

Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 14th . May, 2018.

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

Visitors: J.Unwin, M.Marshall.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Planning Applications:** None.
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:** it is very disappointing that the plan is ready but there is still no communication with HBC over the date for the referendum.
 - 5.2 **Dog Fouling:** still no signs painted.
 - 5.3 **Promoting the village:** matters have ground to a halt recently and Coun. Walker will re-convene the group to "get things moving" as soon as possible.
 - 5.4 **Traffic issues in West Row:** can be worse at times but not helped by the continuing poor signage that needs re-siting to warn drivers.
 - 5.5 **Traffic issues in West Row:** ongoing but have become worse at times. The sign should be moved and sited on the first lamppost. Coun. Walker will take this up (now also being dealt with by Coun. Loynes!)
 - 5.6 **Traffic in the village:** ongoing but speed tests are being conducted at present.
 - 5.7 **Queens Meadow landscaping:** The new management company do not seem keen on spending money so "volunteer" funding may need to be sourced.
 - 5.8 **Paths/Trees in South Fens area:** the grassed areas have improved!
 - 5.9 **Replacement trees in South Fens:** the PC will look into the possibility of purchasing trees year on year as the Borough Council are reluctant to spend those amounts at present. It could well be possible to claim from the "Red Gap Fund".
 - 5.10 **Council members:** Coun. Walker has contacted Coun. Lamb who acknowledged it would be better if he resigned as a councillor. HBC local govt. office would be contacted.
6. **New Agenda items:**
 - 6.1 **South Fens review:** Coun. Ward raised the matter with regard to the South Fens area being in Greatham Parish Council's area and agreed to try to collect the signatures of 250 residents in the area to trigger a review of the matter. Matters discussed in previous meetings (signs,trees etc) would be put on hold.
 - 6.2 **Data Protection Act update:** this comes into force on May 22nd. and the council will need to adopt measures to safeguard the information they hold on people including a privacy policy. This will be commenced and reviewed in the coming months.
 - 6.3 **Annual Audit:** this has been completed and will be forwarded to the new external auditors.
7. **Accounts:** transactions and balances were presented and accepted as correct.
8. **Correspondence:** (i) Barclays statements. (ii) HBC re APM. (iii) Len Young (HBC) re trees in South Fens. (iv) Zurich, insurance premium.
9. **Reports:**
 - 9.1 **Greatham in Bloom:** the first inspection went extremely well.
 - 9.2 **Power Station:** meeting on June 6th.
 - 9.3 **Community Centre:** no further developments.
 - 9.4 **Conservation Advisory Committee:** no further meetings to date.
10. **Repairs and Maintenance:** 1.Potholes at Bank Top. 2.Path in The Drive between The Grove and Front St. 3.Brickwork at Mellanby Court entrance. 4.Footpath in Parish Row. 5.Flooding outside the shop in Vicarage Row. 6.Path on the bridge over Greatham Beck. 7.Flooding at the sports field entrance. 8.Pavement near The Green is part done but others in the area need attention. 9.Pavement in Saltaire Terr., 10.Potholes in Old Stockton Rd., 11.Pothole at the junction of Parish

Row and West Row. 12. Flooding on Station Rd. prior to Saltaire Terr., 13. Severe flooding on the Greatham Slip rd. at Sappers Corner. 14. Leaf debris in Aldeburgh Close. 15. Bush still blocking the path next to 19 Wisbech Close.

11. Public issues: Joan Unwin raised the point that the trees in the Parish were looking wonderful and asked that HBC were complimented on their efforts. Coun. Richardson asked that the cycle track was becoming a little overgrown with tree branches and asked that HBC trim them as soon as possible. He also restated that there is still a large amount of tree debris beside the A689 and South Fens. There is likely to be investigation work carried out on Station Road as new buyers of the land carry out survey work. It is hoped that the problem blind spots can be remedied if building work commences.

12. Date of the next meeting: will be Monday, 2nd. July, 2018 in the Community Centre at 6.30p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm