



# ***Goostrey Parish Council***

## **MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2008**

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

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

### **11.08.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman declared an interest in Planning Application 08/1675/FUL.

### **11.08.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Mitchell.

### **11.08.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **Resolved:**

To accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2008 as a true record and to take them as read.

### **11.08.4. COUNTY MATTERS**

Cty. Cllr. Oliver reported that few County Council meetings of any substance were taking place due to demands on staff from the shadow East and West Cheshire authorities. Many senior posts were at present filled by deputies as seniors moved over to the new authorities.

He had heard that the West Cheshire authority was scheduling a lot of meetings for evenings and hoped that this would not be the case with East Cheshire as such meetings would prevent councillors from attending Parish Council meetings.

Highways and Transport departments would continue to operate on a pan-Cheshire basis for the time being. CCC had £8.3 million at risk in the current banking crisis. This was a small amount compared with total spending levels.

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

### 11.08.5. BOROUGH MATTERS

Apologies for absence had been received from Boro. Cllr. Furlong.  
 Boro. Cllr. Kolker reported that few committee meetings were taking place.  
 All work had stopped on the Local Development Framework which would be transferred to the East Cheshire authority for completion.  
 An appeal against an application for affordable housing in Cranage had been rejected, allowing development even though access to the site was directly off the A50.

### 11.08.6. SHADOW EAST CHESHIRE AUTHORITY MATTERS

Shadow Cllr. A Kolker reported that the East Cheshire authority had decided to petition the Queen for Borough status as opposed to County status. Boroughs have a Mayor rather than a Chairman and can create Aldermen and Freemen.  
 Senior managers were being selected at the moment.  
 Shadow Cllr. Kolker agreed to check on the procedure for requesting the precept.  
 He confirmed that the parishes in the Congleton Rural constituency had each been informally assigned to one of the three Councillors. Cllr. Kolker would be a regular visitor to Goostrey but the other Councillors would visit when a pertinent subject arose.

### 11.08.7. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

#### AMENITIES:

Notes on the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> November had still to be circulated. There had not been a quorum present.  
 Cllr. Collins explained that there were insufficient active members of the Amenities committee, which devoted a lot of time to organising events and carrying out activities in the Village.  
 Cllr. Salmon suggested the possibility of abolishing the committee and making Amenities the responsibility of the PC as a whole.  
**Action:** Cllr. Leake volunteered to assist the Amenities committee.

Cllr. Sturman had reported problems with youths drinking in the Booth Bed Lane play area at night and also leaving litter.  
**Action:** Further problems to be reported to the Clerk so that the police could be informed.

All tickets had been sold for the Senior Citizens lunch, with a waiting list of approx 10.  
 Arrangements had been made with the school for entertainment at 2.30 pm.  
**Resolved:** To allow for a further 10 places (total 110).  
**Actions:** The Clerk to print 10 more tickets.  
 Cllr. Collins to arrange table decorations with Brownies.  
 Cllr. Padley to purchase sweets for children.

Two quotes had been received for 2009 Graveyard and Village maintenance.  
**Resolved:** To accept quote from John Bloor.

The date of the next Amenities Committee meeting to be decided at the December PC meeting.

### 11.08.8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Three applications had been considered by the Planning Committee with no objections.

### 11.08.9. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 11/08

**Resolved** to accept Payment Schedule 11/08.

### 11.08.10. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk referred to Appendix 10/08 listing her actions resulting from the last meeting and correspondence received.

#### Correspondence Received

- a) Letter of thanks from Goosfest Organising Committee, to be circulated to members.
- b) Consultation paper on Codes of Conduct for Local Authority Members and Employees, to be circulated to members.
- c) Rollout plans from five UK mobile phone network operators for 2008-9, showing no new developments, to be circulated to members.
- d) Reply form Highways Office about missing street light outside 95 Main Road, work now started.
- e) Enquiry from Jodrell Side WI about the Council's policy with regard to repairing a bench which they had donated in 1992.  
**Action:** The Chairman to view the seat.
- f) Invitation to Joint Area Meeting of the Cheshire East Parishes at Astbury Village Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> December, the Chairman to attend.
- g) Invitation to Cheshire Community Action AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> November, no members to attend in view of the similar subject matter to the above meeting.

### 11.08.11. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

None to report.

### 11.08.12. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

All posts were now in place and the SID devices were expected within a couple of weeks.

**Action:** Cllr. Leake to discuss requirements for ladders, safety equipment and signs with the TWM Ltd.

### 11.08.13. G.Y.P.P.

Peter Kolker reported that the draft Head of Terms for a Lease of Land had been discussed at a meeting between CCC and the school. Now awaiting new draft terms agreeing to an annual rent of £50 and allowing for school use requirements.

Outline planning permission for dwelling on the old site expires in March 2009. G.Y.P.P. are preparing to reapply. The Planning Department has indicated that it would be helpful if the current S106 agreement could be signed before new application submitted.

**Action:** The Clerk to establish who are the present Trustees of the Goostrey Youth Centre.

### 11.08.14. GRAVEYARD

Cllr. Salmon reported that the graveyard extension could not be consecrated at the November ceremony as the landowner (the PC) had not approached the bishop/diocese. Consecration of the land already owned by the church would still take place. It could be several years before the extension would be needed for burials.

**Actions:** The Chairman & Cllr. Salmon to check on the exact area of land in question.

The Chairman to check on status of land in respect of Change of Use planning application.

Cllr. Salmon and the Clerk to attend a tutorial on the management, development and future

sustainability of parish council cemeteries being organised by the Society of Local Council Clerks.

**11.08.15. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THE BOGBEAN**

The Chairman reported on a on-site meeting with CCC and Blachere Illuminations. The electricity supply would now be via a trench, not overhead. The costs were being re-assessed. It was anticipated that switch-on would be on 1<sup>st</sup> December at 6.30 pm.

**Actions:** Cllr. Collins to ask Mrs Kettle to perform switch-on.

The Clerk to find contact details for Salvation Army band.

**11.08.16. VILLAGE HALL**

Cllr. Salmon reported on a meeting with registrars from Crewe and Macclesfield. The Village Hall was considered a suitable venue for weddings/civil partnerships.

It would be necessary to advertise the application for a licence in a local newspaper and there was a requirement for a 'responsible person' to be present at ceremonies.

**Action:** To be on the agenda for the next PC meeting, to allow time for further research/costings.

The entrance door and doors off the foyer had been replaced.

The final account from the contractors for the work on the toilets was £5000 under the tender price.

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

It was likely that the PC would receive a complaint from a resident about heavy vehicles on Mill Lane late at night.

**11.08.18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Confirmed:** 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008

**11.08.19 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.20 pm.