



Goostrey Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON TUESDAY, 8th JULY 2014 at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs. Godfrey (Chairman) (PG), Caulkin (CC), Collins (SC), Craggs (DC), Leake (ML), Lenihan (GL), M^cCubbin (CMcC), Rathbone (TR)

In attendance: Cheshire East Cllr. Andrew Kolker (AK)
Sharon Jones, Clerk to the Council
14 Members of the Public

07.14.1. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest made.

07.14.2. To Accept Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Salmon and Fagan.

07.14.3. To Approve the Minutes of the 10th June 2014

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting.*

07.14.4. Cheshire East Matters

Cllr Kolker remarked that the zebra crossing in Holmes Chapel seems to be easy to miss, and has requested if it can be made more visible as people have driven across it without seeing it. It has been suggested that LED lights will make it more visible without making it a pelican crossing.

He went on to say that funding for Congleton bypass had been gained in Westminster.

He highlighted the new application for the old chicken farm. AK has asked for the Southern Planning Committee date to be in July, as he is on holiday in August, however this depends on the plans being in the planning office in time. If it is not on the agenda for the July meeting it will move to the September meeting.

The 5 year supply of housing land is the main item at the moment. This is key to all planning issues. CEC needs to push this to be ratified by the Planning Inspector but we will have to wait until September.

CMcC suggested that it would be really unfair if the application for access went to the Southern Planning Committee in August, as everyone is away. AK said he had already asked that it is not in August. **Action:** PC to write to Nick Hlland on this issue.

PG asked if the route for the Congleton bypass has been confirmed. AK replied that it has not as it has yet to go to consultation.

PG said he had heard that Adrian Fisher (CEC) had said that CEC does not have a 5 year supply of housing land. AK said he couldn't comment on this.

07.14.5. Committee Matters

There were no committee meetings since the last Parish Council Meeting.

07.14.6. Planning Matters

Planning Matters: Meeting of 8th July. DC reported that the PC will object to Application **14/2840C** - Land off New Platt Lane, Allostock, Cheshire - Formation of a new access road from New Platt Lane (New Application registered 6/6/2014). The objections from last time still stand and he will improve and circulate the new comments to councillors.

DC mentioned the neighbourhood plan meeting with Cllr Jones and John Evans. He said he would have a separate discussion with John Heselwood from Cheshire Community Action (CCA) regarding neighbourhood plans.

CMcC reported that until Town and Parish Conference in May, Cllr D Brown (CEC) had said that neighbourhood plans were a waste of time. PG has received a reply from Cllr Jones and said that the PC will meet with CEC in September. CMcC mentioned that the current cost of a neighbourhood plan is between £20and £30K.

CC asked what protection the 5 year housing supply would afford it if is not ratified until September, it does not seem to hold as firm as we were led to believe. It is currently being tested to appeal. PG explained that there were two different things being discussed housing supply and the Local Plan, the Local Plan needs to be in place to provide protection against predatory developers.

Resolved: *The PC resolved unanimously to publicise the submission date for comments on the notice boards and on the web site in regard to application **14/2840C** - Land off New Platt Lane, Allostock, Cheshire - Formation of a new access road from New Platt Lane (New Application registered 6/6/2014).*

07.14.7. Financial Payments

Resolved: *The PC resolved unanimously to approve payments on schedule 07/14.*

06714.8. Clerks report**Actions from the last meeting**

- a. CC & Clerk to report pot holes in Shearbrook Road online. CC had reported this to CEC, the Clerk would also report the matter to CEC.
- b. Clerk to apply for Grant for War Memorial. The Clerk confirmed that this had been submitted.

Correspondence

- a. Gavin M Hollinshead Street Lights out
- b. GOOSTREY PRIMARY ADMIN VH PAT testing record
- c. ASHDOWN, Wayne RE: Booth Bed Lane - Scottish Power - Rose Day Procession Start... -
- d. David Johnson Booth Bed Lane - Scottish Power - Rose Day Procession Start...
- e. David Jones Scottish Power tree safety clearance
- f. Martin Brown RE: Hermitage Lane Planning Application
- g. Janet Capper Re: FW: Hermitage Lane Planning Application
- h. COOPER, Lynsey Annual Garden Waste Collection Shutdown Survey
- i. TICKLE, John RE: Goostrey Rose Day (Utility Works)
- j. THOMSON, Lorraine Letter from Cllr Michael Jones

The Chairman asked what the Footpaths group felt about the changes to the footpath at Swanwick Hall. The Footpaths Group representative said a new footpath has been defined but the signs cause some confusion. Additionally he was concerned that considering the amount of money CEC put forward for the duck boards he was surprised they were happy

with situation. The signs say the path is closed but this is not the case. Footpaths Group have put new signs to show the definitive route. An application has been made more than a year ago to divert the definitive route to the permissive path. PG pointed out that the permissive path is the proposed new route. The gradients on the permissive path are steeper than those on the definitive route and this is a problem for push chairs etc.

