



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE STATUTORY ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, 12th MAY 2009

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

In attendance: East Cheshire Cllr. A Kolker
Denise Draper, Clerk to the Council
5 members of the public.
Village Hall Manager, Village Hall Caretaker

05.09.1. TO APPROVE STANDING ORDERS

Standing Orders were approved.

05.09.2. TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN FOR 2008/2009

Proposed by Cllr. Salmon & seconded by Cllr. Nicholls, Cllr. Craggs agreed to stand as Chairman for a further year.

05.09.3. TO RECEIVE CHAIRMAN'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr. Craggs then signed a formal declaration of his acceptance of Office.

05.09.4. TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2008/2009

Proposed by Cllr. Salmon & seconded by Cllr. Leake, Cllr. Nicholls agreed to stand as Vice Chairman for a further year.

05.09.5. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests registered.

05.09.6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

05.09.7. TO RECEIVE CLLR. SUZANNE JONES'S ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr. Jones signed a formal declaration of acceptance of office as a Councillor.

05.09.8. TO APPOINT COMMITTEES

The following were appointed to serve on the Committees of the Parish Council:

AMENITIES: Cllrs. Collins, Jones, Padley, Richardson, Robertson & Sturman
 FINANCE: Cllrs. Nichols, Padley, Leake & Salmon
 PLANNING: Cllrs. Craggs, Collins, Leake, Jones, Nichols, Robertson & Salmon
 VILLAGE HALL: Cllrs. Leake, Sturman & Richardson.

05.09.9. TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES & POSITIONS

VHPFF: Cllr. Craggs
 G.Y.P.P.: Cllr. Craggs
 ChALC: Cllrs. Craggs, Salmon & Richardson
 Newsletter Editor: Cllr. Salmon

05.09.10. TO CONSIDER PAYMENT OF ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Resolved to continue subscriptions to:

Cheshire Association of Local Councils
 Society of Local Council Clerks
 Cheshire Community Council – Parish Council Membership
 Performing Right Society

05.09.11. TO APPOINT CHEQUE SIGNATORIES

Cllrs. Leake, Richardson & Sturman agreed to continue as cheque signatories.

05.09.12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 14th APRIL 2009

Resolved to accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 14th April 2009 as a true record and to take them as read.

5.9.13. CHESHIRE EAST MATTERS

In reply to an enquiry by the Clerk, Cllr. Kolker advised that Sandra Daniels of Cheshire East Council could be contacted about issues relating to the War Memorial.

He had been asked to report possible pollution at The Bongs, but had not been able to identify the problem areas himself. Cllr. Collins agreed to give precise details or to make a joint visit.

He had attended several local Annual Parish Meetings and congratulated Goostrey on the impressive turnout of 92 members of the public.

He confirmed his opposition to the Energy from Waste plant proposed for Middlewich, this item to be on the agenda for the next PC meeting.

05.09.14. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

AMENITIES: There had been no meeting since the last Parish Council. To avoid a clash with other commitments, the date of the next meeting was changed to Wednesday 20th May.

FINANCE: There had been no meeting since the last Parish Council.

Resolved: To authorise the Chairman and Clerk to sign the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Return for the year ended 31st March 2009.

VILLAGE HALL: Minutes of the meeting of 21st April had been circulated.

Resolved: To confirm the appointment of the new Caretaker as selected by the VHMC committee.

To pay at current rate for 3 months, then implement 3% increase.

To pay full amounts as charged to hirers for Caretaker services.

To allow 6 weeks paid holiday and up to 2 weeks paid sick leave annually.

Resolved: To delay payment of the 2008-9 Recharge account until charges for electricity had been correctly allocated.

Agreed: To delay application for civil weddings at the Village Hall until after a meeting on 21st May when the problem of joint use of the school kitchens would be discussed, this matter to be on the agenda for the next PC meeting.

Cllr. Kolker was asked to investigate whether Cheshire East Council would make loans for Village Hall improvements.

05.09.15. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Report 192 had been circulated.

The Committee had made objections to an application for annexe accommodation at 71 Main Road on the grounds of the height and scale of the proposed extension and to its location on the site.

05.09.16. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 05/09

Resolved to accept Payment Schedule 05/09.

05.09.17 CLERK'S REPORT

The Clerk referred to Appendix 05/09 listing her actions resulting from the last Meeting and correspondence received.

Correspondence Received:

a) Letter from Defibrillator Placement Coordinator for Holmes Chapel & District Community First Responders re. placement of a defibrillator in the Village Hall and possible funding by the Parish Council. The Clerk to reply that the PC was willing to allow placement of a defibrillator in the Hall only if this would be of assistance to First Responders but had concerns about the availability of trained operators. It had never been the intention of the PC to pay for the equipment but it would continue to assist with fund raising events.

b) Receipt of the first instalment of the precept.

c) Cheshire East – Application for Civil Parking Enforcement Powers with comments requested by 29th May, to be circulated to members.

05.09.18. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

None to report.

05.09.19. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

Cllr. Nicholls reported that as objections had been made to the SID support post on New Platt Lane and as it was 'non-essential' street signage it would be moved to outside No. 2A, as agreed by the homeowners. East Cheshire Councillors and Highways personnel had been impressed by the presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting and it was possible this could lead to funding for another SID unit. Cllr Nicholls read out an e-mail received from a resident of Birch Tree Lane outlining many of the problems of speeding traffic observed throughout the Village.

05.09.20. G.Y.P.P.

The current situation is that planning approval for the old site is awaited. An application for additional funding is being made with the assistance of Steven Wright, Cheshire East's Grants and Opportunities officer.

05.09.21. MATTERS RAISED AT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Hounds at Bank View – Mrs Griffiths's e-mails and any other correspondence received to be circulated to members.

Traffic on Mill Lane – Members of the PC and residents of Mill Lane had been invited to a meeting to explain the long term aims for the future of Barnshaw Bank Farm.

Shortage of parking on Sandy Lane – The Clerk to write to Dane Housing reporting these concerns. The Chairman to inspect the area.

Pedestrian crossing at Mount Pleasant Residential Park – The Clerk to make enquiries with Highways, asking for their opinion on the feasibility of a crossing.

Dog waste & overgrown hedges – The Clerk to identify correct contact at Cheshire East.

The Clerk to send letter to residents at the junction of Main Road & New Platt Lane re. overgrown shrubs. The problems to be highlighted in the next Newsletter.

Refurbishment of Bank View noticeboard – The Clerk to obtain quotes for the work.

05.09.22 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON THE BOGBEAN

The matter to remain on the Agenda for Amenities meetings.

Cllr. Kolker yet to make enquiries about Cheshire East carrying out installation of lights.

05.09.23 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

It was noted that Mr. Rathbone had tidied Shearbrook Verge.

Action: The Clerk to send a letter of thanks.

The Chairman reported that he had been asked to act as a referee in connection with a Goosfest application for a grant.

Cllr. Salmon commented on the placement of advertising notices on posts around the Village, the practice to be discouraged in the next Newsletter.

Cllr. Collins commented on cluttering up of Village noticeboards with old and unsuitable notices.

Agreed: Old and commercial notices may be removed.

Actions: The Clerk to report damage to plastic stumps on Church Bank corner.

The Clerk to repeat request for repairs to Booth Bed Lane play area gates.

The Clerk to request removal of rubbish dumped on Bomish Lane.

05.09.24 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: 9th June 2009.

05.09.25 CLOSURE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.45.