

## Greatham Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup>. August, 2020

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

**Visitors present:** B.Loynes(HBC Ward councillor),T.Stephenson,Mr.&Mrs.Craak,A.O'Brien,  
B.Richardson,L.Dempsey,M.Marshall,M.Unwin,J.Jones,S.Smith.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Coun.Walker (Community Centre).
3. **Planning Applications:** None.
4. **Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting:** the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting and precept/budget was in the new agenda items later. For: 4 Abstentions 3.
5. **Matters arising from those minutes:**
  - 5.1 **Traffic in the village:** the problem is still ongoing and further discussions with HBC/Residents/Police would follow to find ways of alleviating or removing the matter.
  - 5.2 **Disposal of Community Land at Hill View:** though it seemed that the land would be returned to its prior use after the planning application was refused, HBC would still be approached to confirm this as other reports indicated the matter was still under discussion.
6. **New Agenda items:**
  - 6.1 **Budget review:** withdrawn. 6.2 **Internal Audit:** figures and annual spending were reviewed and accepted.Prop: Coun.Walker Seconded: Coun. Simmonds For 4 Against 0 Abstentions 3.
  - 6.3. items 14,18 and 23 from Item 10 below.These items need urgent attention and HBC would be contacted. 6.4 **Bus shelter provision in South Fens:** HBC would be asked for their comments on providing shelters where needed. 6.5 **Vote of no confidence in the Chair:** withdrawn. 6.6 **Social media posts:** councillors were asked to take care with comments on matters about PC business posted on social media sites. 6.7 **Tesco notice board:** the clerk will ask again if its notices etc could be displayed on the board. 6.8 Formal complaint re PC **actions regarding proposed house building in Hill View:** Trish Stephenson made the complaint with several matters included: PC being secretive, not taking minutes of meetings with HBC, colluding with HBC, not serving the residents correctly etc. The chair strenuously denied the complaints and stressed that all councillors did take in to account residents wishes and advice. 6.9 **VAT Refund:** £92 had been returned by the Treasury after the PC purchased trees to be planted in South Fens. 6.10 **The £100 donation to Fens Residents Association:** the monies will be spent elsewhere and its possible use for items in South Fens will be on the agenda next month. 6.11 **Speeding in the village:** Steven Smith had raised the matter after becoming very concerned with numerous incidents over recent months. (see item 5.1 above) 6.12 **Petition re "South Fens Area" leaving the Parish:** A petition has been submitted to HBC which will allow the latter to discuss the request the the South Fens would not be included within Greatham Parish Council's boundary.The matter should have an answer within a year.
7. **Accounts:** transactions and balances were presented and accepted as correct. Prop: Coun. Walker Sec: Coun. Simmonds For 4 Against 0 Abstentions 3.
8. **Correspondence:**
  - 8.1 Barclays statements. 8.2 HBC letter re pandemic. 8.3 HBC re planning 8.4 T.Stephenson re formal complaint.

- 9. Reports:** 9.1 Rural Plan: the group were alarmed at the apparent ease the Planning could ignore the plan. The matter is to be taken up with HBC as soon as possible.
- 9.2 Greatham in Bloom: like most “events”, the comp has been cancelled for the year!  
However, all plants ordered and delivered have been put in place.
- 9.3 Power Station: the last meeting, in June, was a virtual one done via Zoom.
- 9.4 Community Centre: the new playgroup did not arrive! After some 4 months groups are returning to the centre.
- 9.5 Conservation Advisory Commission: no meetings.
- 9.6 Audit and Governance Committee: no meetings.
- 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 bridge over Greatham Beck.  
5. Flooding near the Sports Field. 6. Pavement near The Green. 7. Severe flooding in Station Rd. behind Saltaire Terr., 8. Severe flooding at Sappers Corner. 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 Fields needs re-laying. 16. Pavement from Sappers Corner to Greatham is “disappearing!” 17. Sets at the Post Office need fixing.  
18. Water incursion on road near Bank Cottage. 18. Re-layed tarmac on A689 flooding.  
19. Street cleaning not doing the alleyway from Mildenhall Close to Black Path. 20. Flooding near Aldeburgh and Conesby Closes. 21. Hospital Close drains need clearing. 22. Parish Row and “High Bank” need attention. 23. Path from primary school to the Beck needs attention.  
24. Middle of Saltaire Terr. needs work on it.
- 11. Public issues:** several items were raised including Post Office service(mobile?), what traffic calming measures are preferable in the village and various matters across the parish.
- 12. Date of the next meeting:** Monday, 21<sup>st</sup>. September.

**The meeting closed at 7.50p.m.**

Financial Statement as at 31.10.20

Community Account balance as at 31.10.20: £3,967.60

Business Savings Account as at 31.10.20: £682.59