Goostrey Parish Council

The Village Hall
Goostrey
Cheshire
CW4 8PE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2016 at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL, LOUNGE

Present: Cllrs McCubbin(Vice-Chairman)(CMcC), Bennett (RB), Craggs (DC), Lenihan (GL),Macfarlane (IM), Morris (KM), O'Donoghue, (IO), Rathbone (TR) and Williams (EW)

In attendance: Cheshire East Cllr. A Kolker, Sharon Jones, Clerk to the Council and 5 residents

09.16.01 **Declarations of Interest** – Declarations of interest were received from Cllrs Bennet, Craggs & Morris.

09.16.02 **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received from Cllr Godfrey.

09.16.03 **Minutes:** To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting of 12th July 2016.

Resolved: *To approve the minutes of the meeting of 12th July 2016 as an accurate record of the meeting.*

09.12.04 **Cheshire East Council Matters:** To receive a report on Cheshire East Council Matters. To deal with any questions by Members relating to the report and any questions by Members notified in advance to the Chairman and the CE Councillor.

- The boundary report has been submitted.
- Cycle stars tour of Britain was in Tatton Park last week, it was a free event. Very good, people on A50 watched the cyclists go by.
- Letter from Emma Williams (CEC) re Sibelco saying they will submit an application by the end of September.
- HC community centre is almost finished. There is a community room with a bar and screen for community cinema. The youth of village have raised a lot of money to build a skateboard/bmx park.
- Highways – RE: Meeting with Simon Wallace – Simon can't find any existing order which restricts weight of vehicles on the roads in Goostrey. Resurfacing of Boothbed Lane – resident has complained as people will now speed. Scheme to introduce a chicane, give ways to slow traffic down is being produced. The scheme will be sent to the Parish Council for consideration. The railway bridge has now received funding and it is available immediately, the score is very high (dangerous) lights will be installed, if that is what the pc wants. CMcC asked AK to request that SW write to us in response to the meeting. A pelican crossing outside the school is still on the LAP as a requirement but there is some doubt as to whether it meets the requirements.
- SW to talk to speak to Luke Philips (Asset Management) to see if the PC can take over the Bogbean. AK reported that SW had said this was unlikely to be possible so will AK to speak with Don Stockton on this matter.
- **Action:** Clerk to arrange a meeting with Richard Cooper, road signs, etc (IO & PG)

09.16.05 **Planning Matters** – DC reported on the Planning Meeting on 13th September and the two meetings in August.

- **Declarations –** None
- **Apologies for Absence –** Received from PG
- **Applications**

  16/4306C- Land Adjacent to 51, MAIN ROAD- Erection of 6no. dwellings.– This application applies to the land behind the two houses which already have permission. Originally and application for 7 houses was refused. A second application for houses 2 was granted. The current application is for a further 6 houses which gives a total of 8 houses. JB are refusing developments of this size. ***Decision:*** *The Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is open countryside and will support the opinion of Jodrell Bank (JB).*

  RB raised his concern that the planning committee should fully review the all documentation associated with an application. We should be looking for any inaccuracies and also what might be mitigating factors should the Borough Council be minded to grant permission.

09.16.06 **Financial Payments –** to approve the schedule of payments for August and September 2016.

Resolved: *The PC resolved to approve the payments in Schedule 08/16 and 09/16.*

CMcC & GL signed the Payment Schedules.

09.16.07 Clerk's Report

Actions from the last Meeting

a. Meeting with Highways re: Junction of Booth Bed Lane and Main Road - Clerk to compile a list of items to discuss, suggestions to be sent to the Clerk by Friday 15th July.
b. Byley Public Meeting - Clerk to write a letter supporting the objection on the basis that they are ploughing ahead with no permission and have cut down trees which are irreplaceable, the possibility of increased traffic on A50 and that the application is retrospective are also to be included. Draft letter to be circulated to councillors for comment prior to sending.
c. Clerk to investigate if we can enable residents to access CEC reporting systems from our website.
d. Work Place Pensions – Staging date 1st October 2016 - Clerk agreed to provide councillors with a list of the steps.
e. Main Road by the association houses, the gullies are blocked because the gulley cleaner cannot clean because of the parked cars. TR requested that the Clerk report this on the web site.

