



Goostrey Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

HELD ON TUESDAY, 14th OCTOBER 2014 at 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL LOUNGE

Present: Cllrs. Godfrey (Chairman) (PG), Caulkin (CC), Craggs (DC), Lenihan (GL), M^cCubbin (CMcC), Rathbone (TR), Salmon (GS)

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

10.14.1. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest made.

10.14.2. To Accept Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Collins, Fagan and Leake.

10.14.3. To Approve the Minutes of the 9th September 2014

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

10.14.4. Cheshire East Matters

AK reported that the Local Plan being examined by planning inspector. The Inspector has put a break on proceedings so that he can read everything and will not resume till the end of November. It is not a suspension - just a delay to give him time to read everything. CEC believes they have a 5 year housing land supply and hopes the Plan will be looked upon positively and there will be a positive outcome in January.

Weight limits in HC are still being ignored, temporary but aggressive signs saying it is restricted and HGVs are not permitted to go beyond pinch points in Holmes Chapel are being erected.

M6 J17 at Sandbach will be altered which will cause disruption in and around Sandbach during the work but will benefit Sandbach and Holmes Chapel in the longer term. A combination of traffic lights and roundabouts is proposed. The Holmes Chapel solution (a single roundabout with no traffic lights) would be better but is judged to be too costly.

Alarming development in the precinct in Holmes Chapel, a resident issued with £100 fine (£60 for early payment) for leaving the area and then returning. Car park is owned by the landlord of precinct not CEC. CMcC stated that the signs were not new. Now that restrictions were being enforced, residents should be aware that they may be fined for overstaying the period of 2 hours or for leaving the precinct during those 2 hours.

10.14.5. Committee Matters

Finance Meeting 7th October – Electronic banking – GS – read out the motions for the PC to consider.

1. The PC resolves to approve the Clerk or RFO becoming an additional signatory on the PC bank account for the purpose of electronic banking and managing the account – Proposed by GS, seconded by CMcC.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved unanimously to approve the Clerk or RFO becoming a signatory on the PC bank account for the purpose of electronic banking and managing the account.*

2. The PC resolves to extend its current banking arrangements to include electronic banking – Proposed by GS, CMcC to second.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved unanimously to extend the current banking arrangements to include electronic banking.*

3. The PC resolves to update standing orders to include the electronic banking arrangements by incorporating items 6.11, 6.12 & 6.13 from the NALC Parish Council Financial Regulations (below).

“6.11 If thought appropriate by the council payment for certain items may be made by internet banking transfer provided evidence is retained showing with members approved the payment.

6.12 Where a computer require use of a personal identification number (PIN) or other password(s), for access to the council’s records on that computer, a note shall be made of the PIN and passwords and shall be handed to an retained by the Chairman of the Council in a sealed dated envelope. This envelope may not be opened other than in the presence of two other councillors. After the envelope has been opened, in any circumstances, the PIN and /or passwords shall be changed as soon as practicable. The fact that the sealed envelope has been opened, in whatever circumstances, shall be reported to all members immediately and formally to the next available meeting of the council. This will not be required for a member’s personal computer used only for remote authorisation of bank payments.

6.13 Regular back-up copies of the records on any computer shall be made and shall be stored securely away from the computer in question, and preferably off site.”

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved unanimously to update standing orders to include the electronic banking arrangements by incorporating items 6.11, 6.12 & 6.13 from the NALC Parish Council Financial Regulation.*

GS reported on the accounts for half year from 1st April to 30th September 2014:

- VH lettings up to £13000, full year payments made in this period but looks as if we will exceed the budgeted amount.
- The recharge for last year has been paid. The balance of the monies put aside for the recharge for 2013/14 will be put into the general reserves to bring the figure held nearer to the recommended level of one year’s precept.

Action: *GS to look how reserves are noted in the accounts.*

GS said he had been contacted by a member of the Goostrey Residents Association which no longer exists regarding surplus funds that he was holding. He asked if the PC would accept £3000 from the Residents Association, to be used towards the cost of new Youth Facility. GS proposed that the PC accepted the monies for use towards the new Youth Facility and that they be listed separately in the PC accounts. The motion was seconded by CMcC.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved unanimously to accept the monies for use towards the new Youth Centre and that they be listed separately in the PC accounts.*

VHMC Meeting 23rd September - CMcC reported that there had been concern by the School about the polishing of hall floor. The current floor polisher was too heavy for the cleaner to use and in any case the equipment would be taken back by CEC when the contract for the School Cleaning ends. Clerk to speak to Ashley Flooring for advice and a recommendation for a floor cleaner/polisher. A member of the VHMC would be attending Rose Day Committee meetings. Two members had requested a dishwasher be added to the budget for 2015/16. There was an outstanding late payment for a children's party, VHMC will be requesting payment in advance for Children's in future.

At the Joint Use meeting with CEC, CMcC reported that CEC had offered to replace the ceiling in the lounge/bar server and entrance hall on an 85% - 15% basis which would cost the PC between £1500 and £2000. VHMC does have funds in the budget for this year so this is likely to go ahead.

10.14.6. Planning Matters

Planning Meeting of 14th October - DC reported that the PC had no objections to the application for The Orchard, Boots Green Lane, or for the Blackden Heath Farm application, but DC to check some details with the Planning Officer.

