

Greatham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 4th. March 2019.

Members present: Councs: M.Ward, D.Cameron, B.Walker, C.Richardson, M.Simmonds, A.O'Brien.

Visitors present: R.Buchan,B.Loynes (HBC ward couns.), PCSO's Jones and Mester.

1. **Apologies for Absence:** None.
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Coun. Walker (grants to Greatham in Bloom and Greatham Community Association) and Coun. O'Brien (grant award Greatham Res. Association).
3. **Planning Applications:** None.
4. **To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting:** with the exception of item 5.1 which states the plan is in place for 30yrs when it should have stated 15 yrs. The minutes were accepted as a true record. Prop: Coun.Walker Seconded: Coun.Smonds Unanimous
5. **Matters arising from those minutes:** 5.1 Rural Plan: the first review meeting has been held. 5.2Dog fouling: ongoing. Coun.Walker will look into acquiring a stencil to mark problem areas as and when. 5.3Traffic in the village: ongoing. 5.4 South Fens:the Boundary Commission had issued its recommendations and stated that it should be HBC that decides the parish boundaries. 5.5 Village Green fencing: is underway and improved. 5.6 Bus stops: concerns are such that the HBC proposals for Hartlepool bound buses should be shelved as the parish council fears traffic problems will ensue if placed near the Smiths Arms. With new ramps in the buses it would be preferable to use these at the bus shelter even though the incline to the road is rather steep. The extension of the pavement for buses Billingham bound was acceptable Prop:Coun. O'Brien Seconded:Coun.Simmonds For 3 Against 1 Abs. 2. 5.7 Data Protection list: the clerk would draw up a full list of parish council contacts.
6. **New Agenda items:** None.
7. **Accounts:** transactions and balances were presented and accepted as correct. Prop: Coun.Walker Seconded: Coun. Simmonds Unanimous.
Donations to the various groups were discussed and agreed upon. Minor concerns were expressed as to the amounts decided when groups did hold monies in their bank accounts. Coun. Walker did feel it was prudent to do that and the council should continue to support groups where needed.
Donations made: Greatham Parochial Church Council £800. Greatham in Bloom £300. Greatham Feast: £100. Greatham Sports Field Association £500. Greatham Residents Association £50. Greatham Community Association £1100. Fens Residents Association £50.
8. **Correspondence:** 8.1 Barclays statements. 8.2 P.Nixon (HBC re bus stops) 8.3 Jason Smith (maps of parish online) 8.4 Stockton BC(Spatial Planning adoption)
9. **Reports:** 9.1 Greatham in Bloom: Snowdrop Day had been very successful and had raised just short of £2,400! The launch of Northumbria in Bloom will be on 6th. March and Greatham would again be an entrant.
9.2 Power Station: the next meeting is in April.
9.3 Community Centre: the provision of a new threshold at the front door of the building is being planned as is the fitting of insulation. It is hoped grants would be available for this work.
9.4 Conservation Advisory Committee: no further meeting as yet.
9.5 Governance/Auditing Committee: Discussions had centred on the attempts to retain and improve the maternity unit at Hartlepool Hospital.

10. Repairs and Maintenance: 1.Path in The Drive between The Grove and Front St. 2.Blocks at Mellanby Lane entrance. 3.Footpath in Parish Row. 4.Flooding in Egerton Terr. 5.Path on the bridge over Greatham Beck. 6.Flooding at the Sports Field entrance. 7.Pavement near the Green only partly repaired. 8.Pavement in Saltaire Terr. 9.Flooding on Station Rd. behind Saltaire Terr. 10.Severe flooding at Sappers Corner on the Greatham slip road. 11.Potholes in Mildenhall Close. 12.Trees still need pruning on the Black Path. 13.More potholes in Parish Row. 14.Tarmac on the A689 is already breaking. 15.Re-seeding behind the Community Centre and on the Black Path needed. 16.Central part of Old Stockton Rd. needs tarmacing.

11. Public issues: Coun. Richardson had completed pricing to repair the hedge near the Black Path. It would be £226. He proposed the work be commissioned. Seconded:Coun. O'Brien 6-0-0.

12. Date of the next meeting: Monday , 15th. April,2019 in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 7.50p.m.

Financial statement as at 31.03.2019

Community Account balance as at 28.02.19: £3415.87

Cheques issued:

524 D.Todd £10 (bus shelter maintenance)	525 HMRC £34.18 (clerk's tax x 2)
526 J.Cunliffe £136.72 (salary x 2)	527 Greatham Feast £100 (donation)
528 Greatham Sports Field Assoc. £500 (donation)	529 Greatham Comm. Assoc. £1100 (donation)
530 Greatham in Bloom £300 (donation)	531 Greatham Residents Assoc. £50 (donation)
532 Greatham Parochial C.C. £800 (donation)	533 A.Hill £226.02 (Hedge plants on Black Path)

Community Account balance as at 31.03.19: £158.95

Bonus Saver account balance as at 31.03.19: £680.13