



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 8th JULY 2008

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

In attendance: Boro. Cllr. P Kolker
Shadow East Cheshire Cllr. A Kolker
Denise Draper, Clerk to the Council

07.08.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interests registered.

07.08.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

07.08.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 10th June 2008 as a true record and to take them as read.

07.08.4. COUNTY MATTERS

Apologies for absence had been received from Cty. Cllr. Oliver.

07.08.5. BOROUGH MATTERS

Apologies for absence had been received from Boro. Cllr. Furlong.
Boro. Cllr. P Kolker tabled a letter he had received announcing the creation of the Plus Dane Group by the amalgamation of Plus Housing and Dane Housing groups.
He also suggested that funds could be available from CBC for further improvements to the Booth Bed Lane play area and agreed to set up a meeting with members of the Amenities Committee and Groundwork Trust to consider what extra facilities would be appropriate.

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

07.08.6. SHADOW EAST CHESHIRE AUTHORITY MATTERS

Shadow Cllr. A Kolker reported that Brereton PC had secured a substantial grant for refurbishment of a play area. He suggested communication between Brereton & Goostrey PC's could help both to make the best of current opportunities.

He also reported that primary schools in Cheshire were 14% undersubscribed, expected to rise to 20%. Two schools at Sandbach and Church Lawton were to close, two at Chelford and Holmes Chapel were to be reduced in size. Goostrey Community Primary School was full and would not be affected.

Action: The Clerk to reply to ChALC informing them of two partnership arrangements with County and Borough Councils: The Village Hall joint use Agreement and CBC's maintenance of the play area.

07.08.7. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

AMENITIES: Minutes of the meeting of 1st July had been circulated.

A date of 23rd November had been set for the 2008 Senior Citizens party.

A meeting with Hassall Free Gardens would be arranged to discuss further planting at the station.

Cllr. Collins suggested wild flower planting at Shearbrook Bank, also to be discussed with Hassall Free Gardens.

Action: The Clerk to find contact details for the National Wildflower Centre.

FINANCE: Minutes of the meeting of 3rd July had been circulated.

Draft accounts for the first quarter 2008/9 were accepted.

VILLAGE HALL: There had been no meeting since the last Parish Council.

Cllr. Salmon asked for hire charges to be on the agenda for the next committee meeting. He pointed out the shortfall of income against expenses and suggested realistic increases in charges.

Action: The clerk to advise the chairman of the VHMC of the suggested increases.

07.08.8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The clerk tabled a letter from the owner of Owls Hoot regarding the PC's reactions to planning applications and building work at the property.

Action: A reply as drafted by the Chairman, with minor amendments, to be sent.

There were three applications to be considered by the Planning Committee following this meeting.

07.08.9. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 07/08

Resolved to accept Payment Schedule 07/08.

07.08.10. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk referred to Appendix 07/08 listing her actions resulting from the last meeting and correspondence received.

a) Two trees on Booth Bed Lane had been reported to CCC Highways, both having received attention.

Correspondence Received

a) A resident had asked the PC to support her request for the 30 mph limit on Booth Bed Lane to be extended to beyond the entrance to the sports ground.

Action: The Clerk to reply that a request for this had been turned down in the past but to also add the PC's support to the current application to Highways.

b) A copy letter from a resident of Twemlow Green to Lady Winterton MP calling for improved bus services.

c) Invitation to the Annual Meeting of ChALC on Thursday 23rd October, details to be passed to Cllrs. Craggs, Leake & Richardson.

d) Draft Northern Rail timetable, circulated to members.

Action: The Chairman to draft a letter putting the case for more services to and from Goostrey, not less.

07.08.11. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

An e-mail had been received from CCC Highways reporting that jet patching was soon to be carried out through Goostrey. A resurfacing scheme for the Booth Bed Lane crossroads had been put forward in the bids for next year but in the meantime the area would be kept safe by filling potholes.

CCC Highways had also reported severe staff shortages over the next fortnight or so and asked for only serious matters to be reported.

07.08.12. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

Cllr. Leake had reminded CCC about installation of the SID posts and expected work to begin very shortly.

07.08.13. G.Y.P.P.

Deeds and Conveyance Documents relating to the site of the old Youth Centre had been collected from safe storage at the bank and were now on file in the Parish Office.

The Chairman had secured three quotes from solicitors for legal services in connection with the S106 Agreement, the lease arrangement with CCC and the sale of the site.

07.08.14. VILLAGE HALL TOILETS

The work was nearing completion with a site meeting scheduled for 9th July. Quotes had been requested for new doors to the hall and the lounge to match the new toilet doors and also at the entrance. All three doorways would then be fully compliant with regulations for wheelchair access.

07.08.15. LITTER COLLECTOR

The Clerk reported that the new litter collector had started work at the beginning of June, had signed a Statement of Terms of Employment and was now performing her duties without problems.

07.08.16. FINAL ACCOUNTS 2007/8

The Clerk reported that the Internal Audit had taken place on 27th June.

Resolved: To authorise the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2008.

07.08.17. MEMORIAL PLANTING IN GRAVEYARD

Shadow Cllr. A Kolker offered to arrange for the East Cheshire Council, Cemeteries & Crematoria Officer to visit and give advice about planting in the graveyard.

7.8.18. LOCAL LIST

Details of buildings already on the Local List had been obtained. This item to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

07.08.19 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

There was discussion about the holding of hog-roasts at the Village Hall. The school had advised that, if these were held in the school playground, a risk assessment form must be completed, the event must be covered by adequate insurance and that guests could not go near the roasting area. Also the doors must be kept closed to prevent smoke from activating the alarms. It was suggested that roasts could take place in the car park, with staff bringing the food into the building.

Cllr. Sturman suggested that parking spaces at the Station should be marked out to promote more efficient parking and accommodation of more cars.

Action: The Chairman to raise the matter with the Community Rail Partnership.

07.08.20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: 9th September 2008.

07.08.21 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.20 pm.