Technical Consultation on Planning – TR and DC this survey on behalf of the PC. It covered changes to the class use and support for growth on the high street, improvement of the use of planning conditions and environmental impact and thresholds, improvement on the major infrastructure projects – comments made the Parish Council. Unfortunately, once submitted there is no way to print off the responses made. There had been no major concerns with the proposals.

Hermitage Lane – 29th October – Northern Planning Committee – Jodrell Bank have now objected strongly to this application.

Dromedary Lodge – 26th November – Southern Planning Committee - listed as an unregistered application which means that the time limits are not running (this needs to be checked with the Planning Officer)

10.14.7. Financial Payments

Resolved: *The PC resolved unanimously to approve payments on schedule 10/14.*

10.14.8. Clerks report

Actions from the last meeting

- a. The Clerk to ask Reels on Wheels for their advice on which film to show
- b. Clerk to investigate what kind of plaque could be obtained for the Churchill Oak and that it might cost and report back to Amenities Committee.
- c. Clerk to check with CEC Planning to find out if is appropriate for applicants to comment for future reference.
- d. Clerk to contact CEC Planning to find out if the old application for the Bloor Homes development access can be removed.
- e. ML to contact Highways to find out if they had initiated the Main Road monitoring.
- f. DC, TR & ML to form a sub-committee to formulate and submit answers on behalf of the PC.
- g. PC should invite Northern Rail for a meeting with councillors and FOG's to discuss the issues.

Correspondence

- a. T Sillince – Duke of Edinburgh Volunteer work

- b. K Tomkinson – Bio-Digester- EA reasons for refusing permit
- c. J Mason – Speedwatch Twemlow PC
- d. W Harris – Police & Crime Commissioner’s Newsletter
- e. Cllr D Brown, CEC – Local Plan
- f. L Cooper, CEC – Town & Parishes Conference 11th November 2014
- g. Letter from Mrs Foster Clerk regarding lights on path in graveyard.

10.14.9. Highways Matters & Speedwatch – No new matters. It is still not known who requested the traffic monitoring survey on Main Road.

10.14.10. Local Policing – TR reported that he had received the Police and Crime Commissioners Newsletter. It had contained no issues which needed to be brought to the PC.

10.14.11. Youth Facilities WP

CMcC reported on progress;

- We are hoping for a decision on the planning application on 24th October
- The WP has looked at the Scouts business plan and, will be sending some minor feedback.
- The land will not be an unfettered gift to the Scouts. The transfer will be subject to appropriate restrictions on its future use.
- The WP is very close to finalising the proposal which will be contained in a written report circulated to the PC before the next meeting.

CMcC put forward a motion that the Parish Council resolves to authorise the Youth Facilities Working Party to work with the Scouts to develop a final proposal for the Youth Facility to be brought to the November meeting for approval.

TR suggested an amendment to the motion. This was seconded by PG and approved by the council.

CMcC proposed the amended motion, seconded by DC and carried unanimously.

Resolved: *The Parish Council resolved unanimously to authorise the Youth Facilities Working Party to work with the Scouts to develop a final proposal for the Youth Facility to be considered at its November meeting.*

10.14.12. Friends of Goostrey Station

CC reported that the next action day would be on 12th October. 15 volunteers are coming each month. CC has received an e-mail promising some action on the water connection (from Northern Rail). FOGS are waiting for the water supply so that planting can be done. There are some new projects being executed. CC expressed thanks to the School for their display of artwork at the station as part of the Goosfest Art Trail. There will be something new for Christmas. A petrol strimmer has been donated by David Mason and serviced by Bill Macdonald for which FOGS is very grateful.

10.14.13. Goostrey Village Archive Group

There has not been a meeting of the Archive Group since the last PC meeting. The next meeting is on 21st October. There have been some visitors to the Archive but the Archive Group intends to put posters to advertise the Archive more widely. There will be an article in the next PC Newsletter .

10.14.14. Minor items for the next meeting

CC & DC attended a Manchester Airport meeting – they are making a very good effort to keep people informed of new developments. There were no items that will directly affect Goostrey other than the new air corridors which reflected the fact that modern aircraft can

gain altitude more quickly. They are also looking at the environment of the surrounding area- trying to keep the woodland as woodland. Both Cllrs felt it was a very useful meeting.

PG requested that the date of the Annual Parish Meeting 2015 be agreed at the next meeting.

10.14.15. Date of Next meeting - The date of the next meeting will be 11th November 2014.

10.14.16. Close - The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Public Session

The following subjects were raised by members of the public:

- The new 30mph limit at the edge of Twemlow had resulted in there being a short stretch of derestricted between it and the 30 mph limit just before the station bridge. The resident believed that it would be better to have a 30 mph limit all the way along that section of Goostrey Lane. PG said that the PC had requested a review of all speed and weight limits in and around Goostrey.
- A resident asked if the PC was aware of Eric Pickles latest statement on the protection of greenbelt and greenfield land?
- The Chairman of 1st Goostrey Scouts thanked the Residents Association on behalf of the Scouts for the donation of £3000 towards the new Youth Facility.

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