



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 11th MARCH 2008

Present: Cllrs. Salmon (Chairman), Craggs, Collins, Leake, Padley, Robertson & Sturman
 In attendance: Boro. Cllr. Furlong
 Denise Draper, Clerk to the Council

03.08.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interests registered..

03.08.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cty. Cllr. Oliver, Boro. Cllr. Kolker and from Cllrs. Mitchell, Nicholls and Richardson.

03.08.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 12th February 2008 as a true record and to take them as read.

03.08.4. COUNTY MATTERS

In the absence of Cty. Cllr. Oliver who was attending the Cranage Annual Parish meeting, there were no County Matters reported.

03.08.5. BOROUGH MATTERS

Boro. Cllr. Furlong entered at a later stage of the meeting, with apologies for his late arrival, due to attendance at the Cranage Annual Parish meeting. Borough Matters are reported here.

The appeal against the Implementation Order establishing single tier local government in Cheshire had been unsuccessful. As a result Congleton Borough Council would cease to exist from 1st April 2009. All indications are that all existing councils are co-operating in the changeover and also making plans for co-working between the new East and West Cheshire authorities.

Chairman: Cllr. Gordon Salmon

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

03.08.6. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

AMENITIES: Minutes of the meeting of 3rd March had been circulated.

A sub-committee consisting of Cllrs. Collins, Padley & Sturman will finalise plans for the treasure hunt to be held on 11th May. Cllrs. Craggs & Leake offered their help.

It was reported that the tarmac surface had been laid at the Booth Bed Lane play area ready for the picnic tables to be installed.

03.08.7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Reports 169, 170 & 171 had been circulated, there being no objections to the application considered. The committee had found no objections to diversion of a footpath at Dromedary Lodge.

03.08.8. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 03/08

Resolved to accept Payment Schedule 03/08.

03.08.9 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk referred to Appendix 03/08 listing her actions resulting from the last meeting and correspondence received.

- a) A letter from the occupants of Sandyacre, Main Road explaining that they had placed two caravans in their field for storage purposes. They gave apologies but confirmed that the caravans would be removed as soon as possible and that they had been placed where they would be hidden by trees when the leaves come out.
- d) Invitation to Cheshire Planning Forum on Friday 4th April at 2pm at Wyvern House, Winsford, passed to Cllr. Craggs.
- e) Invitation for two representatives to attend one of three Airport/Parish Council meetings in April, passed to Cllr. Craggs.
- f) Agenda for Congleton Locality Board meeting on Thursday 13th March, to be attended by Cllr. Salmon.
- g) Final printed version of The Cheshire Replacement Waste Local Plan, to be kept on file.
- h) A request to plant a tree in the graveyard.
Action: The Clerk to request advice on appropriate species and position from the CBC arborist.
- i) A report on recent activities of the Goostrey Footpaths Group, to be circulated.

03.08.10 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Cty. Cllr. Oliver had forward a report from CCC Highways about the black ice on Main Road on the morning of 4th February. In summary, the problem had been caused by an inaccurate weather forecast. Sub-zero road surface temperatures were only expected in the 'High East Domain'.

03.08.11 STATION BUILDING & GARDENS

A planting scheme and quotation of £800 had been accepted by the Crewe-Manchester Community Rail Partnership and funding would be made available in two stages in March and April.

Action: The Clerk to request Child Protection details from the Guide and Scout leaders.

Cllr. Craggs had attended a meeting of the Rail Users group and heard a report of vandalism and threatening behaviour at Alderley Edge station. A suggestion for CCTV surveillance at all stations on the line had been made.

03.08.12 SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

Actions: Specification and forms to be sent to 7 companies interested in tendering for the SID devices.
The tender period to be extended to 12 noon on 8th April.

It was necessary to consider Construction, Design & Maintenance regulations re. installation of the posts, although the sites had all been agreed by CCC Highways.

Speedwatch sessions were not taking place at present due to the weather and short daylight hours but would resume early in April.

03.08.13 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2008

Due to a change in personnel at the Congleton CGS and VS there was some doubt about the availability of a Speaker.

Actions:

The Clerk confirm invitation to a speaker from Ashton Heyes PC and to invite a Community Fundraiser from St Luke's Cheshire Hospice.

The Clerk to contact ex Councillor Ball about a projector.

The Chairman and Clerk to compose an invitation letter and agenda, the Clerk to produce copies and make ready for distribution.

The Clerk to arrange for tea/coffee after the meeting.

03.08.14 VILLAGE HALL TOILETS

Following excavation of a trial pit on 6th March it had been recommended that the sinks in the Parish Council office and the Committee Room be taken out of use. They were considered a potential contribution to the damp problem and this would allow for drying out before construction work began. The start date was now 27th May.

03.08.15 LITTER COLLECTOR

There had been no response as yet to the advert in the March Parish Magazine.

Resolved: To offer £30 per month for approx. 2 hours per week litter collection.

Action: The Clerk to place adverts in The Trading Post and Goostrey News and to include again in the Parish Newsletter.

03.08.16 BOOTH BED LANE PLAY AREA

Action: The Clerk to make a diary note to place this item on the Agenda for the March 2009 meeting.

At that time the new East Cheshire Authority could be contacted regarding the Government's promised funding for play areas.

03.08.17 STANDING ORDERS

A notice to amend by Resolution Standing Order Number 67 in respect of contracts, quotations and tenders had been circulated to members.

Action: This item to be on the agenda for the April meeting.

3.8.18 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THE BOGBEAN

Cllr. Craggs had identified 3 companies who were developing solar powered lights. This was very new technology still in the development stages. He had arranged a meeting with one company for 18th March.

03.08.19 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr. Craggs reported that a full meeting of the school governors would take place before the end of term to consider the proposal for the Youth Centre.

The Chairman reported a suggestion from the occupant of 41 Main Road that parking be provided in front of the bungalows. Cars parked on the road had suffered vandalism but residents felt unsafe using the parking at the rear and then walking to their homes when it was dark. CCC Highways had been asked for an initial response. Better lighting was suggested as an alternative.

03.08.20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: Tuesday, 8th April.

02.08.21 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.10 pm.