



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING TUESDAY, 9th JUNE 2009

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

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

06.09.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

06.09.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

All councillors being in attendance, there were no apologies for absence.

06.09.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved:

To accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 12th May 2009 as a true record and to take them as read.

06.09.4. CHESHIRE EAST MATTERS

Cheshire East Cllr. Kolker had inspected the area of reported pollution on The Bongs but had found only a bare patch of earth. Photographs had been sent to Cheshire East Environmental Health.

Enquiries about the possibility of Cheshire East installing the Christmas lights were still ongoing. The band leader at Holmes Chapel Comprehensive School was enthusiastic about the school band playing at the turn-on ceremony.

He asked the Council to help formulate a list of priorities for highways maintenance in Congleton Rural, members to consider before the next meeting.

He had been informed that there was no mechanism for parishes to borrow money from Cheshire East Council but was asked to make further enquiries about this.

06.09.5. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

AMENITIES:

Minutes of the meeting of 20th May had been circulated.

Cllr. Padley reported that she had been unable to find a music group able to play at the Christmas lights turn-on.

Action: The Clerk to send another reminder about the damaged gate at the play area.

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

VILLAGE HALL:

Licensing the Village Hall for weddings/civil partnerships to be on the agenda for the next PC meeting. The caretaker's contract of employment, in particular holiday entitlement, to be considered at the next VHMC meeting.

The Chairman had arranged for a third quote for redecoration of the Hall.

06.09.6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Reports 193 and 194 had been circulated.

06.09.7. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 06/09

Resolved: to accept Payment Schedule 06/09.

Action: The Chairman to contact John Bloor re. provision of a gate/gap to allow access to the graveyard extension area.

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) Letter to First Responders re. placement of a defibrillator in the Village Hall.
- c) Contact East Cheshire re. additional name on war memorial. East Cheshire had replied that as the memorial was on private land it would not be able to provide any financial support.
Action: The Clerk to get a quote for the work.
- d) Letter to Dane Housing re. parking at Sandy Lane, no reply as yet. Members of West View Tenants Assoc. had been asked to write to the PC or attend a meeting if they wished to press this matter.
- e) Various matters reported to Highways.
Action: The Clerk to send a reminder re. pedestrian crossing at Mount Pleasant, damaged stumps at Church Bank, rubbish dumped on Bomish Lane & Red Lane.
- f) Letters to residents about overgrown hedges had had positive results.
- g) Terence Rathbone had been thanked for his work on Shearbrook Verge.
- h) One quote for refurbishment of the Bank View noticeboard had been received, another awaited.

Correspondence Received

- a) Request from a resident to be allowed to park at the Youth Centre, to be passed on to Youth Centre trustees.
- b) Confirmation of contact for dog related issues at Cheshire East and advice that, according to the Dogs (Fouling of Land Order) 1997, dog faeces must be cleaned up from all open land to which the public has access including all highways with a speed limit of 40 mph or less.
- c) Jay Ashall had asked for the PC support for the proposed cricket pitch at the playing fields. Plans were available for councillors to view.
Action: The Clerk to send letter confirming the PC's support (see Planning Report 184)

06.09.9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

None to report.

06.09.10. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

The Area Traffic Engineer had written to 2A New Platt Lane asking for permission for the SID post to be positioned outside that property. If no objections were raised, the post would be moved.

Actions: Cllr. Leake to obtain the current price of a SID unit.

Cllrs. Craggs, Leake & Nicholls to contact Cheshire East Cllr. Brickhill re. funding.

06.09.11. G.Y.P.P.

At an extraordinary meeting of the PC on 20th May, a subgroup had been formed to consider John Liptrott's offer of a site and construction of a youth centre adjacent to the playing fields on Booth Bed Lane.

The subgroup, in consultation with GYPP members, had produced a list of questions regarding the proposal.

Action: The Chairman to draft a letter to Mr. Liptrott, to be circulated to members for comments before sending. In the meantime, negotiations re. the school field site and funding applications were proceeding in parallel.

06.09.12 ROSE DAY 2009

Actions: Cllr. Leake to provide Speedwatch display, Michael Ball to be asked to assist.

The Chairman & Cllr. Padley to produce photographs of scarecrows.

GYPP display.

The Clerk to organise manning of the stall.

Arrange for announcement of scarecrow competition winner.

06.09.13 ENERGY FROM WASTE PLANT, MIDDLEWICH

Documents from the Campaign Against the Incinerator and from Covanta Energy had been circulated to members.

Resolved: To write to Cheshire East Planning expressing strong objections.

Action: The Clerk to send letter objecting on the grounds given in the first 6 paragraphs of the template letter.

06.09.14 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Actions: The Clerk to request that Beth Johnson Homes tidy the Old Paddock gardens before Rose Day.

Members to advise the Clerk when they will be on holiday.

The Clerk to send letter to householder making them aware that complaints had been received about their scarecrow.

Cllr. Richardson requested that Parking in the Village be on the agenda for the next meeting.

06.09.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: 14th July 2009

06.09.16 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.15 pm.