



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 13th JANUARY 2009

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

In attendance: Cty. Cllr. Oliver, Boro. Cllr. Furlong
Shadow Cheshire East Cllr. A Kolker
Denise Draper, Clerk to the Council
Michael Ball, Speedwatch Team
2 members of the public

The Chairman opened the meeting by wishing all present a Happy New Year.

01.09.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

01.09.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

01.09.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved:

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

01.09.4. COUNTY MATTERS

Cty. Cllr. Oliver advised that there would be a Joint Highways meeting on 19th January. The Parish Council should report any outstanding highways matters in advance of the meeting.

He also reported that CCC was in the process of passing as much information as possible onto the new East and West authorities.

01.09.5. BOROUGH MATTERS

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

Boro. Cllr. Furlong reported that talent and experience at CBC was being lost to voluntary redundancy and to other authorities.

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

01.09.6. SHADOW CHESHIRE EAST AUTHORITY MATTERS

Shadow Cllr. A Kolker reported migration from CCC to senior posts in the Cheshire East authority. Emphasis at the moment was on constitutional matters. He also advised of recent vandalism in the Cranage and Allostock areas.

Cllr. Nicholls had attended a Cheshire East Budget Consultation Event. It was expected that Council Tax would be evened out, meaning a very slight reduction for Congleton area.

01.09.7. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

VILLAGE HALL:

Minutes of the meeting of 2nd December had been circulated.

The fire services had been called out when the smoke alarms had been activated during a recent disco. It was not clear if the correct procedure of phoning to check had been carried out or if there would be a charge. It was suggested that any charge should be passed on to the hirer.

New booking forms would be designed and printed soon, these to be approved by the Parish Council.

Resolved: To purchase a Horizontal Nappy Changing Unit at £259, the Clerk to order.

01.09.8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planing Reports 184 – 187 had been circulated. Objections had been raised to one application.

There will be a site inspection by CBC Planning re. application 08/1893/FUL on 20th January, Cllrs. Craggs & Leake to attend.

There were two further applications to be considered immediately after this meeting.

01.09.9. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 01/09

Resolved to accept Payment Schedule 01/09.

01.09.10 CLERK'S REPORT

Correspondence Received

- a) Letter of thanks from St. Luke's for £50 contribution to churchyard christmas lights.
- b) Invitation to Stakeholder Event re. creation of a new Development Management Service responsible for all planning applications for Cheshire East at the Chimney House Hotel, Sandbach on 19th January from 11.30 – 5pm, the Chairman to attend.
- c) Invitation to Developmental Workshop re. working arrangements between local councils and Cheshire authorities. The Chairman and Cllr. Leake to attend the event on 28th January at Knutsford Civic Centre.
- d) Letter of thanks for donation from 2nd Goostrey Guides.
- e) Request from Cheshire East for completion of 'Issues Log'
Action: The Clerk to reply listing the Village Hall joint-use arrangement and management/maintenance of the Booth Bed Lane play area.
- f) From CCC, confirmation of GPC contribution to toilet refurbishment, new doors and fire alarm works, all as per budget.
- g) Notification of Website Managers's move to Gloucestershire.
Action: The Clerk to thank Doug for all his past work on the web-site and to request formal quote for change to CMS software.
- h) Invitation from Cranage PC to a presentation on the Planningportal website in February, date to be confirmed.
- i) Invitation to ChALC Macclesfield and Trafford Area meeting on 29th January at 7.30 at Ollerton, Marthall & Little Warford Village Hall, no representatives to attend.
- j) Cheshire East Council – Licensing Consultation document, responses required by 5th February, passed to Cllr. Nicholls.

- k) Invitation to Service of Thanksgiving to celebrate 120 years of Cheshire County Council at Chester Cathedral on Sunday 29th March at 3.30pm, circulated to members.
- l) Copy of correspondence between a resident and Lady Winterton, Lord Adonis & Mark Barker re. reduction in rail services.

1.9.11. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Two members of the public had commented on the poor state of the roads in the Village and Cty.Cllr. Oliver had recommended writing to Highways in advance of the next Joint Highways meeting.

Action: The Clerk to write reporting on:

 Flooding in Blackden area.

 Pot holes on Main Road and Goostrey Lane.

 Non-gritting of New Platt Lane.

 The requirement for a thorough inspection of all roads in the Village as some pot holes were now deep enough to damage cars and be an accident hazard when drivers swerved to avoid them.

01.09.12. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

Earlier in the meeting Michael Ball had given a presentation of the data available from the SID's.

e.g. Numbers of vehicles per day and average numbers at different times of the day.

 Average and maximum speeds throughout the day.

 Percentage of vehicles at different speed levels.

Copies of the printouts were circulated to members.

Replies had been received from Malcolm McCuaig, Area Traffic Engineer and from Jeremy Taylor, Chief Executive, CCC regarding objections to deployment of the SID's. Cty. Cllr. Oliver offered to raise the matter with Highways.

Action: The Speedwatch team to consider a suitable response.

01.09.13. G.Y.P.P.

Nothing to report.

01.09.14. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THE BOGBEAN

The lights had been removed to storage.

Resolved: To authorise the Chairman to negotiate purchase of 3 extra garlands at a price of up to £75 each.

1.9.15. ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 23rd APRIL 2009

Members suggested Speed Reduction measures, Cheshire East Authority and Manchester Airport as suitable topics for the meeting.

Action: The Clerk to contact Mike Ball, Speedwatch Team and Manchester Airport Community Relations Manager.

01.09.16. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

The Clerk reported on the Council's obligations under the act and circulated a Model Publication Scheme tailored to GPC, to be considered at the next meeting.

01.09.17 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Action: Cllr. Sturman to inspect the seat at Sandy Lane.

Cllr. Sturman agreed to manage the noticeboard at the end of Booth Bed Lane.
Cllr. Padley to be asked to manage the noticeboard at the school entrance.

01.09.18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: 10th February 2009

01.09.19 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed Part One of the Meeting at 9.45 pm.