

Greatham Parish Council
Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held on Wednesday 10th July 2024, 7.00 pm

Present Cllr R Lafferty (Chair), Cllr C Rudd, Cllr SJ Bartlett (acting clerk), Cllr A Cheesman

Also present : Cllr M Steevens and 5 residents

24.107 : Chairman's Announcement : Cllr Lafferty asked for the indulgence of the residents to holding the meeting early, given the Euro semi-final with England at 8 pm. It was felt that many attendees may wish to be able to attend the meeting but also support England.

24.108 : Apologies for Absence : Cllr K Mitchell, Cllr R Oppenheimer, Cllr S Pond

24.109 :Declarations of Interest : None to note.

24.110 :Approval of Minutes: It was **RESOLVED** to approve minutes from the council meeting held on 12th June 2024.
Proposed by Cllr Lafferty and seconded by Cllr Rudd.

24.111 : Update on previous actions arising from council meetings : (Appendix 1)

- Discussion regarding the speeding issues in the village to be discussed as a separate agenda item.

24.112 : Report from District Councillors: Report from Cllr Mitchell/Cllr Steevens (Appendix 2)

- Cllr Steevens advised he is still seeking support funding from local businesses for the proposed community minibus.

24.113 Report from County Councillor: Report from Cllr Russell Oppenheimer (Appendix 3)

- Cllr Lafferty highlighted key points from Cllr Oppenheimer's report.
- It was **RESOLVED** to promote the HCC Skills for Life scheme on Facebook.

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

- An email has been received about improving the quality of the footpaths within the village.
- A request was made to chase HCC to make good the repairs needed at the corner of Petersfield Road and Farnham Road.
- A question was asked about what follow up the Police are doing regarding the ball bearing incident in Greatham playground and possible linked incidents. The clerk advised that the Police have been engaged about these issues and have ongoing investigations. They are also going to be asked to attend a Parish Council meeting or Councillor drop in event.
- A question was asked about the Local plan for Greatham. Liphook and Liss are apparently linking together to produce a plan. Would Greatham consider joining this local group? Volunteers to join the working group are Anne Ballard, and Don Jerrard. The Clerk will contact both Liphook and Liss clerks to find out if joining them is an option.

Meeting reconvened

24.115 : Parish Council Finances/Administration:

- a) **Payment Schedule:** It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule. (Appendix 4). **Proposed by Cllr Lafferty and seconded by Cllr Cheesman.**
- b) **Finance Report:** To note the Finance Report for June 2024. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the bank reconciliations. (Appendix 5) It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will process a VAT Reclaim. It was **RESOLVED** to move £5000 from the Deposit account to the current Account. **Proposed by Cllr Bartlett and seconded by Cllr Rudd.**
- c) **Clerks Report** (Appendix 6)

24.116 : Planning and TPO Received : It was **RESOLVED** to request an extension to the consultation close date for SDNP/24/02259/HOUS so that a planning meeting can be held.

24.117 : It was **RESOLVED** that the survey regarding speeding within the village should be included in the September magazine to give more time to consider what options should be included.

- 20 mph within the village. Investigate the options. Consider length of Petersfield road, or from the Village Hall to Goulds Cottage.
- Speedwatch team within the village. Volunteers needed.
- ANPR Camera
- Rumble strips from Digby Way to Longmoor Road.

24.118: To note reports from representatives of Organisations, Outside Bodies, Leads & Groups :

- The village hall will be holding an August meeting, so an update will be provided in September.
- There has been no applications for support from the Greatham Friendship fund.

24.119 : Agenda Items for the next Meeting

- Speeding survey
- Budget Review

24.106: The Date of the next meeting : 11th September 2024 @ 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

Signed (Chairman)

Date

Appendix 1 : Matters Arising

1. Included in the July parish magazine will be a survey with suggestions on all the possible options that could be used to slow the traffic in the village. Residents will be asked to comment on all options. This will be

followed up with a public consultation at a Councillor drop in session on 28th September at 10 am in Greatham Village Hall.

2. The clerk has contacted Whitehill Town Council and discussed with them the options for keeping Digby way roundabout and cycle lanes clear of vegetation to aid visibility and improve safety.

Appendix 2 : Report from District Councillors

None Received

Appendix 3 : Report from County Councillor

**COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT
TO
ALL PARISH COUNCILS
IN PETERSFIELD HANGERS**

5 JULY 2024

1. General Election outcome

I would like to congratulate Damian Hinds on his re-election as MP for East Hampshire. I would also like to congratulate Greg Stafford on his election as MP for the new Farnham and Bordon constituency (which includes Greatham within Petersfield Hangers Division).

