

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 16th. November, 2020

PLEASE NOTE THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIRTUALLY!

Members present: Councils: Ward, Simmonds, Harrison, O'Brien, Cameron, Walker.

Visitors present: L.Dempsey, T. Stephenson.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Coun. Richardson.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Coun. Walker (Community Centre, Greatham in Bloom).
3. **Planning applications:** a meeting was held last week to discuss the two applications.
H/2020/0479, a re-submission at 32 The Grove, Greatham. The council had no objections but were frustrated that the initial application was not adhered to in many ways.
H/20200372, a re-submission for 18 houses at Hill View, Greatham. The council have sent an in depth analysis strongly objecting to the "new" plans, stressing the many ways in which various local acts are being ignored.
4. **Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting:** the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Prop: Coun. Walker Seconded: Coun. Simmonds For 5 Abstention: 1.
5. **Matters arising from those minutes:** 5.1 Traffic in the village: the matter is ongoing but frustrations were expressed that "no one" appears to be doing anything positive. 5.2 Disposal of Community Land in Hill View: linked to H/2020/0372 in section 3 above. The outcome of that will decide a course of action on the matter. 5.3 Repairs list items: they have been forwarded to Coun. Loynes for action. 5.4 Bus shelter provision in South Fens: that too is with HBC. One at Felixstowe Road is the first one requested. 5.5 Notice board in The Fens Tesco: the clerk has arranged to put notices re the PC as and when appropriate. 5.6 £100 donation to Fens Residence Association: now the association has disbanded the money will be held over and spent in the South Fens area. 5.7 Petition re South Fens area leaving Greatham PC's area: Residents have now received letters from HBC seeking their views but a frustration is that even though HBC allowed responses by post they did not enclose the promised s.a.e.'s! The clerk would contact HBC with regard to the oversight.
6. **New Agenda items:** 6.1 Budget review: this item returned to the agenda in attempts to "balance out" the distribution of the precept. After much discussion, the acting chair Coun. Ward suggested that the matter was left open until the outcome of the "South Fens petition" was known early in the new year. If the latter was successful then distribution of the precept would be completely different. Coun. O'Brien did feel that the way the review was being conducted was unconstitutional. The clerk was unable to give a definitive answer to this so Coun. Ward proposed the matter was discussed. For 2 Against 2, chair's casting vote gave the result For 3 Against 2. Proposal carried! The acting chair then proposed the suspension of the matter as outlined above. Prop: Coun. Ward Seconded: Coun. O'Brien For 4 Abstention 1.
6.2 South Fens petition: please see items 5.7 and 6.1 above.
7. **Accounts:** transactions and balances were presented and accepted as correct. Prop: Coun. Walker Seconded: Coun. Simmonds. For 5 Abstention 1.
8. **Correspondence:** 8.1 Barclays statements. 8.2 Coun. Cameron's statement. 8.3 Coun Ward re query about the last meeting.
9. **Reports:** 9.1 Rural Plan: no meetings.
9.2 Greatham in Bloom: work continued for next year but it is not certain what format will be used for the competition.

9.3 Power Station: meeting in December which Coun. Ward cannot attend.

9.4 Community Centre: just one group is using the facility at present.

9.5 Conservation Advisory Commission: no meetings.

9.6 Audit and Governance Committee: meeting next week.

10. **Repairs and Maintenance**: 1.Path on The Drive between The Grove and Front St., 2.Footpath in Parish Row. 3.Flooding in Egerton Terr., 4.Path on the bridge over Greatham Beck from village “disappearing.” 5.Flooding near the Sports Field. 6.Pavement near The Green. 7.Severe flooding in Station Rd. behind Saltaire Terr., 8.Sappers Corner flooding. 9.Potholes in Mildenhall Close. 10.Black Path trees need pruning. 11.Tarmac on A689. 12.Re-seeding in Black Path and Community Centre areas. 13.Mid-part of Old Stockton Rd., needs tarmacking(2020). 14.Poor signage on Station Rd. 15.Path near Sports Field needs re-laying. 16. Pavement to village from Sappers Corner is “disappearing. 17. Sets at the Post Office need fixing. 18. Re-layed tarmac on A689 floods. 19.Street cleaning needs to extend to Mildenhall Close, Black Path and Aldeburgh Close. 20.Flooding near Aldeburgh and Conesby Closes. 21.Hospital Close drains need clearing. 22.Parish Row and High Bank need attention. 23.Path from the Beck to the Primary School needs attention. 24.Middle of Saltaire Terr., needs work doing. 25.Path alongside the Beck from the Wooden Bridge to the Station needs attention.

11. **Public issues**: None.

12. **Date of the next meeting**: Monday, December 14th. 2020.

The meeting closed at 7.20p.m.

Financial Statement as at 31.10.20

Community Account balance as at 31.10.20: £3967.

Cheques issued:

584 D.Todd £30 (bus shelter maintenance)

585 HMRC £51.27 (clerk’s tax)

586 J.Cunliffe £205.08 (salary x 3)

587 B.Walker £25 (Comm. Day Wreath)

Community Account balance as 30.11.20: £3656.25

Business Account balance as at 30.11.20: £682.59