



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 10th JULY 2007

Present: Cllrs. Craggs (Chairman), Collins, Mitchell, Padley & Sturman

In attendance: Denise Draper, Clerk to the Council
1 member of the public

07.07.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllrs. Craggs declared an interest in Planning Application 07/0575/FUL and Cllr. Collins declared an interest in Planning Application 07/0581/FUL. They would take no part in consideration of these applications by the Council or the Planning Committee.

07.07.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. Leake, Nicholls, Richardson, Robertson and Salmon and from Boro. Cllr. Kolker.

07.07.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 10th June 2007 and the Extraordinary Meeting of 16th June 2007 as true records and to take them as read.

07.07.4. COUNTY MATTERS

In the absence of Cty. Cllr. Oliver, there were no County Matters reported.

07.07.5. BOROUGH MATTERS

Boro. Cllr. Kolker had sent the following e-mailed report.
Local Government Review. In the Judicial Review, the judge decided that the Government has serious matters to answer and that there will be a full hearing of the matter in September. The Prime Minister, at PMQs on Wednesday 4th July said that he would meet the MP for Shrewsbury (a party to the JR) after the JR decision.

Chairman: Cllr. Gordon Salmon

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

07.07.6. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

AMENITIES: There had been no meeting since the last Parish Council.

FINANCE: The meeting planned for 3rd July had not taken place as only two committee members attended. A revised date has yet to be determined.

VILLAGE HALL: Minutes of the meeting of 5th July had been circulated. A quorum had not been present at that meeting. No business was transacted or decisions made but items were discussed and information given in preparation for the next meeting.

Resolved: To approve the Joint Use Recharge Account for 2006-7.

The Chairman expressed concern at the lack of progress regarding the damp problem in the toilets. The Council had already written to CCC and the school were approaching their contacts.

The Chairman stressed the importance of attendance at Committee Meetings.

07.07.7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Reports 154 and 155 had been circulated.

The Council had expressed concerns about safety and the possibility of vandalism with regard to the proposed access lift at St. Luke's Church.

The Council had repeated its concerns about the increase in size and height of Sandyacre, Main Road.

Copy letters had been received from two residents objecting to Planning Application 07/0483/FUL. (Sandyacre, Main Road)

07.07.8. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 07/07.

Resolved to accept Payment Schedule 07/07.

07.07.9 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk referred to Appendix 07/07 listing her actions resulting from the last meeting and correspondence received.

- a) A reply from CCC Highways re. request for a traffic mirror opposite the school exit. The location does not meet required criteria but the District Engineer had offered to arrange a site meeting. The school administrator had undertaken to liaise directly.
- b) A reply from CCC School Travel Team Manager re. request for a handrail on the steps opposite the school, stating she would look further into the issue. The school administrator had again undertaken to liaise directly.
- c) A copy of the Footpaths Group letter to CCC re. the diversion of Public Footpath No. 9.
- d) A letter from CCC Countryside Access Manager advising that an application for a stable block at Dromedary Lodge had been submitted and approved in 2005. However, an altered proposal for the diversion was expected and the Council was asked to consider the matter afresh when this was to hand.
- e) A reply from the landowner of Grassy Lane advising that it is impractical to avoid ploughing through the path but the ridges are levelled and the crop sprayed off after ploughing and seeding. He commented that more regular use of the path would prevent it becoming overgrown but gave an assurance that the path would be reinstated as it has been in the past.

Action: The Clerk to reply, thanking the landowner for his assurances.

- f) An acknowledgement from Lady Winterton, MP agreeing with the Council's submission to the Consultation Team re. Local Government Review in Cheshire.

The Clerk reported the following additional correspondence.

- a) A letter CBC Senior Landscape Officer, offering to look at the oak trees in Bank View when she is next visiting Goostrey but advising that CBC is not in a position to make formal inspections of trees on land outside its control.
- b) Information from one of the residents of Bank View that Dane Housing has agreed to cut the oak tree back further, to at least remove all the overhang, this work not yet carried out.
- c) A note from Barrie Pitt, CCC confirming the planned Joint Use meeting on 11th September at 2pm in the Village Hall.

7.7.10. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- a) Confirmation from CCC Highways that a section of Hermitage Lane has been included in the speed limit review programme. Due to existing commitments, it could be a number of months before the review process starts.

- b) Cllr Nicholl's proposed letter to Lady Winterton, MP regarding 30mph limit on Main Road.

Action: The Clerk to liaise with Cllrs. Salmon and Nicholls regarding this and also respond to CCC.

07.07.11. WEB SITE UPDATE

Cllr. Sturman reported that the work on the Parish web site was moving forward. The home page had been improved. The 'Organisations' section had been redesigned and the information brought up-to-date. The 'Parish Council' section now contained an explanation of the role of the PC. The next development would be a section giving details of local services.

07.07.12. MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT

Resolved: To accept in principle the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 No. 1159.

Action: The Clerk to contact the Monitoring Officer at CBC for guidance as recommended.

07.07.13 STATION BUILDING

There was nothing to report.

7.7.14 G.Y.P.P.

Boro. Cllr. Kolker had sent a report that a meeting had been arranged for mid September to be attended by the Head of Children's Services at CCC, the School Head, Chairman of the Governors, Cllr. Craggs and Graham Holborow to consider the site. He stressed that this was a very important meeting in view of the need for a lease on the land from CCC.

The Chairman expressed concern at the delay until September and undertook to make enquiries about submitting a planning application before then. He explained that the site of the old Youth Centre would be especially valuable during the current moratorium on residential building.

07.07.15 PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Copies of the proposed Summer 2007 Parish Council Newsletter, written by the Chairman of the PC and prepared by the Clerk had been circulated to Members.

Resolved: To distribute the Summer Newsletter to all homes in the Village, deliveries to be made by Councillors and to discuss reactions at the September PC meeting.

07.07.16 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The Chairman reported that CBC Planning Department were aware of the apparent discrepancies between the plans for Owl's Hoot and the actual building and would be looking further into the matter after staff holidays.

Cllr. Collins reported the success of the Gardens Open Day. The participants had enjoyed the day and reported visitor numbers at 40-50 at each venue. Receipts already exceeded £200. Cllr. Collins was planning to make arrangements for participants to be able to visit each others gardens, something they had not been able to do on the day. Cllr. Sturman thanked Cllr. Collins for her hard work in organising the event.

Action: The Clerk to send letters of thanks to the participants and include a report in the Parish Magazine Newsletter.

07.07.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: Tuesday 11th September, 2007.

07.07.18 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.30 pm.