



Goostrey Parish Council

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, 8th SEPTEMBER 2009

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

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

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

09.09.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

09.09.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Craggs who was attending a ChALC meeting, and from Cllrs. Leake and Robertson.

09.09.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Resolved:

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

09.09.4. CHESHIRE EAST MATTERS

Cheshire East Cllr. Kolker reported that a decision had been made by the Cheshire East cabinet to impose car parking charges for the 40 council owned parking spaces in Holmes Chapel. The charge would be 10p for up to 2 hours. He was opposed to the scheme, as were 3000 people who had signed a petition. He agreed to report back once the basis for the decision had been published.

He urged the Parish Council to submit recommendations for the Cheshire East shortlist of highways maintenance issues.

He reported that Cheshire East did not have the equipment needed for installation of Christmas Tree lights and he had not yet been able to contact sub-contractors.

09.09.5. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

AMENITIES:

Minutes of the meeting of 21st July had been circulated.

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

VILLAGE HALL:

Cllr. Salmon reported on the progress of the application for registration as a venue for weddings/civil partnerships. The deputy superintendent registrar had visited the Village Hall and met with Cllrs. Salmon & Craggs. Everything appeared to be in order. A certificate had not yet been received but the application was in progress. Details of a new fee structure effective from 1st September 2009 had been received, showing the cost of 3 years registration at £1440 instead of the £480 paid by the Council.

Action: The Clerk to confirm that the cheque for £480 had been paid in.

Decoration of the main hall had been completed. This had not included the stage.

Resolved: To arrange painting of the stage during half-term at a cost of £490.

To contact the school and the Rural Touring Theatre group for colour scheme suggestions.

A letter of complaint regarding caretaking arrangements had been received from the Flower Club.

Action: The Clerk to reply, explaining that the problems had arisen in the very early days of the new caretaker's employment and that the issues had now been addressed.

09.09.6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning reports 195, 196, 197 and 198 had been circulated. 8 applications had been considered with no objections raised.

09.09.7. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBERS 08/09 and 09/09

Resolved: to accept Payment Schedules 08/09 and 09/09.

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

- a) Letter to East Cheshire Cllr. David Brickhill objecting to proposed car parking charges in Holmes Chapel.
- b) Reminder to Cheshire East re. Play Area gate – now repaired.
- c) Reply to Royal British Legion re. additional name on war memorial - now resolved as name in on the Lower Withington memorial.
- d) Reply to Meadow Close resident re. overhanging hedges, parking on pavements and general upkeep of Village.
Item on parking on pavements included in September newsletter.
- e) Request to contractor to manage graveyard extension as a wild meadow area.
- f) Request to church authorities for access to graveyard extension.
- g) Reply to Boundary Committee re. anomaly of Cheshire East/West boundary being part way along New Platt Lane.
- h) Letter to Cllr. David Brickhill re. funding for 3rd speed indicator and information on 30mph stickers for wheelie bins. Reply received asking for final costs for SID and advising that stickers are not approved for use by the Department of Transport or by the Cheshire East Highways Authority. **Action:** Cllr. Nicholls to make further enquiries.
- i) Letter (drafted by Cllr. Nicholls) to police re. lack of support and communication on Speedwatch issues.
- j) Report damage to Shearbrook Steps to Highways. Reply received indicating that patching had been carried out. **Action:** Report again as area still considered a hazard.

Correspondence Received

- a) Offer from Manchester Airport Community Relations of 2 free tickets to Bridgewater Hall concerts for use as prizes or rewards to community volunteers. **Action:** Apply for 2 tickets.
- b) Invitation to Cheshire East Mayor's Charity Ball on Friday 9th October.
- c) Request from ChALC for 'expression of interest' in Participatory Budgeting within the first tier of local government – passed to Cllr. Nicholls.
- d) Letter from residents with apology for damage to scarecrows following a party at their home.
- e) Invitation to ChALC Annual Meeting on 22nd October – to be attended by Cllrs. Richardson & Salmon.
- f) Notice of Cheshire East Council's Town & Parish Councils' Conference to be held on 13th October.

09.09.9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Action: The Clerk to report the following items for inclusion on the Cheshire East Highways Agenda. Members to advise the clerk of any other problem areas.

Road surface at area of junction of Buckbean Way/Mill Lane/Main Road. This area has previously been marked out for repair but none carried out.

Huge pothole just west of the parish boundary on New Platt Lane.

Water collecting on Station Road in front of the Red Lion causing a spray and ice hazard.

09.09.10. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES

Speedwatch team member, Mike Ball, had given a presentation to about 40 people at Westfields including representatives from the Highways Department and from other Parish Councils. Latest downloads had shown that the SID's were still having a positive effect.

The manufacturers are offering a reduced price during September and Cheshire East are offering matched funding on a first-come, first-served basis.

Resolved: To place an order for one display unit, two solar assemblies and 6 sets of brackets. To apply to Cheshire East for part funding.

Action: The Clerk to write to Mr Bracegirdle, New Platt Lane, asking him to cut back overhanging branch. The Clerk to write to residents of 1 Willow Lane asking them to cut back overhanging hedge.

09.09.11. G.Y.P.P.

A draft lease for the proposed youth centre site had been received from Cheshire East. The GYPP committee considered it over-complicated. Copy handed to Cllr. Salmon for consideration.

09.09.12 PARKING IN HOLMES CHAPEL

No further action in view of Cheshire East decision to proceed with charges for car parking.

09.09.13 MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

Action: The Clerk to report loose slat on picnic table at play area to Cheshire East.

Cllr. Salmon expressed concern at parking on pavements and grass verges.

Action: The Clerk to seek clarification from police.

Cllr. Salmon also commented on the proliferation of signs and posters on village trees and lamp-posts etc.

Action: The Clerk to send polite letter to the Chairman and Secretary of the PCC asking them not to post notices.

09.09.14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Confirmed: 13th October 2009. As the Village Hall had been booked for a Goosfest event, an extraordinary Parish Council meeting would be necessary to select an alternative venue. Extraordinary meeting to be called for 7.20pm on Tuesday 15th September.

Action: The Clerk to check availability of the Sports Pavilion on Booth Bed Lane.

09.09.15 CLOSURE OF MEETING The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.50 pm.