



Goostrey Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER 2015 at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL LOUNGE

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

In attendance: Cheshire East Cllr. A Kolker, Sharon Jones, Clerk to the Council, 8 Members of the Public

- 12.15.1. Declarations of Interest** - KM and RB declared an interest in Planning Matters regarding the Gladman item and IO declared an interest in the Bloor Homes item.
- 12.15.2. Apologies for absence** – Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Godfrey.
- 12.15.3. Minutes:** To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting of 10th November 2015.
Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved unanimously to approve the minutes of the meetings of 10th November 2015, with the amendments made by the Clerk in the final version.*
- 12.15.4. Cheshire East Matters** – Cllr Kolker reported on the following matters:
Leisure Contract - CEC has been unable to evaluate the bids for the leisure contract. There has been a lengthy exchange with council officers regarding a number of technical questions relating to a contract for similar work which has been awarded to Core Fit, a company run by Cllr M E Jones personal physiotherapist. No complete explanation was given by the Leader of Cheshire East and Cllr Jones has now resigned as leader of CE. The Deputy Leader David Brown will presumably look after business at CEC in the meantime. A decision regarding an inquiry will be made on Thursday 10th December.
Fast Track Planning Service at CEC - RB asked AK if this new service is going to cause more delay by diverting resource from the planning department.
5 Year Housing Supply - RB commented that developers are getting permission but not building so a 5 year housing supply cannot be met. AK said that CEC to lobby government, to pass legislation to charge council tax when planning permission is granted to encourage developers to build.
AK's view is that risks of not creating a Neighbourhood Plan are greater than creating one. **Action:** CMcC to give EW figures for planning applications past in Goostrey.
IO asked AK about S106 monies for Bloor Homes development. **Action:** AK to progress and report back to IO.
- 12.15.5. Committee Matters** - To receive reports from the:
Amenities Committee – GL reported that the Senior Citizen's Lunch had been a great success and thanks should be sent to
Finance Committee – CMcC deferred the report to Part 2 of the Meeting
Village Hall Management Committee – RB reported that there had been a discussion regarding the timer on the outside lighting for bookings finishing after midnight. There is an override which will keep the lights on until the next timed switch off, another timed switch off at approx. 12.30pm needs to be programmed if possible so that the lights do not stay on all night.
- 12.15.6. Planning Matters – To receive a report from the Planning Committee Meeting on 8th December. DC reported:**
- **15/5457C** - 3 Brookside Cottages, Blackden Lane - Two storey side extension. **Decision:** No objections.
 - **15/5498M** - Jodrell Bank Observatory - Listed building consent for demolitions, refurbishment, two storey extension and landscaping to the Grade 1 Listed Observatory Building at Jodrell Bank. The project will include restoration of the retained facades; demolition of several extensions added in the 1960's; internal demolitions, remodelling and extension of the retained buildings to better suit their contemporary use. **Decision:** No objections.
 - **Footpaths** - Application for Public Path Diversion Order: Public Footpath, Goostrey No 12 (pts) at Swanwick Hall, Booth Bed Lane, Goostrey, Cheshire. **Decision:** No objections.
 - **Request for work to Trees Subject to a TPO - 15/4730T** - 10, WOOD LANE - Tree Works - Crown lift

two Oak Trees above road to 5m - Lateral reduction in upper crown - 1m to one Oak Tree.

Comments are due on 8th December. **Decision:** No objections.

- To confirm date of the next meeting – 12th January 2016

Bloor Homes - CMcC has written to Bloor Home to advise them we will not be moving the SDU. CC reported that the lack of sunlight for the time of year means that the SDU does not work all the time.

Sand Quarry – No items

Gladman Developments Appeal – The Clerk confirmed that the meeting with the barrister is set for 21st January 2016. Cllrs Morris and Rathbone will attend, other councillors need to let the Clerk know if they want to attend. KM reported that the Appeal has been recovered by the Secretary of State and that the implications of this would be discussed in Part 2 of the meeting.

12.15.7. **Financial Payments**

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved unanimously to approve the payments in Schedule 12/15.*

GL and RB signed Payment Schedule 12/15 and the list of the electronic payments to be made from the GPC bank account on 10th December.

