



# ***Goostrey Parish Council***

## **MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2010**

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

**In attendance:** Cheshire East Cllr. A Kolker  
Denise Draper, Clerk to the Council  
Mr Frank Walton  
1 member of the public

### **02.10.1. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

### **02.10.2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All councillors being present, there were no apologies for absence.

### **02.10.3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Resolved:**

To accept the Minutes of the Meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010 as a true record and to take them as read.

### **02.10.4. CHESHIRE EAST MATTERS**

Cllr. Kolker advised that a meeting had taken place at the Holmes Chapel library regarding Cheshire East Customer Service Centres. Location of a centre within the library would lead to extended evening opening hours but there were privacy issues.

The location of a Holmes Chapel Children's Centre would not be the library.

Car parking charges would be introduced in Congleton on 15<sup>th</sup> February.

A submission had been made to the Boundary Committee requesting a 2 member ward called 'Dane Valley'.

Members were asked to report potholes on village roads.

### **02.10.5. COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

**AMENITIES:**

Minutes of the meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> February had been circulated.

A proposal was put forward to plant wild flowers on Shearbrook Bank. Information had been gained from Pictorial Meadows Ltd. The area would need to be rotavated and treated with weed-killer prior to sowing in April.

Chairman: Cllr. David Craggs

Parish Clerk: Denise Draper

2½ gm. of seed per sq.meter. Flowers could last until November when the area should be cut back ready for next year's planting.

**Action:** The Clerk to arrange a meeting with John Bloor for a Thursday (not 18<sup>th</sup> Feb) or Saturday.

**Resolved:** To proceed with a novelty container planting competition. Cllr. Jones had priced seeds for the Children's section at £2.85 per pack, planting in March-May for flowering in May-August.

**Actions:** An item in the March Parish Magazine newsletter.

Further planning at the Amenities Committee meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March.

## VILLAGE HALL

Minutes of the meeting of 26<sup>th</sup> January had been circulated.

Mr Lammie Robertson was acting as stand-in caretaker.

So far there were two applicants for the position, interviews to take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February.

Consideration to be given to the caretaker's pay structure to ensure a fair remuneration with regard to minimum wage regulations.

Work on the hall ceiling/lighting would take place w/c 15<sup>th</sup> February with a pre-start meeting on 10<sup>th</sup>.

Cllr. Leake recommended the purchase of a digital projector for presentations.

**Action:** Cllr. Leake to investigate cost.

### 02.10.6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning report 205 had been circulated.

Cllr. Kolker reported that the application for an office building at the former Henry Alty site on the A50 had been approved.

### 02.10.7. PAYMENT SCHEDULE NUMBER 02/10

**Resolved:** to accept Payment Schedule 02/10.

### 02.10.8. CLERK'S REPORT

#### Correspondence Received

- a) Information re. Cheshire Community Pride Competition, circulated to members.
- b) Invitation to nominate the Chairman to attend Buckingham Palace Garden Party, the Clerk to complete and submit.
- c) Complaint from a resident of Blackden Lane about large tractors/trailers on the lane, damaging grass verges and spreading mud on the road. Also concerns about the impact on the area of unfinished developments at Owl's Hoot and Heathfields.  
**Actions:** Cllr. Kolker to make enquiries with Planning Enforcement Officer and developers.  
The Clerk to reply that the PC shares concerns about heavy vehicles but has no power or influence to intervene. More information needed re. contractor's names and vehicle registration numbers.
- d) Prior notice of a Cheshire East Town & Parish Councils event on 17<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm for a 6.30 start – 8.30. Details to follow.
- e) Notification of a new head of Planning & Policy at Cheshire East Council. Measures being put in place to improve service.
- f) Invitation for 2 councillors to attend Parish Council meeting at Manchester Airport on 17<sup>th</sup> March, passed to the Chairman & Cllr. Salmon.
- g) Invitation to Cheshire East 'Shaping the Future of our Communities – Local Area Event' on 4<sup>th</sup> March, passed to the Chairman.

h) Invitation to submit written representations on an application for preliminary consent to be included in the pharmaceutical list (open a pharmacy) in Goostrey (deadline – 22<sup>nd</sup> March).

**Action:** Application documents to be circulated. The item to be on the agenda for March meeting.

i) Renewal information for Insurance Policy with Aon (transferred from Allianz) at a premium of £1117.12.

**Resolved:** Following investigation of alternatives last year, to renew with Aon.

#### **02.10.9. HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

Locations of potholes still to be reported to Highways.

#### **02.10.10. SPEED REDUCTION MEASURES**

Problems had arisen with the unit in New Platt Lane not working in low temperatures. TWM had suggested recharging batteries.

**Action:** Investigation and possible swapping of batteries.

Cllr. Nicholls asked if any further action should be taken regarding Ashbrook traffic to and from Mill Lane.

**Action:** The Clerk to write to Ashbrooks (cc. J Ashall) asking for an update on proposed relocation.

#### **02.10.11. PARISH WEB SITE**

**Action:** Quotations to be circulated.

To be on agenda for March meeting.

#### **02.10.12. G.Y.P.P.**

Following recent freezing conditions the old hut is no longer fit for purpose. The Youth Centre trustees have requested a meeting with the PC re. surrendering the lease.

A meeting with Cheshire East would take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February re. lease of school field land.

No decision had been made on the renewed application for a dwelling at the old site. Cheshire East seemed to have started from scratch on Section 106 issues, despite agreement having previously been reached with Congleton Borough. Peter Kolker was seeking advice regarding an appeal.

**Resolved:** To proceed with an appeal on the basis of non-determination.

**Actions:** A brief explanation of current position to be included in March Parish Magazine, the Chairman and Clerk to liaise.

This issue to be the main topic at the Annual Parish Meeting.

#### **2.10.13. QUALITY STATUS**

Mr Frank Walton who, as Clerk, gained quality status for Cranage, Somerford and Twemlow councils addressed the meeting on the requirements. His presentation was given at the start of the meeting but is reported here.

Working through the application form it was clear that attention should be given to the Communications, Annual Report and Promoting local democracy and citizenship sections.

#### **2.10.14 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 22<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2010**

Recommended topics for the meeting are:

G.Y.P.P. Peter Kolker to be asked to give a presentation.

The Local Council elections in 2011.

Quality Status.

Members wished to emphasise that the meeting and all Parish Council activities are non-party political.

**02.10.15. MINOR ITEMS & ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

The Chairman had visited Sandy Lane to appraise the parking situation but had not seen any problem parking at the time.

Cllr. Richardson reported that not all black bins had been collected from Bank View in the last 4 weeks.

**Actions:** Cllr. Kolker to make enquiries and to ensure next week's collection takes place.  
Monitor collections before the next PC meeting.

**01.10.16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Confirmed:** 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

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