing dwelling	20/01/20	13/02/20	Objection	
SDNP/19/05466/FUL	1 Hill View, Petersfield Rd, Greatham, GU33 6EY	Demolition of single storey extension & build a detached dwelling	19/12/19	15/01/20	Objection	
SDNP/19/05505/HOUS	44 Sherwood Close, Liss, GU33 7BT	Single storey front & rear extension	19/12/19	14/01/20	No comments	Approved
SDNP/19/05132/HOUS	3 Bridge Cottages, Farnham Rd Liss GU33 6LA	Reconstruction of front porch following impact damage	19/12/19	14/01/20	No objection	Approved
SDNP/19/05129/FUL	Copse House, Church Lane, Greatham GU33 6HB	Replacement dwelling	03/12/19	30/12/19	No objection	
SDNP/19/05310/FUL	18 & 20 Wolfmere Lane, Greatham, GU33 6AL	Retrospective application for change of use of land to residential gardens	04/12/19	04/12/19	No objection	Approved
SDNP/19/05464/TPO	Greatham Primary School, Petersfield Rd, Greatham GU33 6HA	Various tree works	13/12/19	10/01/20	No objection	Approved
SDNP/19/03287/FUL	Darley, 1 Longmoor Road, Greatham GU33 6AE	Pair of semi detached dwellings	30/08/19	27/09/19	Objection	Withdrawn
SDNP/19/02897/FUL	West Fork, Farnham Road, Liss GU33 6LA	Change of use to caravan storage	02/08/19	29/08/19	No objection.	Refused
SDNP/19/02450/FUL	West Fork, Farnham Road, Liss GU33 6LA	Change of use of land to a caravan site & provision of 16 mobile holiday lodges	11/07/19	01/08/19	No objection	Refused

SDNP/19/02237/FUL	Fern Farm, Longmoor Road, Greatham GU33 6AW	Erection of four mobile home pitches, utility/day room building, replacement stables and associated hardstanding, following demolition of the existing buildings.	19/07/19	14/08/19	No objection	
SDNP/19/01984/FUL	Longmoor Training Camp, French Road, Longmoor GU33 6EL	Change of Use of Existing Buildings from Military Storage depot to a flexible use comprising Film Studios/Storage and Distribution and offices with associated car parking and landscaping	04/07/19	08/08/19	Supports	
SDNP/18/06111/FUL	Liss Forest Nursery, Petersfield Road, Greatham GU33 6HA	Development of 46 dwellings (including affordable homes) and a shop, alterations to existing access onto Petersfield Road, hard and soft landscaping, drainage and all other associated development works	28/02/19	21/03/19	Objection	

## Financial Report January 2020

### Receipts January 2020

None

### Bank Transfers

Current to Deposit Account      £25,000.00

### Balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

Current Account                    £ 7,935.23

Deposit Account                   £25,000.00

**Total at bank                        £32,935.23**

### Earmarked Funds held in bank

CIL fund                              £4,395.00

Website                                £ 500.00

Guttering for Old Church        £1,000.00

### Parish Online Subscription

Parish Online is a mapping tool for Parish Councils and is very useful for providing detailed maps of the village. Multiple layers can be added to maps such as footpaths, land registry information, flood risk areas, ordnance survey information and we also use it to plot and record our PC owned assets. Clerks are often asked to produce maps and this is a valuable tool. Below is an example of a standard map.

Annual subscription cost is £75.



## **Postal Address for Parish Council**

The Parish Council has traditionally used the Clerk's home address as the Council's correspondence address. However, this means that the Clerk's home address is public information and there are both data protection and security issues with continuing to do this. Many Councils use a PO Box and direct the post to the Clerk's home address but the fees to do this are approximately £300 per annum.

The Parish Council receives very little post but does need to have a postal address. Various options have been considered and the Village Hall Committee have been approached to ask if they would consider having a shared post box with the Parish Council. They have confirmed that they would be happy to support this.

By using the Village Hall as the postal address the Clerk's personal data is not compromised. This also eliminates any issues if the Clerk resigns her post as post can continue to be delivered to one address without changing it in multiple places.

The Council are being asked to agree a budget figure to provide a metal exterior post box for the Village Hall. Authority can be delegated to the Clerk to work with the Village Hall Committee to select the most suitable design and place the order.



## Grant Working Party

The Grant Working Party met on 4<sup>th</sup> February to consider grant requests received from the following organisations:

Citizens Advice Bureau	£ 500
Home Start Butser	£1,200
Liss, Greatham & Hawkley Friendship Fund	£ 200
St John the Baptist Church	£1,250
Victim Support	£ 50

The total of the grant applications was £3,200 against a budget figure of £1,500.

The working party were keen that local organisations based in the village were given highest priority.

The working party wish to make the following recommendations for grant awards for 2020/21:

Citizens Advice Bureau	£100
Home Start Butser	£500
Liss, Greatham & Hawkley Friendship Fund	£100
St John the Baptist Church	£500
Victim Support	£ 50

The Council have agreed a grant budget for next year of £1,500 and the amounts above total £1,250. The working party would like to recommend holding back £250 for any grant requests received from Greatham based organisations during the year. The Council should decide whether they agree with these recommendations or whether they wish to award the full £1,500 to the organisations that have applied to date.

Additionally, next year the working party are proposing that we change the approach to how we award grants, the idea being that we give preference to those that align with our Parish Council values. Examples of these would be

**Positive environmental impact:** We would be looking to support applications that enhance the natural environment in Greatham. Applications should evidence any work already undertaken and show the positive effect this will have on the local area. An example of this would be grass/hedge cutting at the church. We would be looking to see the steps that are being taken to manage and enhance the area around the church whilst enhancing the habitats and increasing the number of wildflowers/pollinators.

**Positive community impact:** This one is simple, applications that enhance the community or bring the community together.

Therefore, the working party would like the Council to agree to them reviewing the current Grant Aid Policy over the coming months to fully support these objectives. This would be brought back to Council for approval.