



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, 12th JUNE 2007

Present: Cllrs. Salmon (Chairman), Collins, Craggs, Leake, Mitchell, Nicholls, Padley, Richardson & Sturman

In attendance: Cty. Cllr. Oliver
Boro. Cllr. Kolker
Helen de Lemos, Waste Strategy Manager, Cheshire County Council
Denise Draper, Clerk to the Council
2 members of the public

06.07.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllrs. Craggs and Collins declared an interest in Planning Application 07/0505/FUL and left the meeting when it was considered under item 06.07.7.

06.07.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Robertson.

06.07.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 8th MAY 2007

Resolved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 8th May 2007 as a true record and to take them as read.

Standing Orders were suspended for the following 2 agenda items.

06.07.4. COUNTY MATTERS

Cty. Cllr. Oliver reported that at the AGM of Cheshire County Council in May all officers had been re-elected to their posts.

He would be attending two meetings on 14th June – ‘Strategic Mineral Plan for the County’ and ‘Waste Plan for the County’.

06.07.5. BOROUGH MATTERS

Boro. Cllr. Kolker reported progress on the Youth Centre project.

A survey of the proposed site had been conducted, showing that the area was suitable for building. Approximate costings were being calculated before an approach to CCC for consent to use the site.

04.07.6. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

AMENITIES: Minutes of the meeting of 5th June had been circulated.

Agreed: To proceed with painting of the Village sign on the Bogbean at a cost of £60 + materials.

The Gardens Open Day was being publicised in the Parish Magazine and with posters around the Village. Lists of gardens/maps were in place in three local shops. Cllr. Padley requested some copies for sale to contacts at the school. More publicity would be given to the event at Rose Day.

Planning of the November party for senior citizens was continuing.

Catering arrangements would be put to tender.

Cllr. Padley reported that the school had confirmed that pupils & accompanying teachers would be available to provide entertainment and that scout & guide groups had also given a positive response.

Agreed: To purchase two Evergreen picnic tables/benches from Earth Anchors Ltd. at a cost of £583 + fixings + delivery each.

Actions: The Clerk to make a formal request to CBC and supply them with details of the selected tables.

FINANCE: There had been no meeting since the last Parish Council

VILLAGE HALL: Minutes of the meeting of 24th May had been circulated.

Cyclical electrical testing had revealed major problems. Urgent remedial work had already been carried out but complete rewiring and replacement of the fire alarm system was needed. CCC would cover most of the cost with the school being required to pay for walkways above the suspended ceiling. The cost to the Parish Council was not yet known.

CCC are due to contact the Village Hall Manager to progress the investigation and rectification of the damp problem.

The procedure for processing invoices was changing. In future joint use charges would be handled via the school but anything relating only to the Village Hall would be dealt with by the Parish Council in direct contact with CCC.

The school had requested a mirror opposite the school exit on Main Road and handrails alongside the steps down from the footpath to Main Road.

Agreed: The Meeting fully endorsed both plans.

Action: The Clerk to contact CCC Highways about the mirror and CCC Safer Routes to School about the handrails.

06.07.7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Reports 152 and 153 had been circulated.

Cllr. Craggs had studied the plans for Owl's Hoot, Blackden Lane and visited the site. He considered that there were many variations in measurements and height.

Action: Cllr. Craggs to visit CBC Planning Department to confirm that the Parish Council has copies of the latest, approved drawings.

Members (excluding Cllrs. Craggs & Collins) considered Planning Application 07/0505/FUL – 16 Buckbean Way and found no objections.

06.07.8. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 04/07.

Resolved to accept Payment Schedule 06/07.

06.07.9 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk referred to Appendix 04/07 listing her actions resulting from the last meeting and correspondence received.

- a) 2 letters to the graveyard maintenance contractor reminding that all rubbish and cuttings must be removed from site.
- b) Letter to CCC Transport Dept. supporting new services to Jodrell Bank.
- c) Reply to ChalC, providing contact details for all members and naming Cllrs. Craggs, Richardson and Salmon as representatives to attend area meetings.
- d) Letter to CBC Dog Warden requesting additional dog waste bin on the Dromedary Lodge path. No reply as yet due to Dog Warden being on sick leave.
- e) Reply to Mr. Parsons of The Old Shippon reporting on PC's actions to alleviate dog waste problem. Mr Parsons agrees that the Main Road end of the Dromedary Lodge drive would be the most useful position for a new bin.

