

**Greatham Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Council Meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020, 8pm**  
**at Greatham Village Hall**

**Present** Cllr T Butler (Chair), Cllr A Cheesman, Cllr A Crick, Cllr T Driver, Cllr S Harris,  
Cllr M Rodbert, Cllr O Rook

**Also present** Jane Ives, Clerk to Parish Council  
County Councillor Russell Oppenheimer  
District Councillor Adam Carew  
District Councillor Phillip Davies  
10 members of the public

- 19.247 Chair's Announcements:** The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded members of the public that they could ask questions during the adjournment of the meeting for public questions.
- 19.248 Apologies for absence:** None
- 19.249 Declarations of Interests:** None
- 19.250 Council Meeting Minutes:** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
- 19.251 Update on actions arising from previous meetings:**
- i) Cllr Driver advised that there were a handful of volunteers for defibrillator training. The Clerk will ask the Triangle Centre about any training they may have available.**
  - ii) The Clerk will be inspecting the Parish Council's phone box this week as it is currently with a resident of the village for repair/refurbishment. She will establish when it will be handed back.**
  - iii) The Clerk is awaiting a response from EHDC regarding dog waste bins.**
  - iv) Unity Bank Account – Cllrs Rodbert advised his sign-in is complete. Cllr Cheesman will action his.**
  - v) The CIL funding application for the playground has been completed by Cllr Harris & the Clerk.**
  - vi) Outstanding actions on Risk Management Schedule to be completed by the Clerk.**
- 19.252 District Councillors Report:** Cllr Carew had provided some updates to the Clerk on outstanding planning applications prior to the meeting. He will continue to update as he receives any further information. 1 Hill View is likely to require a modified application; Apple Pie Depot has been called in by the SDNPA and 5 Bakers Field raises separate issues of the safe demolition of the existing property and the build of a new property. He will update Council when he has any further news.  
Cllr Davies provided an update on recent meetings he has attended with regards bus services in village around Whitehill & Bordon (full report Appendix 1). There is potential for an electric fleet of buses in the local area but this would need to be funded by Hampshire County Council.
- 19.253 County Councillor's Report:** Cllr Oppenheimer had provided a report (Appendix 2) which was noted. Additionally, he has requested information from HCC regarding the accident record at the Ham Barn roundabout and advised that an HCC officer will be raising the issue of the roundabout at a future meeting with Highways England and also with Portsmouth City Council.
- 19.254 Planning Committee Minutes:** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
- 19.255 Planning Update:** Cllr Rodbert confirmed that the Council's comments regarding the Liss Forest Nursery site had been submitted to the SDNPA and a decision is awaited. The Copse House planning application will be discussed later as there are some amendments to the original application to be considered. Cllr Rodbert updated on previous applications and advised that approval had been given for 18 & 20 Wolfmere Lane and 1 The Mount, Petersfield Road (Appendix 3).

- 19.256** The Chair **adjourned** the meeting for **Public Questions**:  
 A resident requested the Council investigate a microphone system for use during Council meetings as it was difficult to hear councillors speak. The Clerk will talk to the Village Hall Committee. **Action: Clerk**  
 A resident was concerned about the overgrown pavements throughout the village. The Clerk will follow this up to determine exact locations. **Action: Clerk**  
 In response to a question about the consultation expiry date of the Copse House planning application, Cllr Rodbert confirmed the Council had gained an extension.  
 A resident had written to the Council asking if membership of the CPRE could be considered. This will be added as an agenda item for the next meeting. **Action: Clerk**

**Meeting reconvened**

- 19.257** **NDP Working Party:** It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Vicky Baum as a member of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party.

- 19.258** It was **RESOLVED** to agree the following response to the planning application received:  
**SDNPA/19/05129/FUL Copse House, Church Lane, Greatham GU33 6HB**  
 Greatham Parish Council raised no objection to the original application and have now considered the amendments. We have no further objection to make however we reiterate our previous requests that local materials ie ironstone are used in the build and that current period features are retained. We would urge the planning authority to ensure that no further trees are felled at the property to protect the local ecology and reflect the rural setting. We note that Highways have raised no objection regarding access to the site.  
**Proposed: Cllr Rodbert. Seconded: Cllr Rook.**

**19.259** **Financial Report:**

- a) The Clerk reported the bank balances at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020 as follows:

Current Account: £ 7,935.23  
 Deposit Account: £25,000.00

Earmarked funds held in the bank account are as follows:

CIL fund: £ 4,395.00  
 Website £ 500.00  
 Guttering for Old Church £ 1,000.00

- b) It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following payments: **Proposed: Cllr Harris. Seconded: Cllr Driver.**

Invoice Date	Payee	Description	Net Total	VAT	Total
		<b>PAYMENTS MADE</b>			
01/11/19	Greatham Village Hall	Room Hire October	£13.75	£0.00	£13.75
29/01/20	Clerk	Salary January 2020	£640.25	£0.00	£640.25
29/01/20	HMRC	Tax/NI liability month 10	£160.80	£0.00	£160.80
		<b>PAYMENTS TO BE MADE</b>			
01/02/20	Tony Taylor Roofing	Guttering at Old Church	£940.00	£188.00	£1,128.00
02/02/20	Greatham Village Hall	Room Hire January	£17.75	£0.00	£17.75
		<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£1,772.55</b>	<b>£188.00</b>	<b>£1,960.55</b>

- 19.260** **Parish Online Subscription:** It was **RESOLVED** to subscribe to Parish Online mapping system for £75 + VAT, funded from general reserves, for one year and review then to establish its usefulness.

