



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 10th NOVEMBER 2009

Present: Cllrs. Craggs, Collins, Jones, Leake, Nicholls, Padley, Richardson, Salmon & Sturman

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

11.09.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Cllr. Craggs declared an interest in Planning Application No. 09/3360C and took no part in its consideration.
Cllr. Leake declared an interest as a member of the Goostrey Methodist Church fundraising committee and took no part in the consideration of a request for financial help.

11.09.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Robertson.

11.09.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved:

To accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 13th October 2009 as a true record and to take them as read.

11.09.4. CHESHIRE EAST MATTERS

Cheshire East Cllr. Kolker reported that East Cheshire councillors were still hopeful that a disc parking system would be adopted for Holmes Chapel instead of paystations.

11.09.5. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

AMENITIES:

Minutes of the meeting of 20th October had been circulated. A further meeting had taken place immediately before this PC meeting.

Information about wild flower planting and a quote for preparing a bed along Shearbrook wall should be available for the next meeting.

Tickets for the Senior Citizens' lunch were selling well but not all accounted for yet.

FINANCE:

A basic budget for 2010/11 had been prepared by Cllr. Nicholls and the Clerk and distributed to committee members ready for a meeting on 17th November

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

VILLAGE HALL:

Arrangements had been made for advertisements of the Hall as a wedding venue in Cheshire East Council's publication 'Your Ceremony, Your Choice'. Charges to be discussed by Finance Committee on 17th Nov.

Concerns about caretaker services had been raised by the Indoor Bowls Club and by the Dane Valley Group of WI's. The VHMC would attempt to resolve the problems by greater communication between the committee, manager and caretaker.

11.09.6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning reports 200,201 and 202 had been circulated.

An application for construction of an office building at the former Henry Alty site on the A50 was considered.

Resolved: The Clerk to e-mail the comments of the Council in time for the Cheshire East Strategic Planning Board meeting on 11th November as follows:

- Totally inappropriate scale and design for the location.
- Likely to increase traffic through Goostrey at peak times.
- Additional danger on A50 – already designated as a 'red route'.

11.09.7. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 11/09

Resolved: to accept Payment Schedule 11/09.

11.09.8 CLERK'S REPORT**Actions from Last Meeting**

- a) Contact contractors re. installation of Christmas Tree Lights. Quote now accepted.
- b) Submit electricity usage information to Scottish Power.
- c) Further letter to 2 New Platt Lane requesting cutting back of overhanging trees.
- e) Reply to Community Rail Partnership re. information points at Goostrey Station. Reply received that priority will be given to stations where PC's have made a contribution but hope that Goostrey will be included in the scheme.

Correspondence Received

- a) Invitation to Cheshire Community Action AGM on Thursday 19th November, circulated to members.
- b) Request from Goostrey Methodist Church for financial help towards renovation of the school room.
Action: The Clerk to reply that the PC is not able to contribute as not budgetted.
- c) Notification that diversion of footpath at Dromedary Lodge has been confirmed.
- d) Invitation to Cheshire East consultation event as part of business planning and budget setting process for 2010 and beyond, circulated to members.

11.09.9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Letter received from the Area Maintenance Engineer stating that:

- Surface repairs had been carried out at the junction of Buckbean Way/Mill Lane and Main Road.
- The carriageway outside the Red Lion would be checked for drainage issue.
- Cheshire West and Chester Council had been informed of the pothole on New Platt Lane.

Action: The Clerk to reply that the repairs had not been successful and that the surface was not improved.

11.09.10. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

The third SID unit was now in place. All posts now had fittings to allow installation of SID pointing in both directions.

The SID on Station Road would be left in place permanently due to the difficulty of working at this site. The SID on New Platt Lane would be semi-permanent but used in both directions.

Action: The Clerk to send a copy of the TWM invoice to Highways upon receipt.

11.09.11. G.Y.P.P.

Approval for dwelling on existing site expected very soon. Previous approval had expired. An amended draft lease for the school field site was awaited from Cheshire East. It had not been possible to secure any funding from the National Lottery Fund.

Action: The Chairman to arrange meeting of PC, GYPP members and John Liptrott.

11.09.12 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

The Chairman referred to a newspaper article about shops in rural communities, to be circulated to members.

Cllr. Salmon reported graffiti on the wall of Mill Lane Bridge also pollution in the stream.

Action: Cheshire East Cllr. Kolker to arrange cleaning.

Cllr. Sturman commented on the lack of progress with the web-site.

Action: The Chairman to investigate.

11.09.13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: 8th December 2009.

11.09.14 CLOSURE OF MEETING The Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.55 pm.