



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 13th OCTOBER 2009

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

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

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman - Cllr. Nicholls, took the chair.

10.09.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

10.09.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Craggs who was attending the Annual Town & Parish Councils Conference.

(Cllr. Richardson was unable to attend due to being in hospital).

10.09.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved:

To accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 8th September 2009 as a true record and to take them as read.

10.09.4. CHESHIRE EAST MATTERS

Cheshire East Cllr. Kolker gave his report later in the meeting but it is reported here. He had consulted the Environmental Health Department regarding the keeping of hounds in Bank View. He advised that enquiries into this matter had been opened 5 times. The first and second had been closed when diary sheets had not been returned by the complainants. The third and fourth had been closed as the Council were not allowed access by the complainants to install recording equipment. On the fifth occasion, equipment was installed but recorded only sporadic barking and only during the daytime. Further action was not thought appropriate. Cllr. Kolker had written to the resident of Bank View who had raised this matter. No further action to be taken by the Parish Council.

He advised that the decision to impose parking charges in Holmes Chapel was not yet definite. Councillors had recommended an alternative system using 'clocks' set and displayed by motorists when they left their cars. This had been well received.

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

10.09.5. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

AMENITIES:

Minutes of the meeting of 15th September had been circulated.

Actions: Cllr. Robertson to make further enquiries about wild flower planting.

The Clerk to contact Dutton Contractors about Christmas lights.

The Clerk and Chairman to complete Scottish Power electricity supply form.

Cllr. Jones confirmed that the Holmes Chapel Rotary Club sleigh would be available for turn-on ceremony. Tickets & posters for the Senior Citizens' lunch were ready for distribution.

VILLAGE HALL:

Minutes of the meeting of 22nd September had been circulated.

The committee were asked to seek further quotes for replacement of floor tiles in the lounge.

Resolved: To purchase a replacement vacuum cleaner.

Training re. use of the school kitchen had been arranged for the Manager and Caretaker on 15th February.

Complaints about caretaker services had been received from the Bridge Club and from St. Luke's.

Actions: The Manager to discuss with the Caretaker.

The Clerk to reply that problems have been noted and are being addressed.

Cllr. Salmon confirmed that the Hall had been approved as a venue for weddings/civil partnerships and had received a certificate.

Resolved: To advertise the venue in a Cheshire East Council booklet at a cost of £250 (discounted from £500).

Arrangements had been made to take photographs of the Hall on 16th October.

Action: Cllr. Salmon to consult re. advert and photographs.

FINANCE:

Minutes of the meeting of 6th October had been circulated together with copies of the half-year accounts.

A recommended 2010-11 budget would be prepared at a meeting on 17th November for presentation at the December PC meeting.

Cllr. Craggs and Cheshire East Cllr. Kolker entered the meeting.

10.09.6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning report 199 had been circulated. Four further applications would be considered at a meeting of the Planning committee on Saturday 17th October at 10am.

10.09.7. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 10/09

Resolved: to accept Payment Schedule 10/09.

The Clerk explained that her salary for the month appeared high due to a substantial tax rebate.

10.09.8 CLERK'S REPORT

Actions from Last Meeting

a) Confirm colour for decoration of stage with school and Rural Touring Theatre – pale grey as in main Hall.

b) Reply to Flower Club re. their concerns about Caretaker services.

c) Repeat report of uneven surface at Shearbrook Steps to Highways – no action as yet.

Action: Report again.

d) Request two free tickets to concert at Bridgewater Hall from Airport community Relations – no reply as yet.

e) Advise Highways and Cheshire East councillors of items for Highways agenda.

f) Place order for SID and ancillary equipment.

g) Request funding for SID etc. from Highways.

h) Letter to occupant of 2 New Platt Lane re. overhanging branches obscuring SID – no reply as yet.

Action: Cllr. Nicholls to confirm exact location of trees in question.

The Clerk to send further letter explaining that Cheshire East could be requested to carry out the work at resident's expense.

i) Letter to 1 Willow Lane re. overhanging hedge. Reply received confirming hedge has been cut back.

- j) Report loose slats on play area picnic table to Cheshire East Grounds Maintenance. Reply received that handyman will check and repair if possible.
- k) Request information from police re. parking on pavements. Reply received and circulated to members.
- l) Letter to St. Luke's PCC requesting they do not post notices in the Village.
- m) Letter to Dane Housing re. parking and plans for Main Road gardens. Reply received that there are no plans to create extra parking but comments have been passed to local police.
Action: The Clerk to pass on information to resident at 41 Main Road.

Correspondence Received

- a) Advice that the next Congleton Local Area Partnership meeting will be held on Monday 9th November. Further details to be passed to Cllrs. Craggs and Nicholls when received.
- b) Advance notice of Assembly of Local Strategic Partnership at Tatton Park on Friday 23rd October commencing at 9.30. No member able to attend.
- c) Questionnaire re. Parish Planning Network for Cheshire East, passed to Cllr. Nicholls.
- d) Policing Priorities Questionnaire, passed to Cllr. Nicholls.
- e) Phone call from a resident reporting an overhanging tree in the Graveyard, also commenting that all the hedges are becoming too wide.
Action: The Clerk to reply & to ask contractor to check tree.
- f) Invitation to all councillors to Remembrance Sunday service.
Action: The Clerk to order poppy wreath.
- g) Email from a resident of Blackden Lane with details of tractor/trailer traffic routed through the Village.
Action: The Clerk to reply that the PC has limited powers but that the problem is under discussion.

09.09.9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

None to report.

10.09.10. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

An order had been placed for one extra display unit, two solar panels and ancillary equipment. TWM had offered to install new unit.

Action: Cllr. Leake to contact TWM for installation date.

A reply had been received from the Neighbourhood Policing Team re. PC's concerns regarding lack of communication and support for the speedwatch measures. A PCSO had been invited to attend this PC meeting but no reply received.

10.09.11. G.Y.P.P.

A reply had been received from John Liptrott and circulated to members.

Action: The Clerk to contact Mr Liptrott asking for suggested dates for a meeting with PC and GYPP.

10.09.12 INFORMATION POINTS AT STATION

The Council had received a request from Crewe to Manchester Community Rail Partnership for a £500 contribution towards £4,500 for 2 customer information points at the station.

Action: The Clerk to reply that while the PC was strongly in support of the initiative, no provision had been made in the current year's budget. It was also understood that the Rail Partnership had previously undertaken to provide information points.

10.09.13 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Cllr. Salmon had received a request for permission to plant a tree in the graveyard in memory of a late resident.

Agreed: Commemorative planting should be allowed but only along the hedge in the new area and of a similar size and variety to recent planting.

Action: The Clerk to advise St. Luke's of request and recommendations for planting.

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

10.09.14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: 10th November 2009. .

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