

Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 22nd. May, 2017

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

Visitors: J.Unwin, M.Unwin, M.Marshall, B.Loynes(HBC).

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Coun. Ward.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Coun. Richardson (bus shelter).
3. **Planning Applications:** None.
4. **To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting:** the minutes were signed as a true record.
Proposed: Coun. Walker Seconded: Coun. Simmonds Unanimous.
5. **Matters arising from those minutes:**
 - 5.1 **Rural Plan:** it is now with the rural examiner and it appears there is no need for an enquiry.
 - 5.2 **Dog fouling:** signs have now been painted in appropriate areas but two are still needed, one more in West Row and one at the entrance to the playing fields.
 - 5.3 **Promoting the Village:** the archives are coming along nicely (GRA) as is the site for the fixture of the Salt Pump.
 - 5.4 **A689/Dalton Back Lane junction:** ongoing.
 - 5.5 **Designation of parish assets:** ongoing.
 - 5.6 **Council Policy documents:** now ready to be placed on the village website.
 - 5.7 **West Row traffic issues:** ongoing.
 - 5.8 **Benches in the Village:** the perch seat for the bus shelter will be ordered this week.
 - 5.9 **New Parish Councillors:** there are still no signs of interested residents. Co-option may be the next plan.
 - 5.10 **Transparency Fund purchases:** They had been made and were now held by the clerk.
6. **New Agenda items:**
 - 6.1 **Flytipping:** the matter concerns Thorntree Lane and the process in having it made a public right of way. Signs are to be placed at each end to notify the public of this. In the meantime, Kissing Gates are to be erected at both ends to prevent flytippers from doing so.
 - 6.2 **Annual Audit:** the internal audit has been completed. The details were presented prior to the paperwork being sent to BDO, the external auditors and accepted as correct.
7. **Accounts:** transactions and balances were presented and accepted as correct.
Proposed: Coun. Walker Seconded: Coun. Simmonds Unanimous.
8. **Correspondence:**
 - 8.1 Barclays statements
 - 8.2 Father Paul re hedge around the cemetery
 - 8.3 Carol Crookes about the impending Local Plan Hearing.
 - 8.4 HBC planning, one approval (H/2017/0141) and one refusal (H/2017/0110).Zurich Insurance with approval of parish council's proposed "takeover" of the bus shelter and village green fence.
9. **Reports:**
 - 9.1 **Greatham in Bloom:** the big **judgement** day looms, Wed. 19th. July at 10.30am.
 - 9.2 **Power Station:** the next meeting is on wed. 21st. June.
 - 9.3 **Community Centre:** the monies to be donated by the Hospital of God is awaited to allow further improvements to commence.
 - 9.4 **Conservation Advisory Committee:** the next meeting is in June.
10. **Repairs and Maintenance:**
 1. Potholes at Bank Top (scheduled 2018).
 2. Path in the Drive between Front St./The Grove.
 3. Brickwork at the entrance to Mellanby Lane.
 4. Footpath in Parish Row.
 5. Flooding outside the shop in Vicarage Row.
 6. Path on the bridge over Greatham Beck.
 7. Black Path tree trimming partially completed.
 8. Seat in playground removed BUT jagged spring left emerging from the tarmac!
 9. Flooding at sports field

entrance. 10.Pavement in front of houses along the Green in poor shape. 11.The tree between the sculpture and 17 Front St. needs trimming. 12.Rose Villa van parking.

- 11. Public Issues:** Joan Unwin asked the timescale for the completion of the seat in the bus shelter. The chair hoped as soon as possible after all the paperwork had been completed. She also gave praise to Coun. Loynes for her continued work and help throughout the parish. This was echoed by all present. Coun. Richardson raised the point re the concrete roof on the bus shelter and would it affect the council's risk assessment. The chair pointed out it was owned by the Hospital of God.

The meeting closed at 8.10p.m.

The date of the next meeting is Monday, 10th. July at 6.30p.m.