Correspondence

a. david.giles@shell.com Scout Hut and Youth Centre Progress Report
b. Nikki Hewitt Cancellation - 003538 14/07/2016
c. publicaccess@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk - Comments for Planning Application 16/02475/FUL
d. PARTNERSHIPS (East) Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations 15/07/2016
e. Taylor, Brian (Santander UK) RE: Deposit Account 18/07/2016
f. Rebecca Kennington RE: VAT Registration 21/07/2016
g. WALLACE, Simon RE: Rough Notes on Todays Goostrey Highways Meeting 25/07/2016
h. MANN, Dave CEHighways - Carriageway Structural Patching Works - Main Road Goostrey
i. SHALLCROSS, Peter Asbestos R&D Report for the Community Hall Pipework 26/07/2016
j. GILBERT, Les (Councillor) FW: CEHighways - Carriageway Resurfacing Works - Booth Bed Lane Goostrey Crewe
k. APPLETON, Joanne RE: This is your Invoice 01/08/2016
l. ELECTORAL INFORMATION RE: This is your Invoice for the European Referendum on 23rd June 2016 02/08/2016
m. BROWN, David (Councillor) Invitation - Cheshire East Highways Event 03/08/2016
n. Jill Cope RE: Agenda for Goostrey Parish Council Meeting on 12th July 2016
o. NEST.Registration@nestpensions.org.uk Start using NEST online 15/08/2016
p. BAXTER, Sarah FW: Strategic Planning Board Site Visits-Friday 19 August 2016 16/08/2016
q. helen.skinner@pins.gsi.gov.uk Planning Inspectorate APP/R0660/W/15/3129954: Land off Main Road 22/08/2016
r. Wendy.Sinfield@manairport.co.uk Manchester Airport attending a Parish Council Meeting URGENT 26/08/2016

Actions arising from Correspondence

- Clerk to write to support the consultation document from CEC on Street Trading.
- Clerk to send PG letter regarding feedback on the Bluedot Festival.
- Clerk to invite Wendy Seinfield from Manchester airport to speak on 11th October before the PC meeting (Twemlow PC to be invited) this means that the Planning Meeting would start at 6.30pm and finish by7.00pm. The Manchester Airport Meeting would start at 7.00pm and finish by 7.30pm. The Parish Council Meeting will start at 7.30pm.

09.16.08 Highways & Speedwatch: Covered in Item 3 – Cheshire East Council Matters.

09.16.09 Report from Cheshire East Parish and Town Councils Meeting 17th July 2016 – Cllr Morris

Cllr Godfrey and Morris attended. There were comments that there were a lot of substitutions for speakers only Rachel Bailey, spoke as billed. Restructuring of the CEC – there are now 3 reports the Chieve Executive. The Highways presentation highlighted that there are highways officer in each area. The survey results shown indicated there had been an improvement in road quality but it was not clear who was surveyed. There was a short report regarding the Examination of the Local Plan. Audlem and District Community Action presented on Care in the Community.

09.16.10 Local Policing: To receive a report from Cllr Rathbone. – Nothing to Report.

09.16.11 Neighbourhood Plan:

The draft regulation 14 document had been sent to all councillors for comments. KM is happy to receive comments from Councillors for another week. Regulation 14 is the residents' opportunity to comment on the plan before it is submitted. There will be a residents' consultation period. **Action:** KM to e-mail councillors with a deadline for comments.

The NP Committee will send the document to a "friendly" examiner first in order to get feedback before the document is submitted. It has also been read by Cheshire Community Action.

The NP are trying to push forward to Regulation 14 in order to help for further planning applications.

RB – the application for the 6 houses on Main Road, says that NP has no weight until CEC plan is in place which is incorrect as once Regulation 14 is achieved at NP can be considered when applications are being decided.

TR requested that the PC delegate to the NP Committee the authority to publish 'Pre-submission Consultation' versions of both the Regulation 14 document and the Village Design Statement incorporating Councillors' comments as appropriate.

Resolved: *To delegate to the NP Committee the authority to publish 'Pre Submission Consultation' versions of both the Regulation 14 document and the Village Design Statement incorporating Councillors' comments as appropriate.*

09.16.12 **Youth Facility:** To inform the PC of any key recent developments and to answer Councillors' questions.

- Report from Youth Centre Project Meeting – Cllr Bennett.
  Youth Facility – steel frame going up, at present the project is fully unless there are changes to requirements ie a lift. The next meeting is on 22nd September, RB to try and attend if not IO can go Important to keep going to the meetings.

09.16.13 **Where should the council focus its efforts?**

Where should the council its efforts, PG sent a paper around, everyone happy if we remove the bit about stepping back from individual planning applications (PG paper attached in Appendix A).

09.16.14 **Community Projects Requiring Capital Expenditure Working Party** - To inform the PC of any key recent developments and to answer Councillors' questions.

RB has taken feedback from local organisations and there are some suggestions ie refurb of stage and spot lights and also the kitchen. RB proposed that experts be consulted to get a quote for the stage. Goostrey Village signs – give the Working Party Costs. Committee needs to meet – October 6th 7.30pm at the Committee Room at the Village Hall. Target for any works to the Village Hall is Summer Holidays 2017.

09.16.15 **New Accounts System** – Update on Meeting with Accountant and next steps.

09.16.16 **New Web Site** – Update on Meeting with NetWise web site design and next steps.

09.16.17 **Minor Items & Items for the Next Agenda:**

- Draft Letter to Rt Hon Saiid Javid, Secretary Of State regarding the Gladman Appeal was approved.
  Action: Clerk to send letter copy to Fiona Bruce MP
- RB asked the Parish Council to take observe a Moment of silence in memory of the Rev Ian Godfrey, who has sadly passed away. A two minute silence was observed at the meeting.

09.16.18 **Date of Next Meeting:** To confirm the date of the next Meeting – 11th October 2016.

09.16.19 **PART TWO - MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE ASKED TO RETIRE.**

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as extended by the Local Government Act of 1972, the press and public are excluded from the meeting for the discussion of the undermentioned items on the grounds that the publication of the matters would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Staff Matters – The Clerk confirmed that all was on track for the WorkPlace Pensions Staging Date.

09.16.20 **Closure of Meeting:** The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Public Session

A resident mentioned that he has been informed was a meeting with Highways and the Police at Withington on Monday night (12th September), however, no-one else in Goostrey had heard about it. One resident from Goostrey attended. **Action:** Clerk to write to PCC regarding lack of notice for this meeting.

The resident also asked if the signage at the junction of Hermitage Lane and Main Road had been discussed at the Highways meeting in July and if the issue of the drains at the crossroads had also been discussed. KM confirmed the signage was discussed however the drainage had not been raised as the meeting was not with the Maintenance Team within CEC Highways. There is a meeting scheduled with the Maintenance team and the drainage can be bought up at that meeting.

Another resident requested that the drain on school drive was checked and cleared as the road fills with water when it rains making the crossing impassable on foot. Action: Clerk to check with the School to see who is responsible for clearing the drain.

A resident indicated that the Methodist Church members are very concerned to hear that the Pre-School may to move to the new Youth Facility when it is completed next year. It is a good source of income. CMcC suggested that the Church contact the Pre School to discuss this further.

APPENDIX A

ITEM 09.16.13. - WHERE SHOULD THE COUNCIL FOCUS ITS EFFORTS?

GPC MEETING ON 13/9/16

WHERE SHOULD THE COUNCIL FOCUS ITS EFFORTS – CHAIRMAN'S VIEWS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MEETING

1. Introduction

At our last meeting on 14th July the council considered my discussion paper on The Role and Focus of Goostrey Parish Council as item 12 on the agenda. It concluded that;

"The council needs to think about how to proceed, do we spend less time on Planning and Highways issues or do we put more effort into these areas with a hope that we might get a breakthrough at some stage."

As I shall be absent from the September PC meeting I thought I should submit my views as a report to the meeting so that they can be considered when this item is discussed.

2. My Views and Suggestions

- The PC should try to engage more effectively with CEC Highways making a very detailed record of our actions and the resulting outcomes. The initial meeting with Simon Wallace though positive has not resulted in any actions. This meeting should be followed up. A separate meeting should be set up with Richard Cooper to review and progress highway maintenance issues.
- The PC should encourage residents to report all highway faults and planning enforcement issues direct to CEC. The Clerk has already done this in the Newsletter. We should also include links to the relevant parts of the CEC website in our new website. We should offer help and guidance to people to assist them to report faults. We should consider allowing residents to use our old computer to report faults to CEC. Residents should be encouraged to escalate issues via the PC after normal reporting does not lead to a satisfactory outcome.
- The Planning Committee should try to stand back from individual planning applications (perhaps only becoming involved when neighbours object?) It should concentrate on applications for multiple dwellings on a site and on longer term initiatives like the village design statement and housing policies.
- The Planning Committee should seek a meeting with a senior Planning Officer to review applications within the Parish which had been approved in spite of PC objections, to obtain an explanation of why they were approved and to seek guidance on what objections might have been made to them.
- The PC should review the success of these measures at the April 2017 PC meeting.
- The PC should reply to Rachel Bailey commenting on her responses to our concerns, describing the measures we are putting in place and thanking her for offering to meet us but postponing such a meeting until next year when we have a record of the results of our attempts to work more closely with CEC.

PMS Godfrey

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