



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 14th OCTOBER 2008

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

10.08.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests registered.

10.08.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. Mitchell, Richardson & Robertson.

10.08.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved:

To accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 9th September 2008 as a true record and to take them as read.

To accept the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of 31st July 2008 as a true record and to take them as read.

10.08.4. COUNTY MATTERS

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

10.08.5. BOROUGH MATTERS

Apologies for absence had been received from Boro. Cllr. Kolker who had sent a written report.

- a) Changes to planning law for domestic buildings, passed to the Chairman of the Planning Committee.
- b) Information that every station on the Crewe line will be equipped with customer information screens and help points.

It was now apparent that no funding would be available from CBC for improvements to the Booth Bed Lane play area. Boro. Cllr. Furlong offered to try to progress the provision of goal posts and a waste bin as already promised and a request for maintenance of the entrance gate.

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

Action: Funding for the play area to be on the agenda for the next Amenities committee meeting.

Boro. Cllr. Furlong also reported a meeting with the outgoing Chief Executive of CCC. Problems were envisaged during the transition to the West & East Cheshire authorities due to the optimistic time-table, disruption caused by staff relocation and questions regarding funding.

10.08.6. SHADOW EAST CHESHIRE AUTHORITY MATTERS

In the absence of Shadow Cllr. A Kolker, no further Shadow East Cheshire matters were reported.

10.08.7. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

AMENITIES:

It was reported that two quotations for the Senior Citizens lunch had been requested.

Resolved: To purchase a rechargeable strimmer at a cost of £69.95 + protective goggles.

Action: Purchase of a planter for the Village Hall entrance to be on the agenda for a Spring 2009 meeting.

FINANCE: Minutes of the meeting of 7th October together with unaudited accounts to September 2008 and the Actuals v Budget report had been circulated.

Cllr. Leake reported that an extra £240 would be needed for vandal proof protection screens for the SID devices.

Cllr. Salmon had investigated the possibility of using the Village Hall for civil marriages and reported that:

A three year licence would cost £480.

Notification of the proposal would have to be placed in local newspapers.

Approval from the fire services would be needed.

Registrar, Geraldine Hughes, would be viewing the Hall on 28th October.

VILLAGE HALL: Minutes of the meeting of 23rd September had been circulated.

Cllr. Collins expressed concern at the poor lighting on the pedestrian path behind The Old Paddock. The lighting was insufficient and was further obstructed by overgrown shrubs.

Action: Cllr. Leake to discuss with school.

10.08.8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Reports 180 and 181 had been circulated.

10.08.9. PAYMENT SCHEDULES NUMBERS 10/08

Resolved to accept Payment Schedule 10/08.

The Clerk ascertained that donations to St. Luke's, the Scouts and Guides should be paid next month.

10.08.10. CLERK'S REPORT

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

Correspondence Received

a) Invitation for the Chairman to lay a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service on 9th November.

b) Comments from a resident about the reduction in train services.

Actions:

To press for restoration of peak-time services in the December 2009 timetable.

To include in the Autumn newsletter.

The Clerk to request copies of the new December 2008 timetable.

- c) A questionnaire from Cheshire Police Authority, passed to Cllr. Nicholls for consideration before the next meeting.
- d) Invitation to the Chairman and Mrs. Craggs to attend a brass band concert on Sunday 19th October.
- e) Information re. The North West of England Plan – Regional Spatial Strategy to 2021, passed to the Chairman.
- f) A clean audit of 2007-08 accounts received from The Audit Commission.
- g) Invitation for a councillor to apply for the post of Parish Council Representative on the Standards Committee of the Cheshire East Shadow Authority, circulated to Members.
- h) Request for funds from the Crewe, Nantwich & Congleton Dial-a-Ride service, circulated to Members.

10.08.11. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Information about management and staffing at the Congleton Area Highways Office following the departure of James Wood, circulated to Members.

10.08.12. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

The order for 2 SID devices had been placed and 50% of the cost paid. The devices were expected to be available in approx. 4 weeks time. The two remaining support posts would be installed within the next two weeks.

7 speed watch sessions had taken place over the past few weeks with 53 speeding vehicles recorded. Cllr. Nicholls commented that the sessions seemed to be effective only when actually taking place. Cllr. Leake replied that Speed Watch Area warning signs were needed.

10.08.13. G.Y.P.P.

No reply regarding the S106 agreement had yet been received from the PC's solicitor. It was reported that the outline planning permission for a single dwelling on the old Youth Centre site would expire in March 2009. The G.Y.P.P. committee were preparing to have it renewed for a further 3 years, probably through a fresh application which might require a new S106 agreement.

10.08.14. GRAVEYARD

Cllr. Salmon reported that the graveyard extension and part of the existing graveyard would be consecrated on 13th November following the Confirmation Service.

He had discussed memorial planting with the grounds maintenance contractor and with Mrs. Jones, who wished to plant a Mountain Ash tree. Information on varieties was being collected.

Action: Management of the graveyard extension to be on the agenda for the next meeting.

10.08.15. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THE BOGBEAN

The Chairman reported that the PC now had a plan number for supply/payment of electricity from Scottish Power.

Resolved: To proceed with installation of lights at a purchase cost of £560 and installation at £724. To proceed on the basis of one quotation only, due to the difficulty in finding suitable suppliers, without this setting a precedent for disregarding Standing Order 67.

Action: The Clerk to seek insurance quotation.
The Chairman to set timetable for meetings & installation.

10.08.16. STANDING ORDERS

Resolved: To amend by resolution Standing Order No. 67(a) to read 'Where it is intended to enter into a contract exceeding £500.00 but not exceeding £2,000.00 in value for the supply of goods and services or for the execution of works two quotations or estimates are to be obtained.'

10.8.17. MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr. Collins reported the poor condition of footpaths in the Manor Avenue, Buckbean Way area.

Actions: Precise locations to be advised at the next meeting.

The Clerk to contact Highways again about the missing light outside 95 Main Road.

10.08.18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: 11th November 2008.

10.08.19 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.15 pm.