

Greatham Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 11th March 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.

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Jane Ives, Clerk to the Council

5th March 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 12th February 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. Public Question Time: Adjournment of the meeting for 15 minutes to allow the public to raise questions

9. Parish Council Finances/Administration

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

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

c) **CPRE Membership** – To consider membership and approve cost of £36 for one year's membership

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

11. SDNPA Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document: To agree a response to the consultation

12. Tree Survey on Parish Council trees:

a) To consider the tree survey and agree any actions

b) To consider quotations and appoint a contractor to carry out tree works

13. Old Church:

a) **Grass Cutting:** To confirm appointment of grass cutting contractor for 2020/21

b) **Update:** To hear an update on Old Church matters

14. Village Clean Up Day: To agree dates and any actions

15. Traffic Working Group:

c) To hear an update and agree any actions

d) **Community Funded Initiative Scheme:** To agree any projects to be funded and approve costs

16. Annual Parish Meeting 7th April: To hear an update and agree any actions

17. To note reports from representatives of Organisations, Outside Bodies, Working Parties, Leads & Groups

18. Items for next agenda

19. Date of next meeting – Annual Parish Meeting, Tuesday 7th April 2020, 7.30pm. Next PC meeting, Wednesday 8th April, 8pm. Next Planning Committee meeting Monday 23rd March 2020, 8pm.

Appendices

County Councillor's Report

1. Weather impacts Hampshire Highways

February saw the arrival of two storms in quick succession – Storm Ciara and Storm Dennis – which resulted in an extra 2,000 reports for Hampshire Highways to deal with over two consecutive weekends. Intense rainfall and strong winds caused widespread debris (fallen trees, mud, branches) and surface water on the roads, and highways teams worked round the clock to keep Hampshire's roads clear.

Throughout the year, Highways teams carry out a programme of gully cleansing, cutting and cleaning grips (channels that run between the highway and roadside ditches) and new drainage schemes in preparation for wet weather. Around £2 million is earmarked annually for maintaining Hampshire's 900km of highway drains and roadside gullies, but there are many watercourses on private land which can become blocked without regular maintenance. All landowners are urged to make sure ditches and drains on their land are kept clear of leaves, vegetation and other debris as blockages can lead to flooding on local roads after heavy rainfall. Surface water or fallen trees and debris on the highway can be reported direct to the County Council at www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems

We also advise residents to keep themselves informed and to be prepared by signing up to the Environment Agency flood alert system:

<https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/warnings>

2. Coronavirus preparedness

Hampshire County Council and health partners continue to keep a close watch on the development of the Coronavirus outbreak – with processes in place to respond, if and when required.

Although a small number of cases have been recorded in the UK, there have been no confirmed cases in Hampshire. The Government's Chief Medical Officer continues to advise that the risk to the public is moderate, with risks to individuals remaining low.

Hampshire residents can stay up to date with the latest information and guidance at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus

One of the best ways to minimise the spread of any virus is to adopt good hand hygiene and to follow the Catch it, Bin it, Kill it advice if you have a cold or cough (see this link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/south/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2017/09/catch-bin-kill.pdf> which can be printed and placed in washrooms and kitchens).

3. New "Business Hampshire" service launched

Previously known as Invest in Hampshire, the new service has been created to showcase all that is great about Hampshire with the aim to attract new business investment into the county and to support the growth and success of our existing local businesses, large and small.

Hampshire faces strong competition from other areas of the UK. We need to make sure that we make Hampshire stand out, and bring all Hampshire has to offer as a business location to the attention of potential investors.

The new website offers information about the Hampshire economy, key business sectors, business news and how the Business Hampshire team can support businesses.

Also featured is a new interactive property and development portfolio, showcasing the key commercial and mixed-use development, investment and occupier opportunities available across the county and Isle of Wight. Here is a link:

<https://businesshampshire.co.uk/>

A Hampshire place-making strategy is also being undertaken to support this initiative. This strategy will involve consultation with stakeholders and the public across Hampshire.

4. Winner announced in annual South Downs photo competition



As ponies gathered around a tree at sunset at Cissbury Ring, near Worthing, budding photographer Joe James snapped away – and the result can be seen above.

This blissful photograph has won the People’s Choice Award in the National Park’s Annual Photography Competition. Joe, a 38-year-old security manager from Horsham, wins a £100 prize.

Joe, who is a well-known local advocate for autism awareness through his own Facebook page, has been taking images for the past two years and has been honing his talent.

