



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 8th APRIL 2008

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

In attendance: Cty. Cllr. Oliver
Boro. Cllr. Kolker
Denise Draper, Clerk to the Council

04.08.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interests registered.

04.08.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Boro. Cllr. Furlong and from Cllr. Richardson.

04.08.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 11th March 2008 as a true record and to take them as read.

04.08.4. COUNTY MATTERS

Cty. Cllr. Oliver reported that signage for the A50 High Risk Collision Area would cost £14,000. This compares with a cost of £19,500 for each major traffic incident in the area.

04.08.5. BOROUGH MATTERS

Boro. Cllr. Kolker had nothing to report.

Chairman: Cllr. Gordon Salmon

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

04.08.6. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

FINANCE: Minutes of the meeting of 1st April had been circulated.

Unaudited accounts for the year 2007/8 and the asset register had been finalised. The accounts showed a cash balance of £45,000 which would be used for planned projects in the coming year.

Resolved: To formally approve the Accounts for 2007/8.

VILLAGE HALL: Minutes of the meeting of 18th March had been circulated.

A reply from CCC Highways regarding the installation of a handrail at the school steps was awaited.

A further letter was being sent to the owner of the white van parked at the entrance gates, this time indicating that police involvement was being requested.

Work on solving the damp problem and refurbishing the toilet facilities was expected to begin at the end of May. A notice to be posted in the foyer giving details of the work and temporary, alternative arrangements.

04.08.7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Reports 172 and 173 had been circulated.

In respect of a new application for Heathfield, Blackden Lane, the committee had repeated the objections regarding size, height and suitability for location as given for previous applications.

There was one planning application to be considered immediately following this meeting.

Cllr. Craggs reported that CBC Planning Department were awaiting further drawings in order to assess the development at Owl's Hoot within the planning framework. Boro. Cllr. Kolker was asked to investigate and report on progress.

04.08.8. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 04/08

Resolved to accept Payment Schedule 04/08.

04.08.9 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk referred to Appendix 04/08 listing her actions resulting from the last meeting and correspondence received.

- a) The Chairman would be meeting with a Senior Landscape Officer from CBC on 16th April to consider suitable planting for the graveyard.
- b) Scout and Guide leaders requested to provide child protection details to the Community Rail Officer.
- c) Tender packs for speed indicator devices sent out to 7 suppliers.
- d) Arrangements made for Annual Parish Meeting speakers, invitations/agenda & refreshments.
- e) Litter Collector vacancy advertised in The Trading Post and Goostrey News.

Correspondence Received

- a) Invitation to run a side-stall at Rose Day, Saturday 28th June 2008.

Action: The Clerk to book stall.

- b) Observations from a resident of Swanwick Close about misuse of new picnic tables at Booth Bed Lane play area by youths late at night. It was considered that this might have been a one-off end-of-term occurrence but the situation should be monitored.
- c) CBC Local Development Framework – Middlewich Canal Corridor Area Action Plan Issues and Options Paper, to be circulated to Members.
- d) Complaint from a resident about the position of the dog waste bin at Church Bank/Main Road, to be forwarded to CBC.
- e) Information from Holmes Chapel Community First Responders and a request for a donation towards the £6000 they require for vehicle, insurance and equipment.

Agreed: Proceeds from the Treasure Hunt on 11th May to be donated.

04.08.10 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Details of the restructuring of the Congleton Area Highways Office. The number of highways inspectors is reduced from 3 to 2. Mark Bone remains the inspector for Goostrey.

4.8.11 G.Y.P.P.

Boro Cllr. Kolker, as Chairman of G.Y.P.P. reported on the latest situation.

Planning permission was in place for the old site.

School governors were now happy with the proposed new site.

CCC seemed to favour the proposed new site and had asked several questions.

The Chairman suggested that the PC should make enquiries about purchasing the land in the future, but not in any way hinder the current favourable position.

Cllr. Craggs reported that work was underway to evaluate the cost of the new building and thus the required income from the sale of the old site. He also commented that the TLC process was no longer relevant and Cty. Cllr. Oliver confirmed that TLC was held in abeyance until after election of the new shadow East Cheshire authority.

Resolved:

To authorise G.Y.P.P to reply to CCC as follows:

The lease on the land should be in the name of GPC.

Confirm that the sale of the existing site will fund the building of the new centre.

The school will not be given an automatic right to use the building free of charge but will be given use, subject to availability and probably at a reduced rental rate.

A 99 year lease at a nominal ground rent should be requested.

04.08.12 STATION BUILDING & GARDENS

Cllr.Craggs reported that planting at the station gardens was planned for 26th April. The scheme had been funded externally. Health and safety and child protection requirements had been met. The work would be supervised by scout and guide leaders but adult help on the day would be appreciated.

Cllr. Collins suggested 'before' and 'after' photographs.

04.08.13 SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

2 tenders had been received for speed indicator devices, these to be considered by the Chairman, speedwatch team leader and consultant who would report their recommendations at the May PC meeting. Speedwatch activities would begin again in late April/early May.

04.08.14 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2008

The Chairman confirmed that all arrangements were in place.

Cty. Cllr. Oliver advised that the Holmes Chapel Annual Parish Meeting was taking place on the same evening and he would be trying to attend both meetings.

04.08.15 VILLAGE HALL TOILETS

Sub-contractors had visited the site to view the job.

Concern was expressed that the exact cause of the damp could not be known until breaking up of the floors had begun.

04.08.16 LITTER COLLECTOR

2 applications had been received for the post.

Actions:

The Chairman, Cllr. Collins & Cllr. Robertson to arrange informal interviews.
The Clerk to contact CHALC regarding the employment status of the post.

04.08.17 STANDING ORDERS

Resolved: As proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr. Craggs, to amend Standing Order 67 as circulated.

04.08.18 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THE BOGBEAN

The Chairman & Cllr. Craggs had met with a supplier who will be presenting 2 options, solar powered and taking a supply from a street light. It would be necessary to approach CCC again about the street light option.

04.08.19 WEB SITE UPDATE

Cllr. Sturman reported a further meeting with the web site manager at which the following time table had been agreed.

April – allow Clerk and Cllr. Sturman to make on-line changes to local organisation information.

May – allow Clerk to post minutes and newsletters direct to site.

May – include a news page for special items of immediate interest.

June – improve the diary section.

Items for future consideration were an improved picture gallery and a reduced but more relevant business Section.

4.8.20 JODRELL BANK

The council had been asked by a resident to consider how it could help to secure the future of Jodrell Bank but unfortunately she was unable to attend the meeting to present her suggestions. However, she had consulted with Prof. Phil Diamond of the University of Manchester who sent an e-mail to the PC. He is optimistic about the current situation, expects funding to be available and does not see a danger of closure at the moment, this e-mail to be circulated to members.

04.08.21 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllrs. expressed concern at the fire which resulted from the demolition of Sandyacre but accepted that a 'method statement' would have been submitted for the work.

Cllr. Collins raised the problem of dog fouling in the Buckbean Way/Woodlands Drive area.

Action: The Clerk to include in the May Newsletter.

Cllr. Robertson reported that occupants of a bungalow on Main Road wished it to be known that the problem of water leakage from their property was being tackled by Dane Housing.

04.08.22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: The Statutory Annual meeting will take place on 13th May 2008.

04.08.22 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.05 pm.