



Goostrey Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON TUESDAY, 10th MARCH 2015 at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL LOUNGE

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

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

03.15.1. Declaration of Interests – None.

03.15.2. Apologies for absence- Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Fagan and McCubbin.

03.15.3. Minutes: To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting of 10th February 2015.

Resolved: *The minutes of the meetings of 10th February 2015 were approved unanimously.*

03.15.4. Cheshire East Council

Cllr Kolker reported that a public meeting had been held in Holmes Chapel (HC), to discuss the results of temporary traffic order preventing HGV's going through HC. At the meeting residents said they felt there were more HGV's than before on Chester Road. A new "intelligent" traffic light system will be switched on shortly to help relieve the problem. Changes to Junction 17 on the M6 will divert traffic towards Junction 17 instead of through HC. The temporary order has another 12 months to run.

He went on to say that planning for the new AP Club is moving forward quickly. The new AP club will be a sports centre with a function room. The people who run the HC Leisure Centre are likely to be involved in running the new AP Club.

At Twemlow PC meeting AK said there had been a request for a sign to show passengers leaving the train at Goostrey Station, the way to Twemlow and to Goostrey to prevent people walking in vain to Twemlow when they thought they were going to Goostrey.

03.15.5. Committee Matters

Finance Committee Meeting: 3rd March 2015 - The Clerk reported that the Finance Meeting had been held early in order to prepare the end of year accounts early for the Annual Parish Meeting on 31st March. The Finance Committee had agreed the accounts subject to any minor changes at year end.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved unanimously to accept the end of year accounts put forward by the Finance Committee.*

03.15.6. Planning Matters: Meeting of 10th February 2015 – DC recapped on the applications discussed at this meeting.

Swanwick Hall - Roger Dyke spoke to the meeting regarding the footpath. The Planning Committee recommends that the Parish Council objects to this application because the proposed changes to the building would sever the permissive path.

Swanwick Hall - Applications for changes to a listed building. The Planning Committee recommends that the Parish Council objects to this application because the proposed changes to the building would sever the permissive path.

Westwood, New Platt Lane – **Action:** Clerk to check to see if Jodrell Bank has been consulted. Clerk also to send comments to CW&C that the PC is concerned about the recent increase in housing numbers in that area of Allostock which is effectively in Goostrey.

The Orchard, Boots Green - **Action:** DC to check the drawings to see if size it is much bigger than the previous application.

There were no objections to the application for Jodrell Bank.

Bloor Homes have applied to demolish number 2A New Platt Lane (the access road goes through the garden of this house). Building has commenced but we have not seen evidence that Bloor Homes have satisfied the conditions imposed when planning permission was granted.

Gladman Developments - committee now 15th April, we have been advised that the reason for the delay is staff illness. A TPO has been imposed on several of the trees on the Gladman site.

03.15.7. Financial Payments

Resolved: The PC resolved unanimously to approve the payments in Schedule 03/15.

Cllrs Lenihan and Leake signed the Payment Schedule 03/15 and the list of the electronic payments to be made from the GPC bank account in addition to signing the cheques.

03.15.8. Clerk's Report

- a. Clerk to place order for SDU
- b. ML to ask CEC Highways if they will give permission to plant on the verge or suggest any other way to prevent parking on the verge.
- c. Clerk to send electronic copies of the newsletter to the school Academy.
- d. Adopt a bench - Clerk to refer this item to Amenities Committee.

Correspondence Received

- a. Catherine McCubbin Fwd: Allostock PC
- b. Kit Tomkinson 1st Goostrey Scouts – Youth Facility Scout Hut
- c. Hazel Merrill Local Council Award Scheme
- d. EVANS, Thomas Neighbourhood Planning event - March 31st, 1pm - 5pm, Macclesfield Town Hall
- e. david.giles@shell.com Re: Scout Hut & Youth Facility
- f. Peter Godfrey Letter/receipt for cheque from Residents Association
- g. Margaret Planning Application 15/0713C
- h. james smallwood RE: Churchill oak
- i. TRUEEMAN, Kerry Cheshire East Local Plan Examination update during suspension (1)
- j. Customer Services Streetscape fly tipping report
- k. Pauline Challinor (PCH) Re: Meeting request
- l. Ray Woabank RE: Goostrey Parish Councillor
- m. Ken Morris RE: JB
- n. sandra sturrock RE: Fly tipping - Goostrey
- o. ELECTORAL INFORMATION REGISTER OF ELECTORS - CHESHIRE EAST BOROUGH COUNCIL
- p. Jonathan.Challis@manairport.co.uk Manchester Airport/Parish/Town Council Meetings March 2015
- q. Cyril Caulkin Fwd: Jodrell Bank work threatened by housing plans, say scientists | Science | The Guardian
- r. Anthony Horrigan FW: RE: Council Grant Schemes - Cheshire Search and Rescue
- s. Cameron Dick Swanwick Hall 16/02/2015
- t. TICKLE, John FW: Pavement, manor Avenue, Goostrey
- u. COOPER, Lynsey RE: War Memorial Application - FAO David Hallam
- v. Julian Sulej Volunteers re Steering Committee - Neighbourhood Plan FAO Sharon Jones
- w. Martin Brown Planning Applications

Newsletter – The Clerk reported that the Newsletter/Invitation to the Annual parish Meeting would be printed and ready for delivery the following week.

03.15.9. Highways & Speedwatch- ML has contacted CEC highways to meet them on site regarding the issue of speeding cars on New Platt Lane. Possible courses of action could be moving the de-

restricted sign away from the junction or installing 30 mph repeaters on New Platt Lane. ML indicated that new speedwatch sessions are scheduled in the next few weeks.

TR said he had seen count down signs to 30mph, in other towns and villages.

