



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY 2009

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

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

The Chairman expressed sorrow on the death of Councillor Doris Mitchell. The Council maintained a short silence in memory of Cllr. Mitchell.

02.09.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

02.09.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

02.09.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved:

To accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 13th January 2009 as a true record and to take them as read.

02.09.4. COUNTY MATTERS

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

02.09.5. BOROUGH MATTERS

Apologies for absence had been received from Boro. Cllr. Furlong. Boro. Cllr. P Kolker reported that Chelford Parish Council had made strong representations to Northern Rail about the reduction in peak time rail services. Congleton had held a celebration of its return to an hourly service. A meeting of the Rail Users group would take place on 24th February at Norwich Station at 7.45 pm. The subject was to be 'New Timetable and Opportunities for the Future'.

Cllr. Kolker reminded the Council that an appeal had been lodged against CBC's refusal of the planning application re. Owl's Hoot, Blackden Lane and also that the refusal for Jodrell Bank Cottage had been overruled on appeal.

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

It was confirmed that outline approval had been given for the development of 130-160 houses at the FAD's site in Holmes Chapel, 15% or a minimum of 24 units to be affordable.

02.09.6. SHADOW CHESHIRE EAST AUTHORITY MATTERS

Shadow Cllr. A Kolker reported that Cheshire East had been granted a royal charter. Council Tax would be down by 1% in the Congleton area, compared with a national increase of 3.5%.

A head of Planning had been appointed but other posts in the department had not been filled. It was likely that there would be two planning committees (North and South with the boundary just south of Knutsford). The Council would continue to use the e-planningportal.

02.09.7. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

AMENITIES

Notes of the meeting of 27th January, where a quorum had not been present, had been circulated.

Resolved:

To purchase a replacement mirror for Main Road/Manor Avenue at a cost of £195, the Clerk to check if a claim against insurance could be made.

To purchase a simple armless bench from Earth Anchors for Sandy Lane, the Clerk to advise Jodrell Side WI.

Cllrs. Leake and Padley agreed to join the Amenities Committee.

The date of the next meeting was set at 31st March 2009.

FINANCE

Notes of the meeting of 20th January, where a quorum had not been present, had been circulated together with copies of the accounts to 31st December 2008.

The date of the next meeting was set at 7th April 2009.

Members were encouraged to make every effort to attend committee meetings or to give apologies asap so that meetings could be cancelled/rearranged if necessary.

VILLAGE HALL:

Minutes of the meeting of 3rd February had been circulated.

02.09.8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planing Report 188 had been circulated.

Boro. Cllr. Kolker agreed to investigate whether permission was needed for installation of an outdoor jacuzzi.

A meeting of the Planning Committee would be called to consider applications for Swanwick Hall, Barnshaw Bank Farm and the appeal re. Owl's Hoot.

02.09.9. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 02/09

Resolved to accept Payment Schedule 02/09.

02.09.10 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk advised that she had gained the 'Certificate in Local Council Administration' but would now need to pass an additional, newly introduced module on the Power of Well Being.

Actions from Last Meeting

- a) Nappy changing unit had been ordered.
- b) Cheshire East 'Issues Log' had been returned. It was confirmed that the Village Hall Joint Use agreement and Booth Bed Lane play area were now included on the Log.
- c) Doug Crawley had agreed to give a formal quote for web-site work.

Correspondence Received

- a) Invitation to be included in ChALC ballot for Buckingham Palace Garden Party, the Chairman and Mrs Craggs to be nominated.
- b) Copy of e-mail from Chelford PC to Northern Rail, to be circulated to members.
- c) Invitation for Chairman and Clerk to attend 'At Home' with Congleton Borough Council on Monday 9th March at 7.00pm, handed to the Chairman.
- d) Insurance renewal invitation from Allianz. **Action:** The Clerk to seek comparative quotes.
- e) Letter from a Congleton resident asking for the Council's support for the inclusion of the War Memorial Hospital in the re-organisation of healthcare for Congleton and district, to be circulated to members.
- f) Letter from a Goostrey resident describing a dog bite incident, to be circulated to members.
Action: The Clerk to include an appeal to dog owners in the next Parish Magazine newsletter.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Following the PC's letter of 14th January listing outstanding road maintenance matters, a reply had been received from Highway Services. This stated that further investigation was needed in some cases or that repairs had been passed on for completion.

Action: The Clerk to check gritting routes, as New Platt Lane had not been gritted during the recent icy weather.

02.09.12. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

The SID's currently in New Platt Lane and Station Road would soon be moved to Booth Bed Lane and Main Road, near to Mt Pleasant. The devices were set to not always display a speed but they were still recording traffic data so that comparisons could be made between speeds when the devices were displaying and when they were not.

02.09.13. G.Y.P.P.

The Council's solicitor had passed on the suggestion from CBC that the S106 agreement should cite £25,000 or 8% (whichever is higher) as the residual value of the site without the benefit of planning permission, these figures based on the 2005 valuations with and without planning permission.

Resolved: To accept the figures £25,000 and 8% in the S106 Agreement.

02.09.14 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 23rd APRIL 2009

Mike Ball of the Speedwatch team had agreed to give a presentation on the Speed Indicator Devices.

Actions:

Boro. Cllr. P Kolker agreed to contact the Airport Trust re. a second speaker, there having been no response to the PC's letter.

The Clerk to investigate borrowing or hiring a projector.

The Booking Clerk to be asked to arrange refreshments.

Invitations to be sent to 3 Cheshire East Councillors.

02.09.15. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Resolved: To accept the Model Publication Scheme tailored to Goostrey PC, as circulated.

02.09.16 VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR

Resolved: To display the 'Vacancy for a Councillor' notice on PC notice boards after Cllr. Mitchell's funeral. The vacancy also to be reported in Newsletters.
Filling the vacancy to be discussed in Part Two at the next meeting.

02.09.17 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr. Leake reported that the proprietors of the Crown Inn had suggested that, in view of restricted space at the station car park, the recycling bins should be moved to the pub car park.

Action: Cllr. Leake to investigate possible impact on neighbours of the Crown.

Cllr. Sturman asked if the PC could encourage use of local businesses, this item to be considered for the next Newsletter.

Cllr. Salmon reported notices appearing on trees and telegraph poles in the Village.

Action: The Clerk to write to the Tennis Club asking them to use only the established notice boards.

Cllr. Robertson asked if the electrical box on the Bogbean could be painted to blend in with the surroundings.

Action: The Chairman to investigate.

02.09.18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: 10th March 2009

02.09.19 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.55 pm.