- 19.261** **Postal Address for Parish Council:** It was **RESOLVED** to set aside a budget of £75, funded from general reserves, to purchase an external post box situated at the Village Hall for Council post to be delivered to in future. This would negate the need to use the Clerk's home address in future.  
 It was **RESOLVED** to delegate authority to the Clerk to select the most suitable post box in agreement with the Village Hall Committee.

**19.262 Grants 2020/21:** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the following grants for 2020/21:

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

The Council will hold back £250 of the budget for any other grant requests received during the financial year for local organisations to apply for. Councillors were keen to see future grants having a positive environmental and/or community impact and agreed that the existing working party should review the current Grant Aid policy and bring this back to Council for agreement later in the year.

**19.263 Traffic Working Group:** Cllr Rook advised that the working group had recently met with Ian Janes from Hampshire Highways and discussed the various traffic issues in the village. The working group would now like to put a strategy together and then cost up various initiatives via the Community Funded Initiative Scheme. Hampshire Highways encourage photos/reports from residents detailing any traffic incident so that they can log them as evidence.

The working group would like to seek residents' views at the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting. It was also reported that the HCC Traffic Survey will take place in Greatham later this month.

**19.264 SLR Locations 2020/21:** Additional locations at Forest Road and on the B3006 heading from Empshott will be discussed with Hampshire Highways to see if they can be approved. **Action: Clerk**

**19.265 Grass Cutting at Village Hall Playground:** It was **RESOLVED** to continue with the existing contractor, Petersfield Town Council, for grass cutting during 2020/21 as the price had not increased and Council are pleased with the work carried out to date.

**19.266 Greatham Inn:** Cllr Cheesman advised that bookings are up at the pub with various events doing very well. Enterprise Inns are currently being bought out so it was unclear who the new owners would be. Cllr Butler expressed thanks to Cllr Cheesman for the regular quiz nights he provides in the pub which attract many visitors.

**19.267 Annual Parish Meeting:** It was agreed that the date for the meeting would be amended to Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April and Tim Slaney from the SDNPA had agreed to do a presentation. A working party consisting of Cllrs Butler, Driver & Harris would make arrangements for the APM including inviting local groups to come along and have a tabletop display to promote what they do. Council working groups could also provide a display to inform residents about what they are working on ie traffic, neighbourhood development plan. A budget of £150 was agreed to fund costs of refreshments for the evening and it would now be promoted through various channels including the Village Magazine, Facebook, mailing list and neighbourhood reps.

**19.268 Reports from representatives of Organisations, Outside Bodies, Working Parties, Leads & Groups:**  
The Clerk advised that Grayshott PC have gone out to tender for the lengthsman contract for 2020/21. Local clerks had met to view the tenders and submit their comments and recommendations. There is an outstanding balance that needs to be spent before 31<sup>st</sup> March and the Clerk will speak to the footpath wardens regarding any work they are aware of and/or carry out a litter pick on Forest Road. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Cheesman reported that the Liss Forest car park for the training area would have restricted parking for one week and would information to the Clerk for adding to the Facebook page and sending out to the mailing list. **Action: Cllr Cheesman**

**19.269 Items for next agenda:** Village Clean Up Day, Traffic working party update and request for funding for Community Funded Initiative Scheme.

**19.270 Date of next meeting –** The Chair confirmed the next meeting will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020, 8pm. A Planning Committee meeting would be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 subject to any planning applications being received. .

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

**Signed:** ..... **Chair**

**Date:** .....

## **Appendix 1: District Councillor P Davies Report on Bus Services**

At the Parish Council meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> December, I said I was seeking a meeting with County Council to discuss transport in and around Whitehill and Bordon and the surrounding villages.

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January with officers, I had a very productive meeting with the Whitehill and Bordon Regeneration Company. We discussed a bold and innovative proposal they presented that aims to provide better transport options, including a small on demand electric fleet that might be supported by a local operator with local drivers. Their plan includes the villages around Whitehill and Bordon, operating seven days a week 6am to midnight. Cllr Cowper and I are broadly supportive of this plan. I am meeting with them bi monthly to refine this and try and make this a reality. Two options we are keen to explore are considering more environmentally friendly and sustainable options than electric, recognising that electric is better than current popular options, and in the opportunities for local investment from business, rather than relying on tax payer's money. This is aspirational and all needs the full support of County, as the Strategic Transport lead.

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January I met with Hampshire County Council Deputy Leader and Exec lead for Environment, Transport and Economy, Cllr Roy Humby. Cllr Humby met me with his leadership team and it was a very positive meeting. I will be following this up with regular communications and updates from them and will ensure these are shared. They are considering the Draft Transport Plan from WBRC. In the meantime, they have launched a new innovative service called Taxi share recognising some of the challenges we face locally, including the loss of the 28 service.

The 28-bus service was funded through a government grant. This is running out. The Taxi share model avoids wasting money with empty buses as journeys are pre-booked and HCC only pay for the service when it is used. All passengers have to do is register with HCC prior to booking. Registering is important so that if County Transport plan to make any changes to the service, they can inform people who use quickly and efficiently. Importantly this also helps the team assess the service because they are speaking regularly with these people about it through surveys.

To ensure passengers knew County placed posters at the bus stops served by the 28 and on the buses themselves on the last days of operation. Taxi share will feature in the next update of County's Public Transport Guide too. County have now asked that a poster publicity drive is carried out to raise awareness of the service. Posters have been sent to key destinations including doctors' surgeries, pharmacies, Tesco, cafes, shops etc. If you have any suggestions for places you feel would benefit from a poster please let me know and I will pass on to the County Transport team.

County have offered to give me regular updates on this initiative and I'll share these.

## Appendix 2: 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**

**Appendix 3: Planning Application Tracker as at 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (recent decisions in yellow)**

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	Approved
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	