



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 10th MARCH 2009

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

In attendance: Cty. Cllr. K Oliver
Boro. Cllrs. P Kolker & P Furlong
Shadow Cheshire East Cllr. A Kolker
Denise Draper, Clerk to the Council
6 members of the public

03.09.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

03.09.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

03.09.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved:

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

03.09.4. COUNTY MATTERS

Cty. Cllr. Oliver reported that Tatton Park would be open to the public, free of charge for car parking and entrance to the gardens and house, on 28th March. The final CCC meeting would be held on 31st March and a service of thanksgiving at Chester Cathedral on 29th March. As this was his last attendance at a Goostrey PC meeting in the role of County Councillor he thanked the council for its hospitality over the past 8 years

03.09.5. BOROUGH MATTERS

Both Boro. Cllrs. Kolker and Furlong commented that they had enjoyed visiting the PC over the last 10 & 7 years respectively and wished the parish good luck for the future.

A vote of thanks to Cllrs. Oliver, Kolker and Furlong for their representation of the parish's interests on CCC and CBC was recorded.

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

03.09.6. SHADOW CHESHIRE EAST AUTHORITY MATTERS

Shadow Cllr. A Kolker reported that the 2009/10 budget had been approved, confirming a council tax reduction of 1% for the ward. The portfolio holders had been instructed not to cut services. Business rates would be increasing by 5% as dictated by central government. Cheshire East would be objecting. Cllr. Margaret Simon had been elected mayor with Cllr. Gordon Baxendale as deputy.

The Head of Planning had already resigned. There would be three planning committees – strategic, northern and southern. Cllr. Kolker had requested a full staff listing.

03.09.7. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

There had been no committee meetings since the last PC.

VILLAGE HALL:

The Village Hall Caretaker had submitted her resignation.

Actions: To advertise the position in the parish magazine, notice boards and shops.

The Village Hall Manager and committee to share the workload for the time being.

The Clerk to write accepting resignation and explaining that contracted notice period of 1 month would be paid.

03.09.8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planing Reports 189 and 190 had been circulated.

The Chairman expressed concern at the apparent lack of a fully operational Cheshire East planning department and hoped that it would be able to operate efficiently from the outset.

The planning committee would consider 2 applications following this meeting.

03.09.9. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 03/09

Resolved to accept Payment Schedule 03/09.

03.09.10 CLERK'S REPORT

Actions from Last Meeting

- a) Nappy changing unit was ready for installation. Cumberbirch had agreed to do this work free-of-charge.
- b) CCC's gritting route map showed New Platt Lane to be 'not normally gritted' although it had been treated in previous years. A letter expressing concern about the danger of ice on this road had been sent to Highways.
- c) A letter had been sent to the Tennis Club asking them to display notices only on designated notice boards.
- d) An insurance claim had been submitted for the cost of the new traffic mirror less excess of £125.
- e) The order for a bench for Sandy Lane had been delayed at the request of Jodrell Side WI.

Correspondence Received

- a) Information on proposed Congleton & District Time Bank, to be circulated to members.
- b) Correspondence from the Footpaths Group indicating that CCC would be establishing a footpath linking Mill Land and Boots Green Lane.
- c) Invitation to a Participatory Budgeting event at Delamere Primary School on Monday 23rd March.
- d) Invitation to Cheshire Community Action Spring Members' Evening at Tarporley Community Centre on 24th March.
- e) Information on Electoral Review in Cheshire East with views to be submitted by 6th April, to be circulated to members.
- f) Letter from residents of Mill Lane re. heavy traffic on the lane, as raised in the Public Forum.

Actions: The Clerk to locate original planning applications and correspondence

The Clerk to find details of operator's licence.

- g) Confirmation that a goal post and litter bin had been installed at the play area and instructions given for treatment of entrance gate.

- h) Notification from the Footpaths Group that their objection to the diversion of footpath 9 (Dromedary Lodge) would be decided by an inspector appointed by the Secretary of State by written representations rather than a public enquiry to minimise costs.
- i) An insurance quote from Zurich Municipal. Differences in Personal Accident and No Claims cover gave rise to concern. **Resolved:** To renew with current insurer for 2009/10.

03.09.11 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

The Clerk had reported three deep potholes on Main Road to Highways. One opposite the school and two near to Mount Pleasant.

03.09.12. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

All seven locations for the SID's had now been used and a second rotation was under way. Speeds of 88 and 89 mph had been recorded on Station Road and New Platt Lane.

A letter detailing one objection and a few enquiries from residents had been received from Highways. The one complainant had also written to the Local Government Ombudsman.

Action: The Clerk to check on outcome of the LGO process.

Malcolm McCuaig, Area Traffic Engineer to be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting.

03.09.13. G.Y.P.P.

Following last month's resolution to accept the S106 Agreement terms:-

Resolved: To authorise the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign the agreement on behalf of the PC.

The Heads of Terms for a Ground Lease for the new site would be considered at a meeting of CCC, GYPP and representatives of the PC on 16th March. The possibility of purchasing the site should not be allowed to delay agreement of the lease.

03.09.14 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 23rd APRIL 2009

The Airport Trust would not be able to send a speaker.

The Clerk had not yet located a projector to borrow or hire.

Actions: Cllr. A Kolker to investigate possibility of a speaker from Cheshire East Council

The Clerk to contact Cheshire Fire & Rescue as a second alternative.

The Clerk to prepare Invitation/Agenda documents by 6th April.

Invitations to be sent to 3 Cheshire East councillors.

2008/9 accounts to be distributed at the meeting.

Cllr. Nicholls to find price for printing of SpeedWatch flyer.

02.09.15 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr. Robertson again commented on the proliferation of red rubber bands dropped by postmen.

Action: The Clerk to report to Sorting Office.

Cllr. Leake reported that it was now considered that transferring the recycling bins from the Station car park to the Crown Inn would be unsatisfactory due to impact on neighbouring properties.

The Clerk ascertained that there should be no hire charge for a planned Police Forum at the Village Hall.

02.09.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: 14th April 2009

02.09.17 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed Part One of the Meeting at 9.30 pm.

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper