

Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 23rd. January, 2017

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

Visitors: Coun. Loynes (HBC), M.Unwin, J.Unwin, L.Dempsey, M.Marshall.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Planning Applications:** H/2016/0544 Amended plans at 1 Mill Terrace, Greatham.
The council was pleased that the window had been altered and now had no objections.
H/2016/0529 Retrospective application for Brierton Moorhouse Farm, Dalton Back Lane, Billingham. The council would express their concerns that what was passed with the original application bore little resemblance to what was constructed and this should have been picked up during the build. The promised landscaping and screening was not in sight either.
4. **To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting:** item 5.4 should say ONE of the History Boards would be sited with the Pump. In section 11(public issues) it was not the Wildlife Trust who carried out the work but volunteers. The minutes were then signed, along those of the special "precept" meeting held on January 12th.
Proposed: Coun. Walker Seconded: Coun. Simmonds Unanimous.

5.Matters arising from those minutes: 5.1 Rural Plan: ongoing.

5.2 Dog fouling: no further incidents.

5.3 Local Plan: is out for consultation until February 3rd. Numerous points have been raised as concerns many members of the community and a close watching brief will be in place to ensure those concerns are given due consideration.

5.4 Promoting the Village: Coun. Walker has been in contact with HBC, ward councillors and the Parish Council Liaison Committee seeking permission to site the Salt Pump on land owned by HBC. To date only Coun Ray Wells has supported that request.

5.5 A689/Dalton Back Lane junction: Peter Frost would be contacted again asking if the Greatham sign could be placed on the central reservation.

5.6 Designation of Parish assets: ongoing.

5.7 Council policy documents: the requested alterations to the wording had been done and they would be presented at the next meeting.

5.8 West Row traffic issues: no reply from Highways as yet.

5.9 Road/Path conditions in the parish: these matters were dealt with during Coun. Loynes report. All problems are listed on the various HBC schedules of work and are ongoing.

5.10 Benches in the Parish: discussions are now ongoing with the Hospital of God and checks being made with regard to liability insurance cover.

5.11 Village Green fencing: ongoing.

5.12 Thorntree Lane: ongoing.

5.13 Parking problems in the parish: the white van has only been seen once this month and Linda Dempsey did contact the company.

5.14 New Parish Councillors: no progress had been made in recruiting. The chair would contact Keith Wilkinson and Coun. Ward would approach Rossmere Councillors to ascertain interest in joining the parish council.

5.15 Bus shelter/Stop: no one had come forward with any low loading examples to put to HBC. The search continues, probably to Yarm.

5.16 2017/18 Precept: an extra meeting was held in January and the charge confirmed at the same as the previous four years.

6. New Agenda items: none.

7. Accounts: transactions and balances were presented and accepted.

8. Correspondence: 8.1 Barclays Bank statements. 8.2 Peter Frost re seats.

8.3 Planning Applications (2).

9. Reports: 9.1 Greatham in Bloom: rather quiet at present and entry made for 2017.

9.2 Power Station: There is now a new director. Local adverts have been placed for new apprentices and 700 have applied for the 8 vacancies! The station's life has also been extended until 2024.

9.3 Community Centre: the next meeting is on February 3rd. when the next phase of re-development will be decided. The toilets are at the head of the queue. The floor has presented problems but they have now been rectified.

9.4 Conservation Advisory Committee: no further meetings.

10. Repairs and Maintenance: 1. Potholes at Bank Top now on HBC list! 2.Path in The Drive between Front St./The Grove. 3.Brickwork in Mellanby Lane. 4.Footpath in Parish Row. 5.Flooding outside shop in Vicarage Row. 6.Path potholes at Sappers Corner. 7.Path on the bridge to Greatham Beck. 8.Black Path tree trimming. 9.Damaged play area in Hill View.

10.Flooding near sports field entrance. 11.Road potholes at Sappers Corner. 12.Fence damaged opposite 44 Hill View.

11. Public Issues: the long process of providing seats at the bus shelter was concerning concerns among the residents in attendance. The chair stated that the process is nearing an end.

Though help had been given to the traders wanting to bring their mobile fish and chip van to the village, nothing had been heard from them for a long time.

A café/writing centre/bookshop was due to open in the village shortly.

PLEASE NOTE, THE JULY 3RD. MEETING WILL NOW BE ON JULY 10TH.

The meeting closed at 7.40p.m.

The date of the next meeting is Monday, 5th. March, 2017 at 6.30p.m.