

Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 10th. April, 2017.

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

Visitors: Coun. Loynes (HBC), PCSO C. Jones, PCSO A.Douglas, J.Unwin, J.Jones, T.Bates, S.Maddison, M.Marshall

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** C.Richardson (bus shelter).
3. **Planning Applications:** H/2017/0141 Tree work at St. Francis Cottage. No objections.
H/2017/0137 Variations of conditions in application H/2016.0241 at Greatham Creek. No comments.
H/2017/0110 Single storey extension at Bank Top Cottage. No objections but the council would ask that the guidelines published for conservation areas be consulted with regard to the proposed dormer window.
4. **To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting:** 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:** Comments closing date is April 17th.
 - 5.2 **Dog fouling:** problems are continuing to occur in the cemetery, access being gained through the damaged hedge. The Parochial Church Council would be contacted.
 - 5.3 **Promoting the village:** the Residents' Association were now pressing on with the archive collection and has had a very good response from residents.
 - 5.4 **A689/Dalton Back Lane junction:** ongoing
 - 5.5 **Designation of Parish Assets:** ongoing.
 - 5.6 **Council Policy Documents:** there were minor adjustments to be made prior to posting on the website.
 - 5.7 **West Row traffic issues:** ongoing.
 - 5.8 **/5.12 Benches in the village/Bus shelter:** the Hospital of God were concerned at insurance cover provided by the parish council but accepted the placement of a perch seat inside the shelter. Zurich Insurance would be contacted for clarification. Village Green fencing was a similar issue. Coun. Loynes was looking to see if funds could be obtained from the Neighbourhood Investment Plan.
 - 5.9 **New Parish Councillors:** the clerk had been contacted by a resident from South Fens. Coun. Ward would call and, hopefully, take matters further.
 - 5.10 **Risk assessment policies:** they were signed as accepted.
 - 5.11 **Screening/Landscaping of Queens Meadow:** the chair had been told that it had been "pruned" at the request of businesses on site and that it would grow in time!
 - 5.12 **Funds transfer:** that had been completed.
6. **New Agenda items:**
 - 6.1 **Adoption of Council's policy documents:** there were one or two grammatical errors, which would be corrected prior to publication.
 - 6.2 **Transparency Fund purchases:** the grant of £513 had been received and the clerk would purchase the items listed. They include a laptop notebook, printer, office software and website fees.

7. **Accounts:** transactions and balances were presented and accepted as correct.
Proposed: Coun. Walker Seconded: Coun. Simmonds Unanimous.
8. **Correspondence:** (i) Barclays statements.
(ii) HBC Planning Dept. (3 application notifications).
9. **Reports:** 9.1 Greatham in Bloom: next judging will be on Wednesday 12th. April.
9.2 Power Station: the next meeting is on 21st. June.
9.3 Community Centre: the toilet work is on hold as further monies are due from the Hospital of God.
9.4 Conservation Advisory Committee: the last meeting was concerned with areas in Central Hartlepool.
10. **Repairs and Maintenance:** 1.Potholes at Bank Top now on the 2018 schedule . 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 on the bridge over Greatham Beck. 7.Black Path tree trimming partially completed. 8.Seat in Hill View play area not working. 9.Flooding at Sports Field entrance. 10.Fence damage opposite 44 Hill View (PCC?).
11. **Public Issues:** Joan Unwin thanked the council and chair in particular over the bus shelter seating. Hopefully, the matter is now moving forward and the goal is in sight.
12. **Next meeting date/s:** Monday, 15th. May will be the Annual Parish Meeting.
Monday,22nd. May will be the AGM followed by the regular meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.05p.m.

The date of the next meeting is Monday, 22nd. May,2017 at 6.45p.m.