07.14.9. Highways Matters

Highways Matters – PG mentioned that we need a councillor to work on Highways, PG has done it in the past. Clerk is first line, but for a trial period ML has agreed to take this on. The agenda items will be changed to “Highways and Speedwatch.”

07.14.10. Youth Facilities WP

CMcC remarked that the planning application is in progress and the PC and Scouts have put their statements together. There needs to be an ecological survey carried out. There will be a Youth Facilities Working Party Meeting on 14th July, in the Committee Room at 7.30pm. The Parish Council will be sending the fees for the registration of Old Youth Centre site to Poole Alcock. CMcC to ask Neil Rose what the cost for the planning application will be, this will be considered at the Working Party meeting.

07.14.11. Friends of Goostrey Station

CC reported that there had been more progress, with an established water butt on the Crewe side. The next action is to dig the trench to install the united utilities water supply. Hopefully that will be completed shortly. It is a metered supply on agricultural rates. When the supply is in place the next projects can begin. PC mentioned the art exhibition relating to Rose Day in the waiting room, and that all artwork has been created by the children at the school.

07.14.12. Goostrey Village Archive Group

GL reported that the Archive Group are on summer recess. Visitors can still view the archive at the Blackden Trust by appointment.

07.14.13. SpeedWatch

ML said that an additional speedwatch volunteer had put their name forward, he is a PCSO and we are very happy he wants to be involved. One speed session in June, logged 17 vehicles in excess of 45 miles an hour, near Dromedary Lodge. 50% going into the village and 50% going out. The SID was monitoring vehicles rather than flashing up the speed. Speeds up to 48 miles per hour were reported on the SID data monitoring vehicles going out of the village and it has now been turned around and it is monitoring vehicles coming into the village. Speed gun sessions in the next two weeks.

PG asked whether sessions have been run in school time, ML suggested 8-9 in the morning but PG asked if the sessions could cover the going home time. There were complaints that the school buses travel fast through the village. ML said the size of a vehicle is misleading when it comes to speed. But they can do sessions from 3-4pm. CC mentioned there was a near collision on the railway bridge because there was a bus and a transit van trying to cross the bridge at the same time.

The Clerk at Brereton has contacted ML to ask how Goostrey has achieved residents observing the speed limit.

CMcC said that CEC has saved £900k (AK confirmed) and she asked if the PC could ask if some of the funds could be diverted to the lights on the bridge.

07.14.14. Minor items for the next meeting

- GL asked about the Pavement on Manor Avenue. AK will have a look to see what can be done.
- CC asked the PC for permission for the period of Goosfest if some signs could be hung from lampposts advertising the events. He said that other villages have them. The signs are 1ft wide and 18 inches long, the just says Goosfest. Bollington have just had a festival and they had used similar signs. PG suggested that the PC vote on allowing 3 signs on each side for the duration of Goosfest only.

Resolved: *The PC resolved to allow 3 signs per side for the Period of Goosfest to see what the residents think of the idea. The PC voted 4 for and 4 against chairman had casting vote.*

- Newsletter Deliveries - Cllrs GL, TR, CC, CMc, ML, SC, PG, DC were available to deliver newsletters.

Action: The Clerk was instructed to put the Waste Survey on the web site.

- PG announced that TR would be the PC Police contact to attend the PCSO meeting at Brereton meeting on 24th July. He would report back to the PC and carry out the role for a trial period.
- CMcC said she would attend the social media event at Sandbach – Introduction to social media run by CVS Cheshire East at 10.00pm to 1pm on Thursday.
- Items for next agenda – Providing information to the public. Review PC position on what we make available.

Action: Clerk to check criteria to comply with as a Quality Parish Council.

07.14.15. Date of Next meeting meeting - The date of the next meeting will be 9th September 2014.

07.14.16. Close - The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Public Session

The following subjects were raised by members of the public:

- Bloor Homes Access – A resident asked people to object again. **Action:** Clerk to ask CEC to carry forward all of the objections from the previous application.
- Jodrell Bank have not made any comments to CEC regarding the planning application at Dromedary Lodge, there is nothing on the web site.
- A year ago the footpaths group had a face book page, they now have double the amounts of traffic.
- The owner of the Bio Digester Site made comments on the item in the Knutsford Guardian and Love Goostrey. The bio gas plant was to be put forward to planning two years ago by someone at the Environment Agency. After submitting the environmental impact assessment and a lot of questions it has been refused because it has gone on too long despite the odour levels being 0.4 where acceptable limits are 1.4. There were 4 trivial points which were answered and then four more and then it was refused as it has gone on too long. He can reapply but there will be an additional fee of £17,000. He could change to processing farm waste but is not keen to do this. He will be talking to his solicitors.

These minutes will be submitted for approval at the next meeting. Until then they are draft minutes.