

## Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup>. November, 2017

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

Visitors: J.Unwin, M.Unwin, M.Marshall, B.Coleman, C.Southwell.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** Coun. Loynes (HBC).
2. **Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **Planning Applications:** H/2017/0437 Convert stables to single storey dwelling at The Stables, Brierton Farm, Brierton Rd., Hartlepool. TS22 5PP. There were no comments.
4. **To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting:** Coun. Ward did tender his apologies for absence, which was mistakenly omitted. The minutes were then signed and accepted as a true record. Proposed: Coun.Walker Seconded: Coun. Simmonds Unanimous.
5. **Matters arising from those minutes:**
  - 5.1 **Rural Plan:** it was hoped the referendum would now be in early February but may be delayed after the Local Plan's Inspector's comments made in his report.
  - 5.2 **Dog Fouling:** much the same as before with no signage still plus reports of bins overflowing and lack of previously supplied bags to retail outlets.
  - 5.3 **Promoting the Village:** HBC has now approved use of the site for the Salt Pump whilst research for the "History Boards" in the parish needs to begin shortly.
  - 5.4 **A689/Dalton Back Lane junction:** Coun. Walker again raised the matter at the liaison meeting, expressing concern at the hint that HBC really intend to close the junction.
  - 5.5 **Designation of Parish Assets:** ongoing.
  - 5.6 **Traffic issues in West Row:** awaiting feedback from Coun. Loynes. There are issues with two vehicles parking which have been reported to the police, who would be contacted.
  - 5.7 **Flytipping:** rather a quiet month with just one issue on land near the sports field.
  - 5.8 **Parking/Speeding in Greatham village.** The acting head had contacted the clerk to express frustration at the apparent inability of all parties (including the school themselves) to solve the problem over a lengthy period of time. The Hope and Anchor solution from years back may be raised again and the landlord will be contacted.
  - 5.9 **Landscaping at Queen's Meadow:** Coun. Walker had raised the matter with the Homes and Community Agency who are responsible for its upkeep. They expressed concerns that costs to rectify it may be incurred. They would look into the matter.
  - 5.10 **Paths/Trees in South Fens area:** one tree has been trimmed and potholes "fixed" but much work is still to be done! Concerns were also raised about the standard of workmanship. This is being addressed by HBC for next year!
  - 5.11 **Transparency Fund application:** that has been made and a total of £150 (approx.) sought.
  - 5.12 **Hot food outlet in the village:** Coun. Walker raised this matter and the HBC policy was changed to allow one outlet/village where there are none at present.
6. **New Agenda items:**
  - 6.1 **Memorial Plaque placement:** a request had been passed to the council from HBC who had received a note to ask if a plaque could be placed on the bench nearest to the Post Office. This would be refused on the basis that it already is dedicated but the offer of a bush/shrub planted in the village would be suggested.
  - 6.2 **New Data Protection procedures:** the Act will change next May and all Parish Councils will have to meet the new requirements which are very involved. Further instructions as to what levels the parish council will have to attain and costs involved to do that are awaited.

6.3 Hart PC concerns about recent HBC planning decisions: an emergency meeting was called in October after the planning committee seemed to take little notice of planning officers' suggestions. The matter will be taken further and Greatham Council agreed to be part of the process.

7. **Accounts**: transactions and balances were presented and accepted as correct. To comply with the Transparency Act it was agreed that ALL transactions would be posted with the minutes online and the noticeboard even though only those over £100 have to be explained.
8. **Correspondence**: (i) Barclays statements. (ii) BDO (audit acceptance). (iii) Hardwick Fund (vi) HBC planning (see 3 above).
9. **Reports**:
  - 9.1 **Greatham in Bloom**: Work is already underway for next year with several new members joining. Shrub beds are being prepared for the Community Centre windows.
  - 9.2 **Power Station**: the next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - 9.3 **Community Centre**: the centre is now open again and steps are to be taken to fill the slots available with new users of the facilities.
  - 9.4 **Conservation Advisory Committee**: no meetings currently planned.
10. **Repairs and Maintenance**: 1. Potholes at Bank Top (2018). 2. Path in The Drive between The Grove and Front St. 3. Brickwork at the entrance to Mellanby Court. 4. Footpath in Parish Row 5. Flooding outside the shop in Vicarage Row. 6. Path on the bridge over Greatham Beck. 7. Black Path tree trimming incomplete. 8. Flooding at Sports Field entrance. 9. Poor pavement condition bordering the village green. 10. Tree trimming needed between the sculpture and 17 Front St. 11. Pavement in Saltaire Terr. 12. Potholes in Old Stockton Rd. near A689 junction. 13. Pothole at the junction of Parish/West Row. 14. Ponding on village green (now possibly causing flooding in two nearby houses). 15. Flooding in Station Rd. prior to Saltaire Terr. 16. Flooding at Sappers Corner. 17. Path in Aldeburgh Close. 18. Bush blocking pavement nr. 19 Wisbech Close.
11. **Public issues**: the Christmas tree is to be "sponsored again and the £300 cheque for its purchase will be paid in to the parish council's bank account.

There has been reports of gun usage in fields bordering South Fens and a young owl may have been shot. The police would be contacted even though no further details are available.

There are also two problem cars parked in West Row that are inconveniencing residents. They too will be reported to the police who may already be dealing with the problem.

Mike Unwin asked if the report about nitrates in the Beck would be published as the news is causing concern in the parish.

11. **Date of the next meeting**: Monday, 18<sup>th</sup>. December, 2017 at 6.30pm in the Community Centre.

**The meeting closed at 7.25p.m.**

Financial Statement as at 30.11.17

Community Account balance as at 31.10.17: £3989.57

Cheques issued:

482 HMRC £34.18 (clerk's tax x 2)

483 D. Todd £20 (bus shelter maintenance)

484 P. Brotherton £20 (Remembrance Day wreath)

485 J. Cunliffe £196.02 (salary x 2 £136.72, expenses £59.30)

Community Account balance as at 30.11.17: £3719.37

