

Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 6th. March, 2017

Members present: Councillors Simmonds, Richardson, Walker, Ward, Lamb.

Visitors: Coun. Loynes(HBC), PCSOs Widdowfield, Devenport (Cleveland Police), J.Unwin, M.Unwin, M.Thompson, M.Marshall.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Planning Applications:** H/2017/0522 Treework on the Blackpath. No objections.
4. **To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting:** Item 5.14 should have said Coun. Simmonds would contact Keith Wilkinson and not Coun. Walker. Other than that the minutes were accepted as a true record.
Proposed: Coun. Walker Seconded: Coun. Simmonds Unanimous.
5. **Matters arising from those minutes:** 5.1 Rural Plan: Ongoing
5.2 Dog Fouling: no further adverse reports.
5.3 Promoting the village: flyers have been circulated and archives will be published shortly.
5.4 A689/Dalton Back Lane junction signage: Coun. Loynes would be asked for help.
5.5 Designation of Parish assets: ongoing.
5.6 Council Policy documents: now complete and they will be issued to councillors prior to being placed on the village website.
5.7 West Row traffic issues: ongoing.
5.8 Benches in the village: a quote of £350 had been given for a builder to construct the seating in situ and will be completed as soon as possible.
Proposed: Coun. Walker Seconded: Coun. Simmonds 4 in favour with 1 abstention.
5.9 Village Green fencing: ongoing but with agreement that the Parish Council would take ownership to enable their liability insurance to cover subject to certain criteria being met. Proposed: Coun. Walker Seconded: Coun. Lamb Unanimous.
The Hospital of God would be contacted to ask they make parking provision.
5.10 Parking problems in the parish: The white van had "gone"! Concerns were expressed by the state of the green with cars using it as a parking area. (See also item 5.9).
5.11 New parish councillors: there has been no recruitment. Coun. Ward will advertise in The Fens magazine. Coun. Simmonds had approached Keith Wilkinson but he declined the offer of becoming a co-opted member.
5.12 Bus shelter/Stop: no suitable examples had been located and this will be a long term aim.
6. **New Agenda items:** 6.1 Risk assessments of policies: all were deemed adequate and no changes were made. Proposed: Coun. Walker Seconded: Coun. Ward Unanimous.
6.2 Screening/Landscaping of Queens Meadow: Coun. Walker had raised the matter at the liaison meeting with HBC and the matter was now under review.
6.3 Funds transfer between the council's two accounts: the sum of £550 would be transferred to meet end of year costs and the seating being planned for the bus shelter.
7. **Accounts:** transactions and balances were presented and accepted.
Proposed: Coun. Walker Seconded: Coun. Simmonds Unanimous.

- 8. Correspondence:** 8.1 Barclays statements. 8.2 HBC Planning Dept. re planning applications.
- 9. Reports:** 9.1 Greatham in Bloom: Entry to this year's competition has been made. There are 8 other entrants in the section and first judging takes place on April 12th.
- 9.2 Power Station: no further meetings.
- 9.3 Community Centre: a contractor has been appointed to carry out the work on the toilets.
- 9.4 Conservation Advisory Committee: the next meeting is on Wednesday, 8th. March.
- 10. Repairs and Maintenance:** 1.Potholes at Bank Top(patched!), 2.Path in The Drive between Front St./The Grove, 3.Brickwork at Mellanby Lane entrance, 4.Footpath in Parish Row, 5.Flooding outside the shop in Vicarage Row, 6.Path potholes at Sappers Corner plus large ones inbound on the A689, 7.Path on the bridge to Greatham Beck, 8.Black Path tree trimming, 9.Damage in Hill View play area, 10.Flooding at Sports Field entrance, 11.Fence damage opposite 44 Hill View, 12.Large pothole at Egerton Terr./Cemetery Rd. junction.
- 11. Public issues:** Malcolm Thompson stressed that all groups within the parish should work together to the common good of all and cited the example of the current situation regarding the police service to the area. Listening to their report led those present to believe not much could be done to improve matters but he felt if all maintained pressure improvements may come.
- 12. Next meeting date:** Monday, April 10th, 2017 at 6.30p.m.

REMINDER: THE JULY MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY,10th. JULY and not the 3rd!

The meeting closed at 8.05p.m.