



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 10th JUNE 2008

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

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

06.08.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interests registered.

06.08.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. Collins, Leake, Mitchell, Nicholls and Robertson.

06.08.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 13th May 2008 as a true record and to take them as read.

06.08.4. COUNTY MATTERS

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

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

06.08.5. BOROUGH MATTERS

Apologies for absence had been received from Boro. Cllr. Furlong.
Boro. Cllr. Peter Kolker commented that as congestion charging was becoming a possibility in Manchester, this could be a good opportunity to press for improvements in the rail services in particular an increase to half hourly/quarter hourly and for all Holmes Chapel-Manchester trains to stop at Goostrey and Chelford. He suggested the Parish Council should encourage the rail partnership to consider improvements.

06.08.6. SHADOW EAST CHESHIRE AUTHORITY MATTERS

Members considered a response to a letter from Twemlow Parish Council inviting all East Cheshire Town and Parish Councils to sign a letter recommending centralised East and West Cheshire service provision.

Action: The Clerk to reply that the PC did not consider it appropriate to make recommendations to the new East Cheshire Council at this point.

The council had also been asked by ChALC to advise of any partnership arrangements with County and District Councils.

Action: The Clerk to check on wording of Joint Use Agreement and Play Area arrangements.

06.08.7. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

VILLAGE HALL: Minutes of the meeting of 22nd May had been circulated.

As there was still no progress with the erection of a handrail at the school steps, a quotation from the contractors currently working on the toilet block repairs was being sought.

A further letter had been sent to the owner of the van regularly parked at the school gates and a request for police intervention together with photographs had been sent to the Congleton Neighbourhood Policing Unit.

The 2007-8 Recharge Account had been approved at £7867.

06.08.8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The latest planning application for Owl's Hoot had been refused by CBC.

06.08.9. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 06/08

Resolved to accept Payment Schedule 06/08.

06.08.10. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk referred to Appendix 06/08 listing her actions resulting from the last meeting and correspondence received.

- a) Highways had been requested to conduct an inspection of road surfaces in the Village. Inspector Mark Bone should be making arrangements to meet one of the Councillors.
- b) The request for a new litter bin near to the school crossing and repairs to the bin at Shearbrook Steps had been acknowledged, but no action as yet.

Correspondence Received:

- a) Invitation to nominate properties for inclusion on the Local List.

Action: The Chairman to seek further information.

The item to be on the agenda for the July meeting.

- b) Invitation to attend a seminar on Local Government Reorganisation at Astbury Village Hall on Tuesday 8th July, no councillors able to attend due to clash with PC meeting.

06.08.11. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

Congleton Area Highways Office had advised that they would have no objection to access for parking at 29-41 Main Road. Dane Housing would have to bear the costs and planning permission would be required.

Action: The Clerk to relay this information to the occupant of 41 Main Road.

06.08.12. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

The tender from TWM Traffic Control Systems for SID devices had been accepted. A payment for installation of support posts had been sent to CCC.

06.08.13. G.Y.P.P.

A draft S.106 Agreement had been received from CBC, this to be checked by a solicitor. The Chairman to attend a G.Y.P.P. meeting in the following week to discuss this and other lease/legal agreements. Evidence of ownership of the old site is required.

Actions: Cllr. Sturman to make enquiries at the bank about documents held in safe custody.

Resolved: The Clerk to be authorised to collect documents if possible to arrange with bank.

06.08.14. STATION BUILDING & GARDENS

An article and photograph of the work at the station had been included in the Northern Rail newsletter. As there was some budget left the planting could be extended to other areas of the station gardens.

06.08.15. VILLAGE HALL TOILETS

The work was progressing ahead of schedule and possibly under budget.

3 main sources for the damp problem had been identified.

A faulty rainwater drain at the front of the building.

Blocked drains from the sinks in the committee room and PC office.

The shower in the male washroom not connected to any drain.

In addition there had been condensation on the steel structures of the building. These had now been coated.

06.08.16. LITTER COLLECTOR

Action: The Clerk to report on engagement of new Litter Collector at the July meeting.

06.08.17. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THE BOGBEAN

Action: The Chairman to further discussions re. lights and power supply.

06.08.18. ROSE DAY 2008

Suggestions for a display at Rose Day were: The new Youth Centre, Village Hall improvements, Speed Reduction measures and photographs from the station garden.

Actions:

The Clerk to pass on CD of photographs to the Chairman.

The Clerk to send e-mail to all Councillors asking for volunteers to man the stall on Rose Day.

06.08.19. MEMORIAL PLANTING IN GRAVEYARD

Cllr. Salmon recommended a committee of 3-4 members to consider use of the graveyard extension and a planting scheme.

Action: To be on the agenda for the July meeting.

06.08.20 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllrs. Salmon and Sturman agreed to tidy up the planting on Shearbrook Verge on Friday 20th June.

Action: The Clerk to ask for other Councillors to volunteer.

Cllr. Sturman had been asked about the safety of the steps up to the Village Hall stage. These were considered sturdy and safe, with a handrail.

Action: The Clerk to ask CBC tree specialist to report on two trees, one at the corner of Booth Bed Lane, the other on the grass area opposite Meadow Avenue and take the appropriate action or report to CCC.

Cllr. Salmon recommended consideration of increasing fees for hiring the Village Hall in view of improvements and also increases in fuel costs. Advertising in the Parish Magazine was also suggested.

Action: The matter to be on the agenda for the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting.

Cllr. Salmon reported that the Spring 2008 Newsletter would be finished later in the week. The VHPFF had produced a leaflet, both documents to be delivered together by Councillors and volunteers from VHPFF.

Action: The Clerk to print Newsletters and liaise with VHPFF.

06.08.21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: 8th July 2008.

06.08.22 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.50 pm.