



Goostrey Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON TUESDAY, 9th DECEMBER 2014 at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL LOUNGE

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

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

12.14.1. Declaration of Interests – No declarations of interest were received.

12.14.2. Apologies for absence- Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Fagan. Cllr Salmon's resignation from the Council had been received immediately before the meeting and would be discussed at the next PC meeting.

12.14.3. Minutes: To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting of 11th November 2014, and the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting on 20th November 2014.

Resolved: *The minutes of the meetings of 11th November and 20th November were approved unanimously.*

12.14.4. Cheshire East Council

Cllr Kolker reported that with regard to the Local Plan, CEC were updating the evidence base to revisit housing needs in the borough. All the resources that CEC has are being put into resolving the issues raised by the inspector about the Local Plan.

Cllr M E Jones was said to be unhappy when the inspector sent back the plan for further work. However, the amount of effort that Gladman and other developers are putting into fighting the plan dwarfs the costs and efforts that CEC has put into developing it. CEC has to do everything in its power to ensure the Local Plan is approved. CEC is optimistic that it will be passed as soon as possible.

AK mentioned that people may be pleased or disappointed that they can no longer access gambling sites on CEC computers. The School at HC has been closed to certain years because of problem with the gas heating system which has now been fixed and the school has now reopened.

There is an ongoing dispute with regard to respite care. The decision to close the centres has been rescinded for the time being.

CC asked if there was a provisional date when the plan will be ready to resubmit. AK said that MEJ is very optimistic that the plan will go back to the inspector in March 2015 however, AK is unsure if this date is realistic. CEC have asked for 6 months to update the plan, but they will send it back sooner if they can.

GL asked what CEC is doing about developers like Gladman preying on villages like Goostrey. AK said that the Planners advise that the reasons for refusal need to be looked at more thoroughly, eg if schools are full where would we send children, a site cannot be sustainable if children have to be bussed long distances to school. Goostrey School is full and the high school in HC is also full and there is no room to build more classrooms.

ML also mentioned that the health centre is inadequate, given proposed developments in HC and Goostrey and public transport is already well utilised, the station has a car park but it is always full. AK said it was unreasonable to expect people to leave cars at home and walk to station, but the cars will overflow on to the road and will cause road safety problems. Sustainability – good reasons to object to a housing development.

12.14.5. Committee Matters

Amenities Committee Finance Meeting - 17th November 2014. SC reported that the Seniors Lunch had been a great success and thanked the Scouts for washing up and the Brownies for providing the table decorations. SC also thanked the School for providing the entertainment. The request for the PC to provide lighting on the Footpath between the Village Hall Carpark and Main Road was also discussed at the Amenities meeting but it was decided that as the Footpath is not the responsibility of the PC that it was not within the PC's remit to provide lighting on the path.

Action: Clerk to send letters of thanks to the Brownies, Scouts and the School.

Village Hall Management Committee Meeting: 25th November 2014. CMcC reported that the budget had been discussed at the meeting and there had been a request for money to be allocated for the provision of a dish washer in the Kitchen.

Finance Committee Budget Meeting: 2nd December 2014. CMcC reported that the budget had been discussed and that the Finance Committee felt that there was a need to check some of the figures before presenting the budget to the PC. It was confirmed that the budget would be reviewed by the Finance Committee in January and would be presented to the PC at the January PC meeting for approval.

12.14.6. Planning Matters: Meeting 9th December 2014 – DC reported that there were no objections to the planning applications for Gayley Wood and Barnshaw Bank Farm. The Parish Council deferred comments on the works requested to a tree subject to a TPO on Main Road as there was not enough information to identify what works were to be carried out.

Action: Clerk to contact CEC Planning to request further details.

DC also reported that the discussion on a Neighbourhood Plan for Goostrey– to discuss recent correspondence and exchange views on pros and cons had been deferred the main PC meeting.

The discussion on the GPC Housing Policy was also deferred to the main PC meeting.

Bloor Homes – The Chairman invited a resident to update the PC on the current situation. It was reported that the inspector said he would have a reply by Friday 5th December, but nothing has been posted on the CEC Planning web site as yet.

Dromedary Lodge/Mount Pleasant – PG reported that the Jodrell Bank objection had been received, and that the Planning Officer was recommending refusal because of the JB objection. PG will speak for the Parish Council at the Southern Planning Committee on meeting on 17th December.

