



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 14th JULY 2009

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

In attendance: Cheshire East Cllr. A Kolker
Denise Draper, Clerk to the Council
4 members of the public

07.09.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

07.09.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Jones.

07.09.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved:

To accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 9th June 2009 as a true record and to take them as read.

07.09.4. CHESHIRE EAST MATTERS

Cheshire East Cllr. Kolker reported that a band from Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School would be available for the Christmas lights turn on (contact: Laurel Thomas).

Enquiries about Cheshire East installing the lights were still ongoing but Cllr. Kolker hoped to report back before the Amenities Committee meeting on 21st July. He had also still to make enquiries about loans from Cheshire East.

He reported on the proposal to charge for parking on council owned car parks in Holmes Chapel. This would only affect the area at the rear of the library and at Lovell Court but not the precinct or at the rear of the Co-op.

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Charges would, however, impact on the number of free parking spaces as these would be taken up by all-day parkers. Members considered the proposal to be financially unviable, with charges not covering the costs of inspectors, machines & emptying of cash. Parking charges were not made in other towns comparable in size to Holmes Chapel.

Resolved: To send letter of objection to Cllr. David Brickhill.

Cllr. Kolker reported that Parish Councils were now entitled to make a 3-minute presentation at Cheshire East planning meetings. He suggested the PC let him know of any instances of strong objections/support to applications so that they could be called to committee.

7.9.5. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

FINANCE:

Minutes of the meeting of 7th July and copies of the financial reports for the quarter ended 30.6.09 had been circulated.

It was reported that a clean audit report had been received from the Audit Commission.

VILLAGE HALL:

Minutes of the meeting of 23rd June had been circulated.

Cllr. Salmon commented on a recent hog-roast and hoped that the same criteria were being imposed for all such bookings.

Advice had been received from the manufacturers of the Nappy Changing Unit. Installation could now proceed. Three quotations had been received for redecoration of the main Hall.

Resolved: To accept the lowest quote at £2118 + VAT and proceed with the work.

Actions:

The Chairman to inspect ceiling tiles and endeavour to make arrangements for repair work to be done at the same time.

The Chairman and Cllr. Salmon to produce specification for a kitchen extension in order to obtain informal quote.

As it had been confirmed that hirers could still use the school kitchen (subject to conditions) it was now possible to proceed with registration for weddings/civil partnerships. A representative of the Council would have to be present shortly before & during the ceremonies. One of Cllrs. Craggs, Leake, Salmon and the Village Hall Manager could be available.

Actions:

Cllr. Salmon and the Clerk to liaise re. notice in local paper.

Cllr. Salmon to prepare application. (A plan of the Village Hall will be required).

Consideration to be given to additional facilities.

07.09.6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There had been no applications since the last meeting.

07.09.7. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 06/09

Resolved: to accept Payment Schedule 07/09.

07.09.8 CLERK'S REPORT

Actions from Last Meeting

a) Reminder to Cheshire East re. Play Area gate – still not repaired.

Action: The Clerk to send stronger letter with copy to Chief Executive.

b) Reminder to Highways re. Pedestrian Crossing at Mt Pleasant, Church Bank stumps and dumped rubbish.

Reply received. Location at Mt Pleasant does not meet criteria, detailed report circulated to members.

Stumps at Church Bank to be removed but replacement will be considered if inappropriate parking resumes. Rubbish on Bomish Lane has been cleared.

c) Information about addition of names to war memorials.

Action: The Clerk to pass information received from the War Memorials Trust to the RBL.

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- d) Letter of support to J Ashall re. proposed cricket pitch.
- e) Letter to Cheshire East opposing Middlewich incinerator.
- f) Request to Beth Johnson Homes for tidying of Old Paddock gardens – work carried out.

Correspondence Received

- a) Request from Cllr. Les Gilbert re. neighbourhood activities relevant to Congleton Local Area Partnership.
Action: The Clerk to request more guidance.
- b) Letter from resident of Meadow Close re. overhanging hedges, parking on pavements and general appearance of Village roads.
Action: The Clerk to reply. Also to include item on parking in September newsletter.
- c) Suggestion from John Bloor to manage the graveyard extension as a wild meadow with appropriate trimming and weed control.
Action: The Clerk to reply, agreeing. Also to approach Churchwardens re. gaining permission to put slip rail in fence between graveyard and extension.
- d) Electoral review of the new Cheshire East Unitary Authority from The Boundary Committee for England.
Action: The Clerk to reply pointing out anomaly of boundary between West and East Cheshire being part way along New Platt Lane – A50 would be better boundary.

07.09.9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Action: Members to advise clerk of recommendations for Cheshire East Highways Agenda.
The Clerk to make an immediate report of damaged step at Shearbrook Rise.

07.09.10. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

The SDU (speed display unit) post on New Platt Lane has now been relocated due to objections from one resident. There were no highway safety concerns at the old location.

The Chairman reported receiving very positive support for the SDU initiative at Rose Day. Mike Ball has been asked to give a presentation to Chelford PC and to Highways engineers.

Action: The Clerk to send letter drafted by Cllr. Leake re. funding for a third SDU to Cheshire East Cllr. Brickhill, also to request information about 30mph stickers for wheelie bins.

Action: Cllr. Nicholls to draft letter to police re. lack of communication on a police/school speed check session and general lack of feed back on SDU initiative.

07.09.11. G.Y.P.P.

No progress to report. Awaiting reply from John Liptrott re. the questions raised about proposed site on Booth Bed Lane.

07.09.12 PARKING IN VILLAGE

Reply received from Dane Housing re. the difficulty of providing additional parking at Sandy Lane bungalows.

Action: The Clerk to acknowledge response, ask for progress report and any suggestions for a route forward.

07.09.13 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr. Robertson reported on actions taken after several Scarecrows were damaged/stolen. The Knutsford Guardian printed an item on the story. All victims were asked to report the matter to the police. Two offenders were identified and, as they had no previous record, were given the option to take part in a 'restorative justice' scheme. They met with victims in the presence of the police and one parent to discuss the impact of their behaviour. They have undertaken to donate £100 to Rose Day funds. Members thanked Cllr. Robertson for her involvement.

Cllr. Nicholls commented on the Cheshire East Strategic Housing Assessment questionnaire which contained inappropriate questions about personal finances, health and ethnic origin.

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The Chairman reported on plans for a water feature on waste land alongside The Red Lion. Members were in favour, in principle, provided health and safety issues were fully considered.

07.09.14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: 8th September 2009

07.09.15 CLOSURE OF MEETING The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.40 pm.