Action: ML to ask Highways about installing repeaters on New Platt Lane and possibly Station Road (lower priority).

03.15.10. Local Policing – TR said there was nothing to report other than he was unable to attend the rural policing conference as it was fully subscribed.

03.15.11 Youth Facility Working Party: PG mentioned that there had been no documents to agree on at Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council. However, negotiations had continued and a solution has been found which is acceptable to the members of the Youth Facilities Working Party and to the Scouts. The Parish Council had to look after the interests of the Goostrey residents in gifting the land to the Scouts. Part of the process has been checking that there was no legal reason that the Parish Council could not dispose of the land for less than the market value. Our Solicitor has advised that the gifting of the land is legal provided the PC considers that the gift will help it to secure the promotion or improvement of the social well-being of its area. This was debated and put to the vote.

Resolved: The PC resolved unanimously that the gift of the land to the Scouts would promote the social well being of the residents of Goostrey.

In addition the PC had to ensure that the disposal complies with the European Commission's state aid rules. PG explained that this would only apply if the gift of the land gave the Scouts 'an advantage over other undertakings' and that it 'could distort competition'. This was debated and put to the vote.

Resolved: The PC resolved unanimously that it did not believe that the gift of the land to the Scouts would breach state aid rules.

PG proposed a resolution that the land be transferred to the Scouts, ML seconded the proposal.

Resolved: The PC resolved unanimously to approve the transfer of the land which forms part of the site of the old youth centre to the Scouts.

The next steps are for the Scouts to formally accept the agreement as soon as possible.

Action: The Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk will sign the contract.

TR asked when PC will consider marketing the other plot. It was agreed that the YFWP should recommend when and how this is done.

03.15.12. Friends of Goostrey Station – CC reported that the plaque and for Buck Stone is now in place, the water supply looks to be progressing and redundant signalling cabinet will also be removed.

03.15.13. Goostrey Archive Group - GL said there had been a meeting that day in the Crown, and there had been an interesting discovery of a WW1 item of significant interest. The Village Archive can be viewed by appointment via Derek Hargreaves.

PG has been donated 100 year old receipts for milk delivered to the station, which he will photograph and put the originals into the archive.

03.15.14. Community Resilience Plan – TR is awaiting the results from Ruth Stevens meeting with the Police Liaison Officer, and confirmation from the people who are named in the plan that they are happy for their names to be published in the plan.

03.15.15. Neighbourhood Plan (NP) – TR reported that there had been a meeting on 2nd March. The key topics at the moment are the project plan and mission statement. CC looking at options for the project plan and will report back.

DC and TR attended a meeting with Tom Evans (CEC), who provided a lot of information on NP's and funding. His role is to assist Parishes with their plans. He cannot join the steering group

but would provide advice and support. They need to look at what level of NP to create, strategies and policies stage or should it go to the site allocations stage. TE advocated a plan which included site allocations. This needs to be decided before starting, as it is not possible to do one and then the other. The next meeting will be on 13th April. A draft vision statement will be prepared and committee members will be looking at this with a view to put it forward to the PC at the next PC meeting.

03.15.16. PC Elections – PG highlighted the timetable for nominations for people putting themselves forward at the Parish Council Elections on 7th May. Nominations need to be taken to Westfields in Sandbach by 4pm on 9th April, however if they are delivered to the Clerk by 25th March she will take them to Westfields on 30th March.

03.15.17. Annual Parish Meeting-PG asked that the Scouts and the neighbourhood watch co-ordinator, Jonathan Robinson be added to list of speakers. Tables for a display of information for the Scouts, NW Ambulance Service, Friends of Booth Bed Play Area, Neighbourhood Watch etc should be provided in the Lounge.

03.15.18. Councillor Liaison Roles –PG reviewed the outcome of the Working Party meeting on 3rd March. He proposed that Councillor Liaison Roles should be added to standing orders.

PG proposed that Councillor Liaison Roles should be reviewed at the April PC.

Resolved: *The PC resolved unanimously to review Councillor Liaison Roles at the April PC meeting.*

03.15.19. Minor Items & Items for the Next Agenda

- GL reported that he had attended a Rose Day Committee meeting and that there was agreement with the Rose Day Committee on the hire of portable toilets for Rose Day 2015.
- CC attended the Manchester Airport liaison meeting and had seen a demonstration of the new security system. They will also be changing the airspace above Manchester airport, as they should be able to forecast when planes will land by asking the pilot to adjust the speed of the plane further away from the airport and to come in to land they arrive. This saves fuel and cuts down noise.
- There had been fly tipping in the layby between Goostrey Station and Twemlow Green
Action: *Clerk to chase up*
- **PG** – The mobile phone mast at station has an audible alarm, if anyone hears it please will they let him know.

03.15.20. Date of Next Meeting: The next PC Meeting will be held on 14th April 2015.

03.15.20. Closure of Meeting – the meeting closed at 9.12pm

Public Session

A resident spoke on behalf of Goostrey Scouts, thanked the PC for their support of the Scout Hut and Youth Facility, and hoped that the PC was near to making a decision to transfer the land to the Scouts. He praised council for due diligence and said there was a lot of enthusiasm for the project in the village and that fund raising had already started.

A Parish Councillor from Twemlow Parish Councillor said he had been to see Fiona Bruce regarding the timing of the last bus from Leighton Hospital. It has been brought forward by half an hour and it is not now possible to get back from Leighton Hospital. Fiona Bruce has written a letter to the Leader of Cheshire East.

Action: *Clerk to ask Fiona Bruce for a copy of the letter she has sent to the Leader of CEC so that a letter of support for the Twemlow PC complaint about the bus service can be sent to CEC by Goostrey Parish Council.*

A resident asked if fund raising events for the Scouts could be posted on the Parish Council web site.

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