Gladman Homes- PG reported that there had not yet been a decision on whether an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) would be required to be produced and a planning application has not been posted on the CEC Planning Web site yet.

Goostrey Neighbourhood Plan

CMC reported on the meeting that she and PG had had with Tom Evans of CEC. Tom had been very helpful and had been clear that a Neighbourhood Plan was not a panacea and would take time to produce. He was able to support the production of a Goostrey Neighbourhood Plan. CMC had also had a telephone discussion with the Chairman of the Tattenhall Neighbourhood Plan Committee who had said she would be willing to come to Goostrey and share the Tattenhall experience with the PC. It was agreed that Tom Evans and the Tattenhall Councillors should be invited to attend a seminar in early January to share their experience of Neighbourhood Planning with the PC.

Action: Clerk to arrange a Neighbourhood Planning seminar for the PC and invite Tom Evans and Cllr Weaver and Cllr Spencer from Tattenhall to attend.

GPC Housing Policy – PG proposed that given the current number of housing applications in the village the current GPC Housing Policy should be rescinded as it carried no weight in fighting against developers.

Resolved: *The PC resolved unanimously to rescind the GPC Housing Policy.*

12.14.7. Financial Payments

Resolved: *The PC resolved unanimously to approve the payments in Schedule 12/14.*

12.14.8. Clerk's Report

Actions from the last Meeting

- a. The PC needs to contact Jodrell Bank regarding the Dromedary Lodge application and to ensure they are aware of the Gladman proposal – Completed.
- b. The PC will write to Gladman to invite them to a public meeting – Completed
- c. Clerk to make arrangements to prepare the annual accounts before 31st March 2015, this includes scheduling the Finance Meeting to finalise the accounts before the March PC meeting.
- d. TR to start work on a community emergency plan.
- e. Clerk to write to Twemlow Parish Council to let them know the PC will allow the use of the Village Hall in case of an emergency in Twemlow subject to specific details being agreed. - Completed
- f. Clerk to arrange demolition survey on the Old Youth Centre Building - Completed

Correspondence Received

- a. Kit Tomkinson -Scout hut & youth facility

- b. Barbara Torney Re: FW: Neighbourhood Plan
- c. Community & Voluntary Services Cheshire East Support for your Trustees - Survey
- d. David Giles Christmas Lights
- e. David Giles Scout Hut and Young Persons Project
- f. JONES, Tina RE: New funding for minibuses to community transport operators in rural and isolated areas.
- g. Ken Morris RE: Request for time at GPC Planning subcommittee
- h. JONES, Tina Partnerships Newsletter November / December edition
- i. CRES Information The Decommissioning of the Oil Pipelines
- j. Janet Capper Neighbourhood plan
- k. Jackie Weaver RE: Youth Centre - Disposal of Land
- l. David Giles Re: Scout Hut/Youth facility
- m. TICKLE, John Road sign clearing and cleaning programme
- n. JONES, Michael (Councillor) (Leader of Cheshire East Council) RE: Neighbourhood Plans
- o. Martin Hudson Gladman development; Letter from Fiona Bruce
- p. Ken Morris Request for time at GPC Planning subcommittee
- q. Peter Kolker Re: Neighbourhood Plans
- r. GILBERT, Les (Councillor) Neighbourhood Plans
- s. Ken Morris Re: Gladman
- t. Martin Brown FW: Gladman
- u. Martin Brown RE: Mount Pleasant committee
- v. Jane Stubbs Re: Mount Pleasant committee
- w. Ken Morris RE: Mount Pleasant committee
- x. Janet Capper Mount Pleasant committee
- y. JONES, Tina RE: Local Plan Examination - Letter to all Town & Parish Councils
- z. Gavin M Hollinshead Fwd: Street Lighting Fault Report - Enquiry 4784152
- aa. Jane Stubbs Re: Contacts for Action Groups
- bb. Ken Morris RE: Contacts for Action Groups
- cc. Martin Brown RE: Contacts for Action Groups
- dd. Janet Capper Re: FW: Public Consultation re Goostrey
- ee. TRUEMAN, Kerry Cheshire East Local Plan Strategy Examination - Update (8)
- ff. Janet Capper Fwd: [New post] Gladman's views on NPPF and Local Plan

12.14.9. Highways & Speedwatch- ML reported that a number of the SDU's were not working at present and the team have been swapping them around to ensure the four main hot spots are covered.