“I’m autistic and proud,” said the dad-of-two, who has never entered a photo competition before. “Being autistic allows me to hyperfocus on photography to really hone this skill so I can get the perfect image. Taking pictures is my version of mindfulness – I find it calms me and relaxes me.”

RUSSELL OPPENHEIMER

County Councillor for Petersfield Hangers

Financial Report as at 29th February 2020

Receipts February 2020

None

Bank Transfers

None

Balances as at 29th February 2020

Current Account	£ 5,988.43
Deposit Account	£25,000.00

Total at bank	£30,988.43
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Earmarked Funds held in bank

CIL fund	£4,395.00
Website	£ 500.00

A budget of £75 was agreed at the February PC meeting to purchase a post box for use at the Village Hall. This has now been agreed between the Clerk and the Village Hall Committee and a post box has been purchased for £29.03.

Year end

I will be starting to prepare the year end accounts leading up to 31st March in preparation for internal and external audit. The internal auditor is due to visit on 23rd April and after that the annual return will need to be approved by Council and then submitted to the external auditor PKF Littlejohn.

CPRE Membership

At last month's PC meeting, a member of the public asked whether the Council would consider joining the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England. Council indicated they wished to consider membership. The cost of one year's membership is £36. The local Hampshire branch of CPRE set out their goals as follows:

- Support communities to have their say on developments and changes in Hampshire
- Promote the benefit of the countryside to everyone, wherever they live
- Work with local and national government, and other organisations to promote planning policies that make the best use of land
- Raise awareness of the Hampshire countryside as a vital space for health and wellbeing
- Call for homes that local people can afford to be built in the right places across the country
- Celebrate and support businesses that give back to the Hampshire countryside
- Promote renewable energy that doesn't damage the Hampshire countryside or wider environment

More information is available on their website at www.cpre.org.uk

GPC Planning Applications updated 03/03/20

(decision since last mtg)

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	21/01/20	10/02/20	No objection	Withdrawn
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	

SDNPA Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation

The SDNPA are resending notification of this consultation as there have been some issues with hyperlinks in the text below and attached letter. These issues have now been resolved and the links will take you to the Sustainable Construction SPD consultation.

The South Downs National Park Authority is consulting on the draft Sustainable Construction Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The SPD provides further guidance to support the implementation of the South Downs Local Plan policies, in particular Policy SD2: Ecosystem Services, Policy SD3 Major Development, Policy SD22: Parking Provision (where it relates to electric vehicle charging), Policy SD48 Climate Change and Sustainable Use of Resources. The SPD therefore supports Local Plan Objective 6: To adapt well to and mitigate against the impacts of climate change and other pressures. It covers a number of detailed matters relating to new development including: energy and water efficiency, the use of low or zero carbon energy, use of sustainable materials, minimising waste and measures for adapting to climate change.

The Sustainable Construction SPD is available to view on the [SDNPA website](#) and can also be viewed at the South Downs Centre, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9DH.

The consultation will run for a period of 6 weeks, commencing on Tuesday 11th February. All comments must be received by 5pm on **Tuesday 24th March 2020**.

We would like to hear your views on the document. Please respond by email to planningpolicy@southdowns.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Policy, South Downs National Park Authority, South Downs Centre, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9DH.

After the end of the consultation period, any comments received will be considered in reviewing the draft SPD prior to adoption

Kind Regards

Chris Paterson

Communities Lead

South Downs National Park Authority

Old Church Report

Work on the plinth has successfully been carried out by Gary Appleton from Oakworks. Whilst on site he also fixed the noticeboard at no cost.

Committee members agreed that the standpipe tap in the churchyard should be capped off as it is unsightly and not used. There will still be access to water if needed from the outside tap at The Old School House. This work will be carried out by David Redman at no cost.

At the January Council meeting, delegation was given to the Clerk to appoint a contractor to carry out churchyard grass cutting. In consultation with the Old Church Advisory Committee the contract was awarded to Mr P Beenham. However, since the meeting there has been discussion around timings of grass cutting and also potential issues with use of his scythe around the tombstones. Mr Beenham has indicated that he would require some preparatory work before each cut around all the sunken/hidden stones which would probably involve careful strimming or preferably hand shears, in order that he does not snag his scythe which would cost £60 for a new blade.

Due to budget constraints it may be that we cannot afford the cost of new blades if they are damaged so the decision may be that we now appoint a different contractor.

The Old Church Advisory Committee will be arranging a talk later in the year from Peter Norton, an ancient yew tree specialist, about our yew tree in the churchyard. The Old Church will be