



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 14th APRIL 2009

Present: Cllrs. Craggs (Chairman), Collins, Leake, Nicholls, Padley, Richardson, Robertson
 In attendance:
 Cheshire East Cllr. A Kolker
 Denise Draper, Clerk to the Council

04.09.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

04.09.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. Salmon & Sturman.

04.09.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved:

To accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 10th March 2009 as a true record and to take them as read.

04.09.4. CHESHIRE EAST MATTERS

Cheshire East Cllr. Kolker reported that the first Cheshire East Mayor, Cllr. Margaret Simon, had formally taken office on 1st April. The Youth Mayor, Chris Edwards was also in place.

Malcolm McCuaig was confirmed as head of Highways and Debora Ackerley as head of Planning Enforcement.

Cllr. Kolker advised that a planning application for a waste incinerator in Middlewich had been received. This incinerator, if constructed, would take waste from Cheshire and also from outside the county.

04.09.5. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

AMENITIES:

Minutes of the meeting of 31st March had been circulated.

A scarecrow competition was planned for June.

The purchase of a bench for Sandy Lane would be discussed further at the next meeting.

Advance preparations were being made for the Christmas Tree lights turn-on on 1st December.

Action: Cllr. Kolker to investigate whether Cheshire East would be able to install the lights.

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

FINANCE:

Minutes of the meeting of 2nd April had been circulated together with copies of the Accounts for 2008/9.

Resolved: To formally approve the Accounts for 2008/9.

VILLAGE HALL:

The vacancy for a Caretaker to be discussed at the next meeting on 21st April.

The recharge account to be considered at the next meeting on 21st April.

Licensing the Village Hall for weddings/civil partnerships to be on the agenda for the next PC meeting.

04.09.6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Report 191 had been circulated.

Details of the planning permission granted to Barnshaw Bank Farm for change of use to an agricultural contracting business had been circulated.

Action: The Chairman and Clerk to write to Barnshaw Bank Farm, reporting the concerns raised by residents of Mill Lane and asking if the business was operating according to terms of the planning permission.

04.09.7. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 04/09

Resolved to accept Payment Schedule 04/09.

The cheque in payment of the Village Hall recharge account to be retained until after the next Village Hall Management Committee meeting.

04.09.8 CLERK'S REPORT**Actions from Last Meeting**

- a) Nappy changing unit was ready for installation. The Chairman to consider suitable positions and report to the VHMC.
- b) The vacancy for Village Hall Caretaker had been advertised in the Parish Magazine, on noticeboards and in local shops, three responses received.
- c) Littering with red rubber bands had been reported to Royal Mail, Congleton Delivery Office. Reply received that staff will be reminded of policy regarding litter and asking PC to report back if there is not a significant improvement or if a specific area of the Village is affected.

Correspondence Received

- a) Details of Cheshire East Executive Team, distributed to members.
- b) Cheshire East Directory of Services, to be kept on file in the Parish Office.
- c) Invitation to run a stall at Rose Day, 27th June 2009.
Action: The Clerk to book a stall.
- d) Request from Congleton Area of ChALC for comments on the subject of 'clustering' ie. groups of parishes joining together to work on specific projects.
Action: The Clerk to reply that the PC is in agreement in principal, where appropriate for specific matters.
- e) Request from Royal British Legion for inclusion of name of a WW1 soldier on war memorial.
Action: The Clerk to request further details.
- f) Further request for a dog waste bin at the Main Road end of Dromedary path.
Action: The Clerk to pass on request to Cheshire East dog warden explaining that the path is currently kept clean by volunteers.
- g) Invitation to Manchester Airport/Parish Council meeting on either 5th or 14th May, passed to the Chairman.

04.09.9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

None to report.

04.09.10. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

The Local Government Ombudsman had replied that details of a complaint could not be revealed to a third party. However, the specific complaint about SID's in Goostrey had been referred back to Cheshire to proceed through its complaints procedure.

Cllr. Leake had received a telephone call from Highways asking when and to where the SID post concerned would be relocated.

Action: No action prior to Annual Parish Meeting.

04.09.11. G.Y.P.P.

The S106 Agreement had been signed by all parties.

The next steps would be agreeing terms for a lease of the new site and sale of the old site.

Resolved: To engage Robin Haig of Chafes Solicitors for advise on the lease provided the hourly rate is as previously quoted.

The Chairman reported that G.Y.P.P. were considering a bid to WREN for additional funding of up to £50,000 and also seeking sponsorship from local businesses.

04.09.12 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 23rd APRIL 2009

The Clerk had located a projector available for loan.

David Brickhill had accepted an invitation to speak at the meeting, with the proviso that he might have last minute commitments on the same night.

Actions: The Clerk to prepare copies of 2008/9 Accounts and 2008 meeting minutes.
Councillors to arrive by 7.00 pm.

04.09.13 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Action: The litter picker to be asked to clear litter from Southlands passage.

Cllr. Collins reported dark, dirty water in the Bongs stream and suggested tests for contamination.

Action: Cllr. Kolker to contact Cheshire East Environmental Health.

04.09.14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: 12th May 2009

04.09.15 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed Part One of the Meeting at 8.45 pm.