Proposal to Purchase a 4th SDU @ £3000 plus VAT

The Parish Council currently has 3 SDU units positioned at 3 of the 4 sensitive areas in the village.

This means that the Speedwatch group has to move the units around to cover the vulnerable areas(New Platt Lane/Boothbed Lane/Station Road/Main Road).

ML suggested the purchase of a 4th SDU in order to maintain a more permanent presence at all of these sites. In addition to which we would be less vulnerable if any one of the older units have to be taken out of service for repair.

Resolved: The PC resolved unanimously to approve the purchase of a new SDU at the cost of £3000 plus VAT.

Action: Clerk to place order for SDU.

12.14.10. Local Policing.

There were no issues to discuss.

12.14.11 Youth Facility Working Party: To consider an update from the Working Party and the following motions:

- Goostrey Parish Council approves, subject to legal advice from the Parish Council's Solicitor and the Clerk then being satisfied that it is being done in a legal manner, the transfer of the part of the old Youth Centre site (as designated in the recently approved planning application) to 1st Goostrey Scouts for them to construct a Youth Facility & Scout HQ (as specified in the Planning Application) for use the Scouts and other Youth Groups in the village. The transfer to be made at no charge to the Scouts but with each party being responsible for their own legal costs.

PG proposed that the original motion was withdrawn and put forward a new motion (below)

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- The Parish Clerk attends and minutes the Youth Facilities Working Party.
Resolved: The PC resolved unanimously to approve the clerk attending the Youth Facilities WP meetings to take minutes.
- The old Youth Centre site be valued by the Surveyor recommended by CEC.
Resolved: The PC resolved unanimously to approve the valuation of the site of the old Youth Centre by the surveyor recommended by CEC at a cost of £250.00 plus VAT.

12.14.12. Friends of Goostrey Station

CC reported that 15 – 20 people attend the working parties regularly. He thanked members of the public attending for the mounting of the old oil lamp. Fiona Bruce MP will be attending a meeting on 16th January 2016 with members of FOGS, the PC and Northern Rail.

There is an old sign saying "Lamp Cabin", FOGS need to investigate the possibility of displaying this sign.

CC thanked the school for all their efforts with the art exhibitions at the station. He also mentioned that Holmes Chapel School were involved in designing letterheads for FOGS as part of an art project.

Action: Clerk to pass on thanks to the Goostrey School from FOGS for the art work.

12.14.13. Goostrey Archive Group

Chairman: Cllr Peter Godfrey

Clerk: Sharon Jones

The next meeting will be in the Crown on 29th January 2015

GL mentioned that Derek Hardacre can take people up to Blackden Trust to see the archive

12.14.14. Community Emergency Plan

TR confirmed that there would be an update at the January meeting.

12.14.15. Minor Items & Items for the Next Agenda

The Clerk highlighted that the litter picker would be away for 5 months and that the Scouts were considering taking on this task in his absence. The PC would make a donation to the Scouts if they chose to go ahead. SC suggested that if more than one person would be litter picking that the PC may need to purchase additional litter pick sticks.

Action: Clerk to follow up with Scouts.

12.14.16. Date of Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on 13th January 2015.

12.14.17. Staff & Financial Matters: To consider items listed in Appendix 12/14. The Chairman read out the Motion to Exclude the Public & Press.

MOTION TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC & PRESS

It is hereby resolved in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as extended by the Local Government Act of 1972, that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted in Agenda Item 17, it is advisable in the public interest that the Public and Press be temporarily excluded from this meeting and they are herewith instructed to withdraw.

12.14.18. Closure of Meeting – the meeting closed at 9.50pm

Public Session

A resident mentioned that there always seemed to be a lot of litter along Bomish Lane, and that he had asked for Fiona Bruce to look into it.

Another resident asked if maps of current planning applications could be given to the Parish Archive.

AK – thanked Cllr Salmon for all of his hard work as a Parish Councillor over the years.

A resident mentioned that a Neighbourhood Plan can cross parish boundaries and that it might be worth working with Holmes Chapel. There is also a need to consult with adjoining areas regarding boundary issues as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Another resident said that he supported what the PC has done for all of these months, and offered his support to the PC with a Neighbourhood Plan.

A further resident indicated that she had written to Fiona Bruce MP to suggest that the ex MOD site should be used for housing not as a waste plant.

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