



# ***Goostrey Parish Council***

## **MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2008**

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

In attendance: Cty. Cllr. Oliver  
Boro. Cllrs. P Kolker & Furlong  
Shadow Cheshire East Cllrs. A Kolker & Gilbert  
Denise Draper, Clerk to the Council  
2 members of the public

### **12.08.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

### **12.08.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. Mitchell & Leake.

### **12.08.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **Resolved:**

To accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008 as a true record and to take them as read.

### **12.08.4. COUNTY MATTERS**

Cty. Cllr. Oliver reported that CCC's recommendations regarding speed limits on A & B roads would be passed to the Cheshire West and East Authorities.

He gave notice of a service in Chester at 3.30pm on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009 to mark the end of CCC. Invitations would be by request. Press advertisements would give details of how to apply.

### **12.08.5. BOROUGH MATTERS**

Boro. Cllr. P Kolker put forward a suggestion that, rather than losing some services to/from Crewe, they could start/terminate at Stockport (as was happening on the Chester line), allowing passengers to use other trains for the Manchester-Stockport part of the journey.

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

### 12.08.6. SHADOW CHESHIRE EAST AUTHORITY MATTERS

The Chairman welcomed Shadow Cllr. Les Gilbert to the meeting. Shadow Cllr. A Kolker advised that libraries would continue to operate on a pan-Cheshire basis. The licencing committee of the new authority had been established but the structure of the Planning Department was not yet in place. There was a lot of work still to do with regards to Waste management but Cllr. Kolker reported that the authority had no plans for an incinerator in Middlewich. Cllr. Gilbert added that the private sector could be keen to build an incinerator in Middlewich for commercial waste, subject to permission. Cllr. Kolker had established that the Parish Precept Requirement form would be sent out by Congleton BC.

### 12.08.7. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

#### AMENITIES:

The date for the next meeting was set for 27<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

#### FINANCE:

Minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> November and the proposed 2009/10 budget had been circulated.

**Resolved:** To accept the proposed budget for 2009/10, with the precept increased to £35,000.

#### VILLAGE HALL:

Minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> December had been circulated. In the absence of the Chairman of the VHMC, consideration of these minutes was deferred until the next PC meeting.

### 12.08.8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The council had not given opinions on any applications since the last meeting. There were four applications to be considered at a Planning Committee meeting, to follow this PC meeting.

### 12.08.9. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 12/08

**Resolved** to accept Payment Schedule 12/08.

### 12.08.10. CLERK'S REPORT

#### Correspondence Received

- a) Letter from 33 residents of New Platt Lane expressing support for the PC's latest initiative aimed at reducing the level of speeding along the lane. Also pointing out the problem of speeding vehicles cutting the corner, making it difficult for residents to exit from their drives.
- b) A letter of thanks from the Rose Festival committee, to be circulated to members.

### 12.08.11. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

#### Actions:

The Clerk to report deterioration of Main Road opposite the old post office to Highways.

The Clerk to report flooding at locations on Blackden/Bomish/Bridge lanes.

Cty. Cllr. Oliver reported that Cranage PC had also reported flooding. He would ask Highways to inspect all locations at the same time.

### 11.08.12. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

The two SID devices had been installed and were operational.

**Action:** The Clerk to write to Malcolm McCuaig, Area Traffic Engineer stating that, as there has been no reply to the PC's letter of 24<sup>th</sup> November, it is assumed that he has no further objections to the SID project. A copy of this letter to be sent to Jeremy Taylor, Chief Executive, CCC with documents giving the history of the project.

#### **12.08.13. G.Y.P.P.**

Peter Kolker reminded members that outline planning permission for a dwelling on the old site expires in March 2009. A new, identical application had been filed. A draft agreement for lease of land from CCC was expected imminently.

The latest draft of the S106 agreement relating to sale of the old site was circulated to members. Cllr. Salmon questioned the figure of £25,000 in paragraph 1.6 representing the residual value without benefit of Planning Permission. He suggested a percentage of sale proceeds with a minimum value would be more appropriate.

**Action:** The Chairman to discuss with solicitor.

#### **12.08.14. GRAVEYARD**

Cllr. Salmon reported that he and the Clerk had attended a tutorial on the management, development and future sustainability of parish council cemeteries, a complex subject. He also reported that the existing church-owned land would be sufficient for the next 5-6 years.

**Actions:** The Clerk to purchase the SLCC's CD 'Cemetery Management and Administration for Local Council Clerks' at £27.

The subject to be dropped from agendas for the time being.

#### **12.08.15. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THE BOGBEAN**

The lights had been installed and turn-on had taken place as planned on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Problems with the timer had now been resolved. Members thanked the Chairman for his efforts with this project and Cllr. Collins for organising the turn-on celebrations.

Cllr. Salmon had installed a barrier around the base of the tree. CCC had agreed to put a 'danger electricity' notice on the control box.

**Action:** The Clerk to send letters of thanks to the scouts and to Mrs. Kettle.  
2009 Christmas lights to be on the agenda for the April PC meeting.

#### **12.08.16. VILLAGE HALL**

**Action:** Cllr. Salmon to complete forms for licensing the Village Hall for weddings and civil partnerships ready for presentation at the beginning of April 2009.

#### **12.08.17 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2009**

**Resolved:** Date to be 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009.

**Action:** The item to be on the agenda for the next meeting. Members are asked for suggestions for Speakers.

#### **12.08.18 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Cllr. Padley reported mud on Main Road and the footpath caused by tractors turning into a field gate, it is believed with cattle food. This traffic seems to have ceased for the time being. The situation to be monitored.

**Action:**

The Chairman to speak to resident of Shearbrook Drive re. debris left on Shearbrook Bank after fencing work.  
The Chairman to inspect roadside bench at Sandy Lane.

**12.08.19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Confirmed:** 13<sup>th</sup> January 2009

**12.08.20 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.05 pm.