



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 12th FEBRUARY 2007

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

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

02.08.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interests registered..

02.08.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Boro. Cllr. Furlong and from Cllrs. Robertson & Sturman.

02.08.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 8th January 2008 as a true record and to take them as read.

02.08.4. COUNTY MATTERS

Cllr. Oliver reported the launch of CCC Red Routes. These are the 10 roads in the county with the highest levels of fatality and injury. The A50 between Holmes Chapel and Knutsford and the A530 between Middlewich and Nantwich are included. Red warning signs will be erected advising 'High Risk Collision Area' and there will be extra police presence to check on seat belts, mobile phone use and speeding. These measures will be introduced on the A50 by mid-summer. Councillors were in unanimous favour.

Cllr. Oliver advised that the 2008/9 Council Tax would be determined on Thursday 14th February.

CCC debts would be split between the new East and West Cheshire authorities.

Cllr. Oliver would not be selected as a Conservative candidate for the new authority but might consider standing as an independent.

Chairman: Cllr. Gordon Salmon

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

02.08.5. BOROUGH MATTERS

Boro. Cllr. Kolker advised that he had reported the inoperative street lights on Manor Avenue and Main Road and would follow this up.

He advised that a decision was awaited from the judicial review on local government reorganisation in Cheshire and that there was still a possibility that the planned reorganisation would not go ahead. Should this happen, the timing might be such that it would then be too late to organise Borough Council elections. He also reminded the PC that no part of the cost of the judicial review was being borne by Congleton BC.

It had become apparent that some vehicles being used in the new recycling scheme were too large for village roads and in future smaller vehicles would be used.

02.08.6. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

AMENITIES: Minutes of the meeting of 15th January had been circulated.

A treasure hunt, with a garden theme, was planned for 11th May.

The Chairman asked that '2008 – Cheshire Year of the Gardens' be placed on the agenda for the next committee meeting.

FINANCE: Minutes of the meeting of 29th January had been circulated.

Resolved: To adjust the Clerk's salary to correspond to Spinal Column Points 23 on the National Joint Council for Local Government Services pay scale LC1 as from 1st April 2008.

VILLAGE HALL: Minutes of the meeting of 5th February had been circulated.

02.08.7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Report 168 had been circulated, there being no objections to the application considered.

St. Luke's church were understood to be appealing against the CBC's refusal of a planning application for reconstruction of entrance steps/path & installation of an access lift to aid disabled access to the church.

An further application for diversion of the footpath at Dromedary Lodge had been received and was passed to the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

It was noted that there was no activity on site at Owl's Hoot, the Committee Chairman to make further enquiries.

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

02.08.8. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 02/08

Resolved to accept Payment Schedule 02/08.

02.08.9 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk referred to Appendix 02/08 listing her actions resulting from the last meeting and correspondence received.

- a) CCC Highways had been requested to inspect the overhanging tree at Fieldside Close/Main Road again in late Spring when it would be in full leaf.
- b) Inoperative street lights had been reported to CCC Highways.
- c) A pothole in the footpath outside 188 Main Road had been repaired.
- d) Westview Tenants Association had been advised of the PC's decision not to undertake maintenance of the Millennium Garden.
- e) Mr Rathbone had been thanked for his work on the Bogbean.
- f) The police had been informed of the vandalism on the Bogbean. Unfortunately further incidences had occurred and had also been reported.
- g) Chelford PC had been approached for information about their Christmas tree lights but no reply received so far.

- h) The litter collector had advised that she would not be able to continue the work after the end of January.
Actions: The item to be on the agenda for the next PC meeting.
 The post to be advertised in the Parish Magazine.
- i) Notification that Jackie Bellard of the Audit Commission's Limited Assurance Specialist Unit had been appointed as external auditor for the next 5 years.
- j) A letter from Lady Winterton, MP advised that funding for play areas would be channelled through local authorities, all of which would receive funding by 2010/11.
Action: The item to be on the agenda for the next PC meeting.
- k) An invitation to Cheshire Association of Local Councils meeting on Monday 25th February, both Cllrs. Salmon and Richardson unable to attend.
- l) A letter from Cheshire East Council – Joint Implementation Team with information re. the new unitary authority, to be circulated to members.
- m) An update on CBC Site Allocation Development Plan Document. Land near M6 Junction 18 had been dropped as a possible site for employment purposes in light of strategic objections. There were still 2 sites in Holmes Chapel – Victoria Mill and Sanofi/Avensis/Rhodia.
- n) An invitation to comment on CBC Draft Rural Development Supplementary Planning Document, handed to Cllr. Craggs.
- o) Details of proposed new dog control orders which listed Booth Bed Lane play area as a dog exclusion area and all open land within the Borough as non-fouling areas.
- p) The Chairman reported a letter from a resident of Buckbean Way concerned about the parking of residents' and contractors' vehicles on the roads around Woodlands/Brooklands Drives and suggesting removal of the separating hedge.
Action: The Chairman to reply.

02.08.10 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The Clerk confirmed that CCC Highways had been advised of severe black ice on Main Road by the Red Lion on the morning of 4th February.

02.08.11 STATION BUILDING

A possible planting scheme had been devised for the station gardens, the estimated cost being approx. £800. This had been sent to Robert Morton, Crewe-Manchester Community Rail Officer to see if funding could be made available by the Community Rail Partnership and the Cheshire Tourist Board. If approved, clearing of the site would take place on a weekend early in March, with planting the following weekend. The relevance of this project to 2008 – Cheshire Year of the Gardens was noted.

02.08.12 SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

Invitation to Tender notices for speed indicator devices and supporting posts had been posted on the PC notice boards.

Action: The Clerk to confirm to CCC Highways that the posts would become the responsibility of the PC.

02.08.13 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2008

Fiona Cooper, Chief Officer at Congleton CVS and VB had agreed to speak at the meeting on the subject of voluntary services.

Action: The Clerk to confirm appointment with Ms Cooper.

A spokesman from Ashton Heyes PC had also agreed to speak at the meeting on the subject of their carbon footprint reduction.

Action: The Clerk to confirm appointment with Ashton Heyes PC.

Further suggestions for topics were:- Local Government Reorganisation, Police Matters and Digital Technology for Older People (Telecare).

02.08.14 VILLAGE HALL TOILETS

A meeting at which Purple PM would present their plans and schedule of works to the PC had been arranged for 4.00 pm on Tuesday 26th February.

Action: The Clerk to advise school about this meeting so representative(s) could attend if wished.

02.08.15 RISK ASSESSMENT

A copy of the PC's Risk Assessment document had been circulated to all members. Cllr. Nicholls commented that it may be necessary to classify each identified risk on a high/medium/low scale.

Resolved: To accept the document in its present form.

02.08.16 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THE BOGBEAN

Cllr. Craggs was making enquiries about solar powered lights.

02.08.17 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The meeting was advised that the Post Office would remain in operation in Mrs. Kettle's shop. The opening hours would be reduced to 12 per week: Monday 12.30 – 5.00, Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 2.30 – 5.00.

02.08.18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: Tuesday, 11th March 2008.

02.08.19 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.05 pm.