Correspondence Received:

- a) A letter from Scottish Power about Wayleave payments for an underground line on land adjacent to the graveyard, currently payable at £1.15 pa.
Action: The Clerk to reply that the Council does not wish to commute to a lump sum equivalent to 20 times the annual rental, to request payment of amounts due to date and make a diary note for future years.
- b) Invitation to Cheshire Waters Forum 2007 – a day to focus on Cheshire's rivers, streams and canals - Thursday 5th July at Crewe Alexandra FC.
- c) A phone call from the owners of 'Hairtalk' asking for advise regarding a 'Private Parking' sign at the shops on Main Road.
Action: The Clerk to reply that the traders should contact their landlords or the landowner as the Council had no jurisdiction in this area.
- d) A letter from the Footpaths Groups advising that Grassy Lane had been ploughed and planted and suggesting the PC should write to the landowner.
Action: The Clerk to write to CCC to follow up the 2002 request for the lane to be recognised as a 'BOAT' (byway open to all traffic).
- e) From the organisers of the Goostrey Festival of the Arts, acknowledgement and thanks for offer of sponsorship.
Action: The Clerk to reply asking for an update on progress with the Festival and offering space on the PC's stall on Rose Day for publicity material.
- f) Information about the next meeting of the Congleton Locality Board, passed to Cllr. Richardson.
- g) A phone call from the Secretary to St. Luke's Church advising that names and phone numbers for Parish, Borough and County Councillors would be re-instated in the Parish Magazine.

04.07.10. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- a) Notice of a proposed 50 mph speed limit on part of A353 (Terra Nova, Jodrell Bank area).

Action: The Clerk to reply conveying the Council's approval.

- b) A reply from the District Engineer covering several outstanding issues.

Pedestrian Crossing at the entrance to Mount Pleasant Residential Park – not considered a viable proposition.

Request to extend 30mph limit on Main Road – the present limit considered wholly appropriate.

Action: Cllr. Nicholls and the Clerk to reply, disagreeing and stating more strongly the reasons for the request. Copy to be sent to Lady Winterton, MP.

Request to extend 30mph limit on Hermitage Lane – Request considered to have some merit. Happy to add this section of Hermitage Lane to the list of sites for review.

Action: The Clerk to reply requesting that the procedures for review be started.

The Clerk to pass on this information to the resident of Hermitage Lane who first raised the issue.

Christman Tree, Bogbean Village Green – No objections provided does not interfere/restrict sightlines or present an obstruction to road users.

Action: Christmas tree to be on agenda for September PC Meeting.

06.07.11. FINAL ACCOUNTS 2006/7

Resolved:

a) To formally approve the Accounts for 2006/7.

b) To formally approve the Statement of Assurance for all undertakings in the preparation of the accounts for 2006/7.

06.07.12. WEB SITE UPDATE

Resolved: To approve amendments to the Web Site layout.

06.07.13 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW IN CHESHIRE

Resolved: To discuss at an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council on Saturday 16th June at 9.30 am in the Village Hall.

06.07.14 ROSE DAY 2007

Agreed: Members to meet at 11.00 on Saturday 30th June to set up stall.

To man the stall in the afternoon, without a formal rota.

Exhibits to include – Gardens Open Day promotion, GYPP plans, Speed Watch equipment,

Arts Festival material (if required by organisers).

Cllr. Richardson to distribute leaflets on Fuel Bills.

06.07.15 FOOTPATH DIVERSION

Members considered the proposed diversion of Public Footpath No. 9 (around Dromedary Lodge) advised by CCC Public Rights of Way Dept. and the comments of the Footpaths Group.

Action: The Clerk to reply to CCC that no application has been made for demolition of the barns or erection of a new stable block. It would be more logical and appropriate to deal with a request for diversion of the footpath when these proposals became a reality and plans had been submitted.

06.07.16 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

No items were raised.

06.07.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: Tuesday 10th July, 2007.

06.07.18 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 10.15 pm.