



## ***Goostrey Parish Council***

### **MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY ANNUAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 13th MAY 2008**

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

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

The Chairman opened the meeting with congratulations to the three successful candidates who would represent Congleton Rural on the Shadow East Cheshire Council and on the East Cheshire Council as from April 2009. He also welcomed Shadow Cllr. Andrew Kolker to the meeting.

#### **05.08.1. TO APPROVE STANDING ORDERS**

Standing Orders were approved.

#### **05.08.2. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR 2008/2009**

Cllr. Collins proposed Cllr. David Craggs for the position of Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Salmon and agreed unanimously by the Meeting. There being no other nominations, Cllr. Craggs agreed to stand as Chairman.

Cllr. Salmon thanked members and the Clerk for their support and help during his 2 years in office.

#### **05.08.3. TO RECEIVE CHAIRMAN'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Cllr. Craggs then signed a formal declaration of his acceptance of Office.

#### **05.08.4. TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2008/2009**

Cllr. Nicholls was proposed by Cllr. Salmon, seconded by Cllr. Collins and there being no other nominations, Cllr. Nicholls was unanimously elected Vice Chairman.

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

**05.08.5. TO APPOINT COMMITTEES**

The following were appointed to serve on the Committees of the Parish Council:

AMENITIES: Cllrs. Collins, Mitchell, Richardson, Robertson & Sturman  
 FINANCE: Cllrs. Nichols, Padley, Richardson & Salmon  
 PLANNING: Cllrs. Collins, Leake, Mitchell, Nichols, Robertson & Salmon  
 VILLAGE HALL: Cllrs. Leake, Padley & Richardson.

**05.08.6. TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES & POSITIONS**

VHPFF: Cllr. Craggs  
 ASSOCIATION OF TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS: Cllr. Richardson  
 G.Y.P.P.: Cllr. Craggs  
 ChALC: Cllrs. Craggs, Leake & Richardson  
 Newsletter Editor: Cllr. Salmon

**05.08.7. TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS**

**Resolved** to continue subscriptions to:

Cheshire Association of Local Councils  
 Society of Local Council Clerks  
 Cheshire Community Council – Parish Council Membership  
 Cheshire Community Council – Village Hall Membership  
 Performing Right Society

**05.08.8. TO APPOINT CHEQUE SIGNATORIES**

Cllrs. Leake, Richardson & Sturman to continue as cheque signatories.

**05.08.9. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests registered.

**05.08.10. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for Absence had been received from Cllrs. Leake & Robertson.

**05.08.11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 8<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2008**

**Resolved** to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> April 2008 as a true record and to take them as read

**05.08.12. COUNTY MATTERS**

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

**05.07.13. BOROUGH MATTERS**

Boro. Cllr. Peter Kolker conveyed apologies for absence from Boro. Cllr. Furlong.

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

Shadow Cllr. Andrew Kolker introduced himself and conveyed apologies for absence from Shadow Cllrs. Gilbert & Wray.

**Agreed:** to place 'Shadow East Cheshire Authority matters' on future agendas.

#### **05.07.14. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

**AMENITIES:** Minutes of the meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> May had been circulated.

The Treasure Hunt had taken place successfully on 11<sup>th</sup> May, with a good turnout of adults and children. £81 had been raised, £71 for entries and refreshments plus a donation of £10 from one of the prizewinners. Cllr. Salmon proposed a vote of thanks to the organising team, unanimously supported by all members present.

The date of the next meeting was set for 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008.

**FINANCE:** There had been no meeting since the last Parish Council.

The date of the next meeting was set for 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2008.

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

The date of the next meeting had already been set for 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2008.

#### **05.08.15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Planning Reports 174, 175, 176 & 177 had been circulated.

The Committee had made no objections to 8 applications but had repeated its previous objections regarding the increase in size of Heathfield, Blackden Lane

Copy letters of objection from residents had been received regarding 12 Swanwick Close.

Cllr. Craggs had viewed the site and discussed with a CBC planning officer. The officer had agreed to visit the site and discuss further.

#### **05.08.16. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 05/08.**

**Resolved** to accept Payment Schedule 05/08 subject to the following amendment.

Payment of £2,000 sponsorship to Goostrey Rose Festival to be paid later in the year.

#### **05.08.17 CLERK'S REPORT**

The Clerk referred to Appendix 05/08 listing her actions resulting from the last Meeting and correspondence received.

##### **Correspondence Received:**

a) A letter from Twemlow Parish Council asking the PC the sign a letter on behalf of all Town and Parish Councils in the Borough calling on the shadow cabinet of the East Cheshire Council to examine proposal to maintain services on a central basis under an East and West Cheshire partnership. This item to be on the Agenda for the next PC meeting.

b) A phone call from an ex-resident reporting dog-fouling on the path to Dromedary Lodge and asking for installation of a dog waste bin. An explanation of the action taken so far to be included in the next quarterly newsletter.

#### **05.08.18. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

**Action:** The Clerk to request a general inspection of road surfaces in the Village in view of the number of potholes.

**05.08.19. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES**

Cllr. Nicholls reported that volunteers were being sought for speed watch activities.

Cllr. Salmon (supported by e-mail from Cllr. Leake) reported on the outcome of examination of the tenders for speed indicator devices.

**Resolved:**

To approve payment of £1522.71 for installation of support posts by Nuttalls Ltd.

To accept tender of £3,765 per sign plus £300 for a PDA (personal digital assistant) unit from TWM Traffic Control Systems Ltd.

**Actions:**

The Clerk to send letter to TWM accepting tender.

The Clerk to advise other bidder that tender not accepted.

**05.08.20. STATION BUILDING AND GARDENS**

Cllr. Craggs reported that clearing and planting of the bank adjacent the slope up from the Crewe bound platform had been completed. Not all the funding had been used and it may be possible to embark on another garden scheme. Letters of thanks had been sent to the guide and scout leaders. Cllr. Craggs hoped to make progress on the station building project during the Summer.

**05.08.21. VILLAGE HALL TOILETS**

A pre-start meeting had taken place on 9<sup>th</sup> May and work had commenced on 12<sup>th</sup> May. Temporary toilets had been connected and stripping out started. A program of works to be circulated to members.

**05.08.22 LITTER COLLECTOR****Resolved:**

To offer the position to Alex Hubbard at £30 for two hours per week, to be increased when she reached 18 years of age.

**Actions:**

Cllr. Sturman to research holiday and sick pay regulations.

The Clerk to complete Statement of Terms of Employment.

The Clerk to notify Alex.

The Clerk to notify other applicant.

**05.08.23 CHRISTMAN LIGHTS ON THE BOGBEAN**

Cllr. Craggs reported receipt of recommended scheme with costs. Solar power did not seem to be a possibility and other options were being considered. More research was needed.

**05.08.24 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

Cllr. Salmon reported having received advice about a suitable tree for planting in the Graveyard but recommended that the PC should consider the whole concept of memorial trees by the formation of a sub-committee.

**Actions:**

The matter to be on the agenda for the June PC meeting.

The Clerk to notify the family making request..

Cllr. Padley reported a request for a waste bin near to the letter box at the Old Paddock corner.  
Cllr Collins reported that the waste bin at Shearbrook steps was broken.

**Action:** The Clerk to pass on request for new bin and repair to Streetscape, CBC.

**05.08.25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Confirmed:** 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008.

**05.08.26 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10.