



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 8th DECEMBER 2009

Present: Cllrs. Craggs, Collins, Jones, Nicholls, Padley, Richardson, Robertson, Salmon & Sturman
 In attendance: Denise Draper, Clerk to the Council

12.09.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

12.09.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Leake.

12.09.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved:

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

12.09.4. CHESHIRE EAST MATTERS

Cheshire East Cllr. Kolker had sent apologies for his absence. No matters reported.

12.09.5. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

AMENITIES:

Minutes of the meeting of 10th November had been circulated. This had dealt with final arrangements for the Senior Citizens' Lunch and the Christmas Lights turn-on. Both events had now taken place successfully. Letters of thanks had already been sent to the caterer, school, musicians and the Brownies for their contribution to the lunch.

Actions: The Clerk to send letter of thanks to the Scout, Guides, Band and Andrew Kolker for their contributions to the Christmas lights turn-on, also to send a £50 donation each to the Scouts and Guides.

Cllr. Jones to order a photograph of the occasion from the Knutsford Guardian to send to the Holmes Chapel School brass band.

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Collins and members of the Amenities committee for organising these events.

FINANCE:

Minutes of the meeting of 17th November had been circulated.

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

VILLAGE HALL:

Minutes of the meeting of 24th November had been circulated.

Two quotes for a replacement water heater for the servery had been received, to be passed to Cllr. Leake.

Resolved: To purchase 120 sets of cutlery at £399.80 + storage boxes.

The unsatisfactory situation regarding caretaking arrangements required further consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the committee.

Action: The Clerk to write to the school asking for assurance that the skating event proposed by the PTA would not cause any damage to the hall floor and that should any damage occur it would be repaired by the PTA. Also that the PC's insurance would not be expected to cover any claims whatsoever.

12.09.6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning report 203 had been circulated.

The Council's comments regarding a proposed office building at the former Henry Alty site on the A50 had been sent to Cheshire East Council in time for the Strategic Planning Board meeting, the outcome not yet known.

Action: The Chairman to consult Cheshire East web site and circulate findings.

12.09.7. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 12/09

Resolved: to accept Payment Schedule 12/09 subject to confirmation of Caretaker's additional payments.

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

- a) Reply to Goostrey Methodist Church that PC could not contribute towards renovation of the school room as there was no provision in the budget.
- b) Copy of TWM invoice sent to Highways.

Action: The Clerk to now send an invoice for 50% of this amount to Cheshire East Council.

Correspondence Received

- a) Letter from The Fitness League reporting on difficulties with access to the Hall and requesting keys.
Action: The Clerk to reply with apologies but advise that keys could not be made available.
- b) Request from Manchester Airport to utilise Parish Council notice board for Community Information.
Action: The Clerk to reply that notices would be displayed if relevant and space allowed.
- c) Draft recommendations for electoral arrangements for Cheshire East Council (comments requested by 1st February), to be circulated to Members.
- d) Email from Cheshire East Spatial Planning team asking if the PC wished to be included on the Cheshire East Local Development Framework consultation database, passed to the Chairman.
- e) Letter from St. Luke's re. access to graveyard extension. Cllr. Salmon to reply.
- f) Draft Cheshire East Local List, to be circulated to Members.
- g) Correspondence from resident of 11 Main Road about noise from Trading Post compressor, the Chairman to reply.
- h) Quote from web site manager for development of upgraded site and content management system.
Actions: The Clerk to reply that this would be on the agenda for the January meeting.
The Chairman to seek comparative quotes.

12.09.9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Letter received from the Area Maintenance Engineer explaining that unsuccessful repairs at Main Road/Buckbean Way/Mill Lane had been rectified.

Action: The Clerk to reply that the repairs were still not adequate, the quality of work was poor and an inspection should be made.

12.09.10. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

The matter of an overhanging tree obscuring the SID on New Platt Lane was in the hands of Cheshire East Highways Dept.

12.09.11 BUDGET & PRECEPT for 2010-11

Resolved: To accept the budget for 2010-11 as presented by the Finance Committee and circulated to members, with the precept remaining unchanged at £35,000.

12.09.12 GRAVEYARD/VILLAGE MAINTENANCE 2010

Quotations had been requested from 4 contractors. 2 had replied.

Resolved: To accept the lower quotation.

Action: The Clerk to notify both contractors.

12.09.13 VILLAGE HALL as WEDDING VENUE

Cllr. Salmon had made enquiries at other local venues, finding that a typical charge for the room only in a hotel or hall was £500.

Resolved: To quote for any enquiries received at present at £300 for the hall/stage, lounge/servery, kitchen & committee room for the hours of 10am – 12 midnight plus caretaker services with any extension to this time being charged at £20 per hour. A deposit of £300 would be requested (£275 as a refundable deposit against damage and £25 as a booking fee).

12.09.14. G.Y.P.P.

Renewed planning approval for a dwelling on the old site was still awaited from Cheshire East Council.

Revised draft lease for school field site was still awaited from Cheshire East Council.

A meeting of the PC, GYPP members and John Liptrott would take place on 9th December, to be attended by Cllrs. Craggs, Leake and Salmon.

Action: Result of the meeting to be reported at the January PC meeting.

12.09.15 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr. Richardson reported the theft of two trailers from the garages in Bank View. This matter had been reported to the police.

12.09.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: 12th January 2010.

12.09.17 CLOSURE OF MEETING The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.30 pm.