

**Greatham Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Annual Meeting**  
**held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026, 6.30 pm**

**Present** Cllr R Lafferty (Chair), Cllr SJ Bartlett (Clerk), Cllr A Cheesman, Cllr Sally Pond

**Also present** : Cllr N Drew, 3 residents, and Khalil Yousuf prospective parliamentary candidate for the Liberal Democrat party for Farnham and Bordon in part.

**26.49:** It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Ron Lafferty as Chair of the council. **Proposed by Cllr A Cheesman, and seconded by Cllr S Pond.** It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Carole Rudd as Vice Chair of the Parish Council. **Proposed by Cllr A Cheesman, and seconded by Cllr S Pond.** Both were by unanimous vote.

**26.50: To receive the Chairman's Acceptance of Declaration of Office** : Cllr Lafferty signed the Acceptance of Office at the start of the meeting.

**26.51 : Apologies for Absence** : Cllr C Rudd, Cllr K Mitchell, Cllr M Steevens.

**26.52 : Declarations of Interest** : None to note.

**26.53 : Register of Interests** : It was noted that an email had been received regarding changes to the requirements for Register of interests of Councillors. The Clerk will ask individual Councillors how they wish to respond.

**26.54: Report from County Councillor** : Cllr Drew thanked the residents that had voted for him. There was not a conservative majority so a meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> May will ascertain how HCC will be structured and who will be leader. Cllr Drew feels that politics should not come into play, it is about working for the benefit of the residents. Many areas need to be addressed, Business rates and development areas may change is the unitary authority goes ahead. The local plan will not be moving forward given the possible changes.

During his campaign Cllr Drew acknowledged pot holes were a big issue for Greatham residents. He has spoken to Highways and believes that within 2 – 2 ½ months the pot holes will be fixed. Please do report pot holes and provide Cllr Drew with the reference numbers so he can follow up.

Speeding is another big issue. He requested that the parish council email him with a request for where we would like to see speed camera's and how many. It was noted that there is an existing pole that could hold an average speed watch. He will also chase up the 30 marker speed roundels agreed to be installed.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow 15 minutes for Public Questions

**26.55 : Public Questions** : A concern was raised about speeding cars in the village on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026. Two cars were racing and mounted the pavement while doing so. One car appeared to be damaged by hitting the gateway between Deal Farm and Bakers Field. This will be reported.

A request was made that Donna Jones, Hampshire and Isle of Wight PCC visit to discuss speeding issues.

A question was asked about why the council were mowing the verges during no mow may? The parish council assumed it was due to the extremely wet weather experienced in the Spring.

***Meeting reconvened***

**26.56 Election of representatives to Outside Bodies:** It was **RESOLVED** that the following people will represent the council on the listed outside bodies.

- a) Greatham Village Hall : Cllr R Lafferty. **Proposed by Cllr A Cheesman and seconded by Cllr SJ Bartlett**
- b) Liss Greatham and Hawkley Friendship Fund : Reverend Richard Wharton. **Proposed by Cllr A Cheesman and seconded by Cllr SJ Bartlett.**
- c) East Hampshire Association of Parish & Town Councils : Cllr SJ Bartlett. **Proposed by Cllr R Lafferty and seconded by Cllr A Cheesman.**

**26.57 : Appointment of Lead Councillors for focus areas :** It was **RESOLVED** that the following Councillors will be leads for the identified areas :

- a) Playground : Cllr A Cheesman.
- b) Footpaths / outside spaces : Cllr SJ Bartlett & Cllr C Rudd
- c) Community Engagement : Cllr R Lafferty
- d) Old Church : Cllr SJ Bartlett
- e) Planning : Cllr S Pond

**26.58 : Parish Council Finances/Administration:** It was requested that on the payment schedule the payments that are on Direct Debit be noted with an additional column to make the document easier to read. The Clerk will discuss with the RFO.

Cllr Drew highlighted that it is possible to receive a grant from EHDC to fund the Insurance payment to Zurich. RFO to investigate with Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Steevens.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment schedule presented to the meeting. Proposed by Cllr Lafferty and seconded by Cllr Cheesman.

**26.59 : The Date of the next meeting : May 2027**

**The meeting closed at 18.57**

**Signed .....** (Chairman)

**Date .....**