

## Greatham Parish Council

### Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup>. December, 2021.

**Members present:** Councillors O'Brien, Simmonds, Walker, Ward.

Visitors: Councillors Falconer, Lindridge (HBC), L. Dempsey,

1. **Apologies for Absence:** D. Cameron, B. Buchan, J. Elliot.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Coun. Walker (trustee of the Community Centre and Committee member of Greatham in Bloom).
3. **Planning Applications:** None.
4. **To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting:** it was pointed out that it was T. Stephenson who attended and not Robinson. The minutes were then accepted as a true record.  
**Proposed:** Coun. Walker    **Seconded:** Coun. Simmonds    **Unanimous.**
5. **Matters arising from those minutes:** 5.1 Traffic calming measures: ongoing. 5.2 Replacement trees in South Fens: ongoing (see 6.1 below). 5.3 Mill Terrace: ongoing but should be resolved on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>. 5.4 Greatham Post Office: ongoing. 5.5 Items from the APM: The survey re seat near Hill View is not complete as yet. There has not been a meeting between parish councils and HBC about the proposed Parish Charter. 5.6 Bus shelter painting: ongoing. 5.7 Coun. Buchan has been accepted on to the parish council. 5.8 Signage: ongoing.
6. **New Agenda items:** 6.1 "022/23 Precept: the precept would remain the same but with some of the surplus from the 2021/22 (£1000) being allocated for the purchase of trees to be planted in South Fens. This will be overseen by Couns. Cameron and Ward. The clerk would also receive a 2% pay increase from April 1<sup>st</sup>., 2022. 6.2 Tree purchases for South Fens: see 6.1 above.
7. **Accounts:** cheques and monies paid out were presented and accepted as correct. Donations to Greatham Feast and Greatham in Bloom were brought forward. **Proposed:** Coun. Walker  
**Seconded:** Coun. Simmonds.    **Unanimous.**
8. **Correspondence:** 8.1 Barclays statements. 8.2 HBC roadworks schedules. 8.3 HBC pharmacy survey.
9. **Reports:** 9.1 Rural Plan: ongoing.  
9.2 Power Station: the meeting on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. confirmed the power station's closure in 2024 and that there would not be any replacement smaller units. However, to close such a building does take time so employment will be available for many years to come.  
9.3 Greatham in Bloom: the 2022 entry has been made and spring flowers planted.  
9.4 Community Centre: usage was now back to "normal" which means full use.  
9.5 Governance and Audit Committee: the meeting on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>. covered the Annual Audit and up to date covid rules/regs. The next meeting is on Dec.16<sup>th</sup>.
10. **Repairs and Maintenance:** 1.Path on The Drive between Front St., and The Grove. 2.Footpath in Parish Row. 3.Flooding in Egerton Terr., 4.Path on the bridge over the Beck. 5.Flooding at the Sports Field. 6. Pavement at The Green. 7.Sappers Corner flooding. 8.Potholes in Mildenhall Close. 9.Black Path trees need trimming. 10.Mid Old Stockton Rd. needs tarmac(2020!) 11.Poor signage across the village. 12.Path from Sappers Corner to the village is disappearing. 13.Sets on the Post Office. 14.Streetcleaning needs extending to Black Path/Aldeburgh and Mildenhall Closes. 15.Saltire Terr., needs attention. 16.Path from school to the Beck. 17.Horseriders on paths they should not be. 18.Saltire Terr., still

mudbound. 19.Potholes on The Drive/Ashfield Close. 20.Hedge on The Drive still not done.  
21.Despite HBC claims, drains still blocked in Station Rd.,

**11. Public issues:** Letters will be sent to HBC concerning drains,gritting and flooding in Station Rd. The Post Office came under brief discussion as did the precept and Cilca(what is it?)

**12. Date of the next meeting:** Monday, 24<sup>th</sup>. January, 2022 in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 7.35p.m.

**Financial statement as at 31.12.21**

Community Account balance as at 31.11.21: £3465.24

Cheques paid:

621 HMRC £17.94 (clerk's tax)

622 J.Cunliffe £71.78

623 D.Todd £30.00 (bus shelter maintenance)

Community Account balance as at 31.12.21: £3345.52

Business Account balance as at 31.12.21: £682.74