

Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 18th. December, 2018

Members present: Councillors Ward, Lamb, Simmonds, Walker, Richardson, O'Brien, Cameron.

Visitors: 28 residents, PCSO's C.Jones and

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Coun. Loynes (HBC)
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Planning Applications:** H/2017/0578: Demolish utility room and replace with a single storey extension at 51, Crowland Rd., TS25 2JJ. No comments.
H/2017/0582: 2 storey extension at 67 Mildenhall Close, TS25 2RW. No comments.
4. **To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting:** they were accepted as a true record.
Proposed: Coun. Walker Seconded: Coun. Simmonds Unanimous
5. **Matters arising from those minutes:**
 - 5.1 Rural Plan: the local inspector had raised points in the plan which has led to a legal consultation on the matter. The decision is awaited.
 - 5.2 Dog fouling: a reply had been received from HBC, which was generally refuting the points raised in the PC's letter. However, new bins are in place in South Fens! The pavement signs still need to be re-painted in West Row whilst a fourth sign has been placed at the cemetery.
 - 5.3 Promoting the Village: ongoing. 5.4 A689/Dalton Back Road junction: ongoing.
 - 5.4 Designation of Parish assets: ongoing.
 - 5.5 Traffic issues in West Row: the two cars have now been removed but one has been replaced! Coun. Loynes still has to report on the signage etc issues.
 - 5.7 Flytipping: Thorntree Lane is now secure. The debris at the sports field has yet to be cleared.
 - 5.8 Parking/Speeding in the village: ongoing. 5.9 Queens Meadow landscaping: ongoing.
 - 5.10 Paths/Trees in South Fens: still the same situation.
 - 5.11 Transparency Fund application: the grant has now been received. (£153)
 - 5.12 Memorial plaque placement: Coun. Walker has written in reply but has not heard back.
6. **New Agenda items:**
 - 6.1 2018/19 Precept: the cheques for this year's donations would be issued after the new year. A long discussion was held with regard to next year's, including a full review of each participating group's financial situation, value for money and if the parish council should continue to support groups in the parish. Voting took place for each donation (6 in total) and results as follows:
Greatham Parochial Church Council Prop: Coun. Walker Sec: Coun. Simmonds 4-3.
Remembrance Day Wreath Prop: Coun. Walker Sec: Coun. Simmonds Unanimous.
Greatham in Bloom Prop: Coun. Simmonds Sec: Coun. Richardson 5-0 2 abstentions.
Greatham Feast Prop: Coun. Walker Sec: Coun. Lamb 4-1 2 abstentions.
Sports Field Association Prop: Coun. Walker Sec: Coun. Cameron Unanimous
Community Centre Prop: Coun. Simmonds Sec: Coun. O'Brien 3-3 1 abstention.
Donations would remain at the same levels but in the latter case, the borough solicitor will be consulted as to the legal position when the voting is tied and the chair cannot cast the deciding vote.
The precept for 2018/19 would remain the same at £4.585.00
Proposed: Coun. Walker Seconded: Coun. Simmonds Unanimous.
7. **Accounts:** transactions and balances were presented and accepted as correct.

- 8. Correspondence:** (i) Barclays statements. (ii) Zurich Ins. (iii) Hardwick in Partnership. (iv) Denise Ogden. (v) HBC Pharmaceutical Report. (vi) HBC Planning (2) (vii) Local Plan modification suggestions.
- 9. Reports:** 9.1 Greatham in Bloom: Snowdrop Day (and fundraising) will be February 25th.
 9.2 Power Station: there had been a meeting but Coun. Ward was unable to attend.
 9.3 Community Centre: the toilets had re-opened! Panto is in rehearsal.
 9.4 Conservation Advisory Committee: continues to concentrate on “large” matters rather than local, smaller ones.
- 10. Repairs and Maintenance:** 1.Potholes at Bank Top, 2.Path in The Drive between The Grove and Front St., 3.Brickwork at the entrance to Mellanby Court. 4.Footpath in Parish Row. 5.Flooding outside the shop in Vicarage Row. 6.Path on the bridge over Greatham Beck. 7.Tree trimming on Black Path incomplete. 8.Flooding at Sports Field. 9.Poor pavement condition near the Green. 10.Tree trimming needed between the sculpture and 17 Front St. 11.Pavement in Saltaire Terr., 12.Potholes in Old Stockton Rd. near the A689 junction. 13.Pothole at the junction of Parish/West Row. 14.Ponding on the Green. 15.Flooding in Station Rd. prior to Saltaire Terr., 16.Flooding at Sappers Corner. 17.Path in Aldeburgh Close. 18.Bush blocking pavement near 19 Wisbech Close. 20.Leaves left on the Black Path.
- 11. Public issues:** general comments were made about no gritting of pavements in the parish. Mary Marshall raised a point on behalf of Joan Unwin re the bus shelter seat in which she asked could handles be added to it?
 Peter Nixon had not yet responded with plans for the bus shelter/stops schedules.
 Don Cameron raised the matter of quad bikes plaguing the area. HBC/Steelworks would be contacted.
 Bob Emmerson expressed concerns that the 20mph signs were ignored by many and could thoughts be turned to traffic calming measures?
 Martin Lamb expressed his sadness that it is likely the shop/PO would have to close and he may well have to resign from the council.
- 12. Date of the next meeting:** Monday, 29th. January, 2018 at 6.30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.30p.m.

Financial Statement as at 31.12.17

Community Account balance as at 30.11.17: £3719.37
 Monies paid in : £503.32 (HoG, Transparency Fund, HBC Ward Councillors)
 Cheques issued:
 486 J. Hall £350.00 (Christmas Tree)
 487 D. Todd £10.00 (bus shelter maintenance)
 488 HMRC £17.09 (clerk’s tax)
 489 J. Cunliffe £68.36 (salary)
 490 Greatham Sports Field Association £500.00 (donation)
 491 Greatham in Bloom £300.00 (donation)
 492 Greatham Feast £100.00 (donation)
 493 Greatham Parochial Church Council £1,000.00 (donation)
 494 Greatham Community Centre £1,100.00 (rent/donation)

Community Account balance as at 31.12.17: £777.24

Bonus Saver Account balance as at 30.11.17: £679.33