12.15.8. **Clerk's Report**

Actions from the last Meeting

- CMcC will write to Bloor Home to advise them we will not be moving it.
- CC is looking into the battery charging of the SDU.
- Clerk to confirm date of January conference with barrister re Gladman Appeal. **Completed** - date of meeting is 21st January 2016 at 10.00am.
- Clerk to write to Ben Haywood regarding the statement of common ground for Gladman Appeal. **Completed**
- The Parish Council is minded to revoke their request for the resident not to park on the verge. Clerk to discuss this with the PCSO, and subject to the PCSO's advice, inform resident of any change to location for parking their car.
- AK to forward full report from CEC Planning when available.
- Clerk to write to owners of the hedges concerned and ask for them to be cut back. If this is not done the matter will be escalated to CEC. Letters sent to residents.
- Woodside Cottage Boothbed Lane - Awaiting report from Enforcement Officer. Clerk to circulate to councillors when it arrives. Chased 30/11/2015.
- Clerk to circulate a copy of the draft wording for the new Policy to the Council for comment before the next PC meeting in December and add an item to the agenda for approval at that meeting.
- Clerk to chase CEC as to when the Goosegate will be repaired. **Completed**
- IO to consider if any budget is required for this group for 2016/17 and send the request to the Finance Committee before 24th November. **Completed**
- Clerk to circulate potential dates for the Annual Parish meeting before the next PC meeting.
- Clerk to add item regarding death of cattle resulting from a virus the cattle contracted from dog faeces this to the Parish Newsletter and also put it on the web site. **Completed**

Correspondence Received

- Hazel Merrill RE: Website, Social Media and Transparency Code Training
- Roger Burgess Planning application 15/4576C
- Network Rail Incident: 151111-000278 – reply to question about works to viaduct
- Unmetered Supplies Enquiries RE: Goostrey Parish Council (Festive) 2015/16
- W TRACHSEL Road Traffic signs. Reported to CEC Highways.
- OWENS, Jeremy Goostrey Neighbourhood Plan
- Skinner, Helen RE: APP/R0660/W/15/3129954 Missing Document
- David Giles Re: Donation from Gypp and Residents Association
- William Cheetham Verge Damage. Reported to Highways, then referred to Waste Collection.
- Nichola Armstrong RE: Sale of Youth Club Ref Poole Alcock Solicitors:
- TICKLE, John RE: Tree Work on the Bogbean -
- Adam Keppel-Garner RE: Citizens Advice Bureau Knutsford
- WHITTAKER, Lawrence Cheshire East Council Taxbase Advice
- Ed Gladstone Invoice for quote for tree work
- Mark Ronson RE: Date for first conference and costs - Goostrey Parish Council Rule 6
- HAYWOOD, Ben RE: Main Road, Goostrey - R6 Statement by LPA EF
- Skinner, Helen FW: Main Road Goostrey R6 Statement by LPA EF
- Rebecca May RE: Main Road, Goostrey - R6 Statement by LPA EF
- Brian Hogan Neighbourhood Plans

12.15.9. **Highways & Speedwatch** – CC reported that Martin Leake will set up new rota for speedwatch sessions

at weekends (due to advice from the Police). CC had drawn up a list road signs which are either missing or in need of repair. **Action:** Clerk to send to CEC Highways.

Speedwatch – SDU repair – CC reported that the SDU that was repaired is still not working. M Leake to speak to the company who carried out the repair. Clerk not to pay the invoice until the SDU is working. The SDU on New Platt Lane does not always work in the winter due to lack of enough sunlight, CC will find out if we have spare batteries that can be used during the winter months.

Light on Station Bridge – This has been reported to CEC Highways by a resident and is on the list to be repaired but this has been delayed as the location is not safe for engineers to repair the light without traffic control being set up. This light is essential to the safety of pedestrians on the bridge. **Action:** AK to try to get the repair expedited quickly.

12.15.10. Local Policing – Police and crime commission has a matched funding scheme up to £5000, it is possible that the Parish Council could apply for matched funding for replacement speed detection units when they are required. **Action:** Clerk to check this and report back.

12.15.11. Youth Facilities Working Party – CMcC requested that this item be removed from agenda for future meetings unless there is something to report as the Scouts are now half way to funding the building and are currently applying for more grants and have quotes out for tender.

12.15.12. Friends of Goostrey Station – CC reported that United Utilities connected the new water supply on 22nd November, however the compensation received from United Utilities for the lost plants due to lack of water caused by the delay in the supply being connected was significantly less than indicated and only £100 has been received. The water metre will be read each time a waste truck goes over the bridge. The old signalling box has now been removed.

12.15.13. Goostrey Archive Group – GL reported that the next meeting will be on 6th January

12.15.14. Neighbourhood Plan (NP) - TR reported that over 1000 main questionnaires have been distributed, analysis of the returned forms will take place during the next fortnight. Presently it appears that 78% of households in Goostrey have responded. The NP Team would like to thank the residents who have distributed and collected the forms and those who are inputting the information for analysis.

