

Greatham Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2017**

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

Visitors: D.Cameron, C.Southwell, R.Bell, T.Bates(7.30pm).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Coun. Richardson, Coun. B.Loynes (HBC)
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Planning Applications:** H/2017/0310 Smiths Arms conversion to four dwellings. The council has no objections to the basic plans but are concerned that they do not adhere to the Greatham Conservation Plan nor the upcoming Rural development Plan. They will request the planning committee take heed of these concerns.  
H/2017/0374 Removal of Tibetan Cherry tree at 3, Vicarage Row. The council will request that the solution should concentrate on solving the raised footpath problem and not in removing the tree, the only one of note in the street.
4. **To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting and those of the AGM:** both sets were accepted as a true record. Proposed: Coun. Walker Seconded: Coun. Simmonds. The regular meeting minutes by 4-0 and the AGM by 3 votes to one abstention.
5. **Matters arising from the general meeting on May 22<sup>nd</sup>:**
  - 5.1 Rural Plan: the examiner has recommended the plan be put to a referendum after minor changes were made.
  - 5.2 Dog fouling: though most requested areas now had signage and were being monitored, signs are still needed in West Row/Parish Row nr. the flats and in Woodbine Terrace near the shop. A sign had been placed at the cemetery, was subsequently "removed" but then put back in place!
  - 5.3 Promoting the village: ongoing but a request has been made to place the Salt Pump in Saltaire Terr. on HBC land.
  - 5.4 A689/Dalton Back Lane junction: ongoing.
  - 5.5 Designation of Parish assets: ongoing.
  - 5.6 West Row traffic issues: ongoing.
  - 5.7 Benches in the village. The perch seat had arrived and the risk assessment forms awaited from HBC prior to completion and forwarding to Zurich Insurance.
  - 5.8 New Parish Councillors: it is now hoped to co-opt two new councillors. Forms will be obtained and completed for the process to be completed.
  - 5.9 Flytipping: the signs and other processes needed to confirm Thorntree Lane's official placement on the map are in place, along with numerous barriers and gates to prevent tipping to be installed by various interested parties.
6. **New Agenda items:** None.
7. **Accounts:** transactions and balances were presented and accepted as correct.  
Proposed: Coun. Walker Seconded: Coun. Ward Unanimous.
8. **Correspondence:** (i) Barclays statements (ii) Colin Richardson. (iii)HBC Planning (2) (iv) Tony Hanson (HBC Neighbourhood Services).
9. **Reports: Greatham in Bloom:** Detailed work is now in progress in readiness for next Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup>. This will be followed by the village garden competition.
  - 9.2 Power Station: the meeting was held on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. There is a new director who is firmly committed to keeping some form of Station onsite after 2025, the scheduled date of the current one's closure. Smaller versions are now being piloted in other areas. The local

economy receives a great boost when updates and upkeep work are in place as several thousand workers are onsite for several weeks.

9.3 Community Centre: the monies from the Hospital of God have been delayed but it is hoped that the planned work on the toilets will still commence as scheduled.

9.4 Conservation Advisory Committee: Coun. Walker reported a frustrating time at the latest meeting when it appeared that work being considered was again in Hartlepool tow centre. He asked that outlying areas received more attention.

**10. Repairs and Maintenance**: 1.Potholes at Bank Top(2018!).2.Path in The Drive between Front St./The Grove. 3.Brickwork at the entrance to Mellanby Lane. 4.Footpath in Parish the Beck. 7.Black Path tree trimming only partially completed. 8.Flooding at Sports Field entrance. 9.Pavement in front of housing alongside the Green in poor condition. 10. The tree between the sculpture and 17 Front St., needs trimming.

**11. Public Issues** : Coun. Ward had undertaken the task of improving the bus stops in the village to enable their better use by those with disabilities. Progress has been made, in particular the east side one near the Hope and Anchor and discussions will continue.

**12. Date of the next meeting**: will be Monday, 14<sup>th</sup>. August,2017 at 6.30p.m.

**The meeting closed at 8p.m.**

### **Greatham Parish Council**

#### **Financial Statement as at 31.07.17**

Community Account balance as at 30.06.17: £4593.96

Monies paid in: £78.15 (VAT refund)

Cheques issued:

471 HMRC £34.18 (Clerk's tax x 2)

472 D. Todd £10.00 (bus shelter maintenance)

473 Zurich Municipal £257.60 (annual ins. Premium, replacing cheque 470)

474 J. Cunliffe £136.72 (salary x 2)

Community Account balance as at 31.07.17: £4485.46

Bonus Saver Account balance as at 31.07.17: £679.33