Both campaigns were competitive and I believe that all parties deserve credit for showcasing our thriving, healthy democracy here in Hampshire. I spoke to many people in both constituencies about issues like affordable housing, nature recovery, pollution, climate change, schools and roads. I acknowledge that your elected representatives now need to work together at pace to tackle local challenges. I can promise that I will work with Damian Hinds MP and Greg Stafford MP (and HCC will work with the new government) to ensure that we deliver tangible improvements to the quality of life for communities in East Hampshire.

2. Delay to Future Services Consultation decisions

As a result of the General Election, and conventions around making significant decisions during an election period, the democratic scrutiny and Cabinet decisions on the County Council's SP25 savings proposals were postponed until later in the year.

The new Leader Nick Adams-King has reassured the public that he and his Cabinet colleagues have heard the concerns of the public which were raised in the consultation into the proposals.

County Councillors know that the retention of HWRCs and School Crossing Patrols, maintenance of vital community transport routes and the continued provision of homelessness grants to the end of their planned contract term are important to both the public and to our partners.

3. South Downs Local Plan Review

From Monday 8 July to 13 September 2024, SDNPA will be consulting on the scope of their Local Plan Review. I am sure that you will want to check out this consultation when it launches on Monday. It could be an opportunity to make some important points. Here is a link to the page:

<https://sdnpalocalplanreview.commonplace.is/>

4. Skills Bootcamps

I would like to give a plug to the HCC Skills for Life initiative, which offers Skills Bootcamps to the public. This scheme has just received an extra £3.8m in funding from the Department for Education; this was a great vote of confidence from the government. I would like to encourage Parish Councils to raise awareness of this initiative through your channels.

At skills bootcamps, individuals are supported to re-train, upskill or start a brand new career. Businesses can use the scheme as an excellent recruitment tool to fill current and future vacancies.

The website is available at this link:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/business/skillsbootcamp>

This latest round of funding will enable training to be offered to at least 1,000 learners and will include training in coding, construction, engineering, project management, early years education, health and social care, and hospitality and tourism. I hope you will agree that this is a service which can really benefit our local economy if we all promote it widely.

5. 2024 Awards for Parish Councils and Clerks

I feel fortunate to work with great Parish Councils and Clerks. I hope you will consider applying for the Council of the Year and the Clerk of the Year awards this year. Many of you will be in with a strong chance. When Councils and Clerks receive these accolades it delivers a great boost to the whole community. The deadline for applications is 13 September so there is still lots of time to apply!

Here is a link to the relevant page:

<https://www.hampshirealc.org.uk/news/hampshire-alc-comms-awards-2024/>

6. My next report

Just a reminder that I do not normally send out an August report because most Parish Councils do not meet in August. My next report will therefore be on 1 September. I hope you all have a good break over the Summer if I do not see you beforehand.

RUSSELL OPPENHEIMER
County Councillor for Petersfield Hangers

Appendix 4 : Payment Schedule

Invoice Date	Payee	Description	Net Total	VAT	Total
		Payments to be Made			
17/06/2024	Microsoft	Online Apps	8.60	1.72	10.32
21/06/24	Giff Gaff	Mobile phone	5.00	1.00	6.00
30/06/24	Reg White	St Johns Graveyard maintenance	168.00	0.00	168.00
03/07/24	Greatham Village Hall	Hall Rental	5.50	0.00	5.50
5/03/24	Geosphere ltd	Parish online mapping	75.00	15.00	90.00
22/04/24	Sawscapes play	Final balance against Q3216 and Q3238	4975.00	995.00	5970.00

Signed

Date

Appendix 5 : Finance Report and Bank Reconciliations

The Financial records as at 30th June 2024 are as follows :

Receipts 1st June to 30th June 2024

Total Receipts £1,113.33

Balances as at 30th June 2024

Current Account £8,714.26

Deposit Account £31,328.89

Total at Bank £40,043.15

Earmarked Funds Held

Trees £ 500.00

Community Engagement £ 900.00

Total Earmarked Funds £1,400.00

General Reserves Balance £38,643.15 (Total at Bank less Earmarked funds)

Appendix 6 : Clerks Report

- Part of the campaign team for Conservative Candidate Greg Stafford, so heavily involved in General Election preparation and worked at the count on 4th July.
- Deadline to file all accounts and support information with External Auditor 1st July 2024. Reviewed all submission papers, final check with internal auditor, and submitted final documentation on Friday 28th June 2024.
- Kept Clerk email and work ticking over.