- Tom Evans from CEC has produced a 2nd draft housing needs assessment indicating 150 houses for Goostrey Parish, this does not take account of constraints or permissions granted in the last 5 years (the assessment for the area which includes Goostrey, Swettenham, Cranage and Twemlow indicates a figure of 248 houses, again this does not take account of constraints or permissions granted). This means that the DCLG grant is not likely to be required. KM will talk with the DCLG to find out if we can reapply for funds for other NP activities.
- The NP team are requesting funding of £750 for from the Parish Council for the study by Cheshire Wildlife Trust. The study is fully supported by Tom Evans at Cheshire East and by our consultants Cheshire Community Action. It will be an important input to the Neighbourhood Plan in terms of evidence for environmental policies. Cheshire Wildlife Trust have carried out a number of similar studies for other Neighbourhood Plans in Cheshire East and West.

Even though Cheshire East support us commissioning this work, they are unable to fund it. So we would like to request that this is part of the 2015 budget request we have made to the PC meeting and the Finance Committee meeting in November (in the NP Budget spreadsheet it comes under the line item "Creation of Evidence and Specialist Professional Reports").

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to approve the request for funds of £750 for a study by Cheshire Wildlife Trust.*

12.15.15. Friends of Booth Bed Lane Play Area – IO reported that the Goosegate repair had been completed and that it needed to be treated with some oil. EW said she would donate the oil to treat the gate. D Johnson has been talking to ANSA regarding apparatus for the play area. A questionnaire will be circulated before Christmas. There have been two incidents of antisocial behaviour, one involving graffiti and smashed bottles, and young people drinking on playing field at night. This has been discussed with the PCSO.

12.15.16. Councillor Liaison Roles - No items were raised.

12.15.17. Data Protection and Freedom of Information Policies: Updated Policies for approval by the Parish Council.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to adopt the new Freedom of Information and Data Protection policies. And recognised that they would need to be updated once a year before renewal of the Data Protection registration or when the type of information kept by the Council changes (whichever is the sooner).*

12.15.18. Parish Council Newsletter: Agree a date for the newsletter and items to be included.

Items for the newsletter will include – Christmas lights event, budget 2016/17, handover of donation cheque from Senior Lunch to Scouts, FOGS article (CC), NP update (TR). Gladman update (KM). The Newsletter will be sent for printing on 13th January 2016.

12.15.19. Minor Items & Items for the Next Agenda: To take any points from Members and to note urgent items of interest.

- Parish Council Surgeries and Meetings Calendar - An alternative to Saturday Morning Surgeries needs to be found as it is very difficult for councillors to find time to attend on a Saturday, and it seems not many residents attend the Surgeries. **Action:** Clerk to add item to the agenda of the January meeting.

12.15.20. To agree a date for the Annual Parish Meeting 2016 – 3rd May 2016 is proposed.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved to set the date for the Annual Parish Meeting as 3rd May 2016.*

12.15.21. Date of Next Meeting: The next PC Meeting will be held on 12th January 2016.**12.15.22. 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 under mentioned 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.

22.1 Gladman Appeal Rule 6 Briefing – The members of the council reviewed the decision to engage a barrister for the appeal in the light of the recovery of the appeal by the Secretary of State. It was decided that there was insufficient information to make a decision on the way forward. This has been deferred to the PC meeting on 12th January 2016.

22.2 Budget for 2016/17 – including request for support for Knutsford Citizen's Advice (letter circulated). The members of the council discussed items which might have an impact on the budget for 2016/17. The Budget will be set at the PC meeting on 12th January 2016.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved not to support the request for financial assistance for the Knutsford Citizens Advice Bureau.*

Action: Clerk to notify Knutsford Town Clerk of the Parish Council's decision

12.15.23. Closure of Meeting – The meeting closed at 10.00pm**Public Session**

Hedges on Main Road –A resident requested that a hedge on Main Road be cut back to allow the full width of the footway. **Action:** IO to approach the owner of the property to ask if they can cut the hedge back.

Another resident thanked the Parish Council for their effort but following two visits from the Police the resident having difficulty parking near their house is now able to park closer to the house so long as they display their disabled badge in the car.

A resident also asked what was covered in the Wildlife Survey that was proposed to be carried out by the NP team. **Action:** KM will let resident have details.

AK mentioned that parking arrangement in Holmes Chapel will change in New Year as number plate recognition cameras are to be installed to enforce 2 hour parking period. **Action:** Clerk to put this into the newsletter.

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