



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER 2008

Present: Cllrs. Craggs (Chairman), Collins, Leake & Sturman

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

09.08.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

The Chairman declared an interest in Planning Applications 08/1174/FUL and 08/1291/FUL.

09.08.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. Mitchell, Nicholls, Padley, Robertson & Salmon.

09.08.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 8th July 2008 as a true record and to take them as read.

09.08.4. COUNTY MATTERS

Cty. Cllr. Oliver arrived later in the meeting after attending Cranage PC but his comments are reported here. A Joint Highways meeting the previous day had received a report from consultants about speed limits on A & B roads. Details plans will be made available prior to consultation and recommendation of alterations. It was estimated that it would cost £5M to implement all suggested changes to speed limits while a budget of only £300,000 was available. The spending of this budget would be determined by the likely impact on road safety. James Wood, Manager of the Congleton Area Highways Office, was leaving CCC to pursue a career at Manchester Airport.

09.08.5. BOROUGH MATTERS

Apologies for absence had been received from Boro. Cllr. Kolker.

09.08.6. SHADOW EAST CHESHIRE AUTHORITY MATTERS

Shadow Cllr. A Kolker reported that Sandbach had been chosen as the headquarters for the East Cheshire Authority and that a CEO had been appointed. He offered to give a presentation on the extra responsibilities which Parish Councils may elect to take on at the next meeting.

09.08.7. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

AMENITIES: Minutes of the meeting of 2nd September had been circulated.

Since that meeting a quotation for extra facilities at the Booth Bed Lane play area had been received from CBC. A request had been made to CBC for all or part funding of the quoted cost of approx. £63,500. Once it is known what funding is available, a selection or variation of the suggested equipment can be decided on.

The committee had requested purchase of a rechargeable strimmer for use in tidying Shearbrook verge and other areas. **Action:** Cllr. Collins to investigate products and costs.

The committee recommended the purchase of one planter for the entrance to the Village Hall.

Action: Cllr. Collins to see what is available from local garden centres and report.

The Council had been asked to insure the seat placed on Booth Bed Lane crescent by the RBL(Women's Section). **Resolved:** To inform the RBL(WS) that the seat would be insured if it was formally donated to the PC. To consider carefully the acceptance of any future donated street furniture.

VILLAGE HALL: Minutes of the meeting of 24th July had been circulated.

The handrail at the school crossing was now in place.

The police were monitoring parking at the entrance gates.

Trays, glasses and tumblers had been purchased.

The Chairman had attended the annual Joint Use Liaison meeting earlier in the day. The final cost of the toilet block project was not yet known but there was likely to be a saving against budget. It was still hoped that the entrance and interior doors could be changed to disabled-compliant and ash-coloured at an estimated cost of £5000. CCC had indicated that joint funding would be more likely if the PC was willing to contribute 50%.

Resolved: Agreed in principle to contribute £2,500 after referral to the Finance Committee.

09.08.8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Reports 178 and 179 had been circulated.

09.08.9. PAYMENT SCHEDULES NUMBERS 09/07 and 09/08

Resolved to accept Payment Schedules 09/07 and 09/08.

09.08.10. CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk referred to Appendix 09/08 listing her actions resulting from the last meeting and correspondence received.

Correspondence Received

- a) Invitation to CCC Chairman's Garden Party for Local Councils at Tatton Park on Tuesday 30th September, to be attended by Cllrs. Collins and Salmon.
- b) An e-mail fro CBC Streetscape advising that a waste bin had been installed outside The Crown. The request for bins on Red Lane was still being considered.
- c) Draft Dog Control Orders from CBC.
- d) A report on lead flashing being stolen from Goostrey Station.

- e) Reply from Northern Rail defending the December 2008 timetable, to be circulated to Members. The Chairman would be attending a Rail Users Group meeting on the 2nd October when the matter would be raised. Members suggested writing to MP and alerting residents as soon as the new timetable was made public.
- f) Invitation to Mayor's Civic Dinner and Ball on 3rd October. The Chairman unable to attend, the Vice-Chairman to be asked.

09.08.11. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

None to report.

09.08.12. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

There had been a delay in installing posts for the SID devices as the original design was not strong enough for the extra weight of the solar units. An order for stronger posts had been made on 4th August. Cllrs. Craggs, Leake and Boro. Cllr. Kolker would be visiting TWM Ltd on Thursday 11th September to view the SID devices.

09.08.13. G.Y.P.P.

All the required documents and information had been delivered to the PC's solicitor who was in correspondence with CBC regarding the Section 106 agreement.

Resolved: To address the Heads of Terms for a Ground Lease prepared by CCC (circulated) at a special meeting of the PC or a sub-group.

Cty. Cllr. Oliver reported that the Head of Property Management Services at CCC had agreed to review the suggested annual rent.

09.08.14. VILLAGE HALL TOILETS

The work had been completed and compliments had been received from hirers..

09.08.15. LOCAL LIST

Action: The Chairman and members of the Planning Committee to view local buildings and make recommendations for inclusion on the List. It would then be decided whether to consult with owners.

09.08.16. VILLAGE HALL HIRE CHARGES

Resolved: To accept recommended new charges as from September 2008 and April 2009 (circulated) but charges to be rounded to 10p.

Resolved: Agreed in principle to allow First Responders group free use of the committee room for 1 hour per month, after referral to the VHMC.

09.08.17. MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr. Leake had received a request for information about securing affordable housing in Goostrey. He was advised by members to suggest contacting Beth Johnson Homes, Dane Housing and also CBC.

Shadow Cllr. Kolker offered to investigate and advise.

Cty. Cllr. Oliver reported that Goostrey residents would be in the second tier for securing new affordable housing in Cranage.

Cllr. Collins reported that the gate at the Booth Bed Lane play area was in need of maintenance.

Action: The Clerk to contact CBC.

Cllr. Salmon had sent a recommendation that the PC should send a letter of congratulations to Olympic gold medal yachtsman, Ben Ainsley, who was raised in Goostrey and attended Terra Nova school and possibly invite him to the Annual Meeting.

Action: The Clerk to find contact details.

More information had been gained about a power supply on the Bogbean for Christmas lights.

Action: The Chairman to enquire further.

The Chairman drew attention to a notice posted by the VHPFF asking for support from residents for the change of use of land adjacent to the sports field to allow the creation of a cricket pitch and/or other facilities.

Cllr. Robertson had asked for the matter of red rubber bands dropped by postmen to be raised.

Action: Members to monitor the severity of the problem.

09.08.18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: 14th October 2008.

09.08.19 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.20 pm.