



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 8th JANUARY 2008

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

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

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing all present a Happy New Year and welcoming the Borough Councillors.

01.08.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests registered.

01.08.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

01.08.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 11th December 2007 as a true record and to take them as read.

01.08.4. COUNTY MATTERS

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

01.08.5. BOROUGH MATTERS

Boro. Cllr. Kolker confirmed the announcement of a two-unitary (West & East) structure for Local Government in Cheshire.

Chairman: Cllr. Gordon Salmon

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

Elections will take place on 1st May 2008 with Goostrey residents voting for 3 councillors to represent Congleton Rural on the East Cheshire Council.

The new Councils will shadow the existing County and Borough Councils for one year before assuming control in May 2009.

01.08.6. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

There had been no committee meetings since the last Parish Council

The Chairman reminded members that the date of the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting had been changed to Tuesday 5th February and that the next Amenities Committee meeting would take place on Tuesday 15th January.

01.08.7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Report 167 had been circulated, there being no objections to the four applications considered.

Cllr. Craggs reported that the developers of Owl's Hoot had been allowed further time to submit drawings for the property 'as built' and expected to be able to give more information at the next meeting.

01.08.8. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 01/08

Resolved to accept Payment Schedule 01/08.

01.08.9 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk referred to Appendix 01/08 listing her actions resulting from the last meeting and correspondence received.

- a) Commenting on CCC Minerals Development Framework, the PC had put on file with CCC, CBC and Vale Royal BC concerns about sand extraction at Rudheath Lodge Farm, in particular additional traffic. A reply had stated that CCC would endeavour to keep the PC informed of progress. The next stage would be the publication of Preferred Options in Autumn 2008.
- b) In reply to a request for information about the Government's pledge to set aside funding for the provision of play areas, Lady Winterton had agreed to consult the Minister of State at the Department for Children, Schools and Families seeking her comments and clarification.
- c) CBC had confirmed they would proceed with the tarmac area for picnic tables in the play area and the tables had been ordered. Delivery direct to CBC was estimated by 3rd February.
- d) CCC Highways had inspected the tree at Fieldside Close/Main Road and not seen any problems.
Action: The Clerk to request that the tree be inspected again in late Spring when in full leaf.
- e) 3 inoperative street lights had been reported to CCC Highways. One had been repaired.
Action: The Clerk and Boro. Cllr. Kolker both to send reminders.
- f) A letter from CCC Highways re. further planting on grass verges suggested waiting to see how the planting at Shearbrook Bank affects the grass cutting regime before planting at other sites.
- g) A letter from CCC Transport Services re. school bus congestion at Booth Bed Lane. The site had been assessed on 20th November indicating no real points of concern regarding the safety of either children or motorists. They will continue to monitor the situation.
- h) Congleton Borough Local Development Framework – Consultation on Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper. Consultation period ends 20th March 2008.
Action: The Clerk to highlight relevant sections and pass to the Chairman.

The Clerk reported the following additional correspondence.

- a) Request from CCC Partnership Officer to complete a questionnaire on Parish Plan development and implementation, passed to the Chairman.

01.08.10 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Action: The Clerk to report pothole on pavement outside 186/188 Main Road.

01.08.11 WEB SITE UPDATE

Nothing to report

01.08.12 STATION BUILDING

Cllr. Craggs expected to be able to report on a further inspection of the building at the next meeting. Robert Morton, Crewe-Manchester Community Rail Officer is requesting funding for the garden project from the Cheshire Tourist Board on a 'match funding' basis.

Actions:

Funding to be on the agenda for the next Finance Committee meeting.

Cllr. Craggs to approach local nursery/garden centre for advice and support.

01.08.13 G.Y.P.P.

Cllr. Kolker confirmed that planning permission had been granted for the youth centre at the western end of the school field, but permission to build was still awaited from CCC. Options resulting from the TLC process are expected in May and could indicate that the site is available.

01.08.14 SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

Cllr. Leake had sent a report that tender documents were being produced. No further speed watch sessions had taken place due to short daylight hours but would resume in February.

01.08.15 MILLENNIUM GARDEN at 29-41 MAIN ROAD

The Chairman had inspected the garden and considered that maintenance was not a major task and should be undertaken by Dane Housing or the residents.

Resolved: It would be inappropriate for the PC to undertake maintenance of the garden and would set a precedent for other gardens on non-council owned land.

Action: The Clerk to advise Westview Tenants Association of this decision.

01.08.16 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2008

Environmental Issues and Voluntary Services were suggested as topics for the 2008 Annual Meeting.

Resolved: To hold the meeting on 10th April 2008.

Actions: The Clerk to enquire about speakers from CCC and Ashton Hayes Parish Council Boro. Cllr. Kolker to contact Congleton Voluntary Services and Volunteer Bureau. The item to be on the agenda for the February PC meeting.

01.08.17 VILLAGE HALL TOILETS

Cllr. Craggs reported a visit by the architect, that consultants were all now in place and that plans were available for display in the Village Hall. A presentation will be made to the PC in early-mid February and work is now expected to start in April.

01.08.18 CHESHIRE'S JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The document had been circulated to members.

Cllr. Nicholls commented on the additional traffic to be generated by movement of waste around the County.

Action: The Chairman to formulate response to CCC.

01.08.19 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr. Robertson reported an incident on the night of Friday 4th/Saturday 5th January when car tyre tracks had appeared on the Bogbean.

Actions: The Clerk to send letter of thanks to Mr Rathbone for his work in repairing the damage.

The Clerk to report incident to police.

Cllr. Collins raised the matter of Christmas tree lights on the Bogbean, hoping that early consideration would make it possible to light a tree next Christmas.

Actions: The Clerk to make enquiries to Chelford PC.

The item to be on the agenda for the February PC meeting.

01.08.20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: Tuesday, 12th February, 2008

01.08.21 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.55 pm.