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Minutes of Greenham Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on 11th March 2020 at St. Mary's Church, Greenham

Present:

Cllr Philip Barnett (PB)
Cllr Martin Griffiths (MG)
Cllr Philippa Harper (PH)
Cllr Sally-Ann Jay (SAJ)
Cllr Steve Jones (SJ)
Cllr Billy Drummond (BD)
Cllr Gary Puffett (GP)
Cllr Adrian Abbs (AA)
Cllr Ken Neal (KN)

In attendance:

Clerk

7:30pm Meeting start time

Meeting Chaired by Cllr Steve Jones

GPC (Greenham Parish Council) Full Council meeting 11th March 2020

155 Public Session

None present

156 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Julian Swift-Hook (JSH) – Work
Cllr Chris Austin (CA)
Cllr Tony Vickers (TV)

157 Declarations of Interest, Statements of Position and Dispensations,

To receive any Declarations of Interest and Statements of Position by Councillors.

AA – District Councillor for WBC, Shadow Executive Member for the Environment WBC, Director of TEEC, The EMEA Enterprise Company and KickFire Group. The EMEA Enterprise company is also known as Zero C Energy for trading purposes in this area, A Member of the Western Area Planning Committee at WBC, a Member of EAG (Environmental Advisory Group) at WBC, Member of the Licensing Committee for WBC, Member of the Personnel Committee at WBC, Sub for the District Planning Committee and Governance and Ethics Committee's WBC and Trustee for Stroke Care Newbury & West Berkshire.

CA - Commissioner on Greenham and Crookham Commons Commission

JSH –Commissioner on Greenham and Crookham Commons Commission, Member of Distribution Committee of Greenham Trust

KN –Commissioner of Greenham Common Commission, Vice Chair of the Commission, Greenham Commoner and grazier, Building Design and Environmental Consultant working on planning applications

TV – Newbury Town Council, Member of West Berkshire District Council (Wash Common Ward), Western Area Planning

PB - Newbury Town Council, Member of West Berkshire District Council, Western Area Planning, Planning and Highways

158 Approval of Minutes

a) **To Approve** Minutes of Meeting held on 12th February 2020

Proposed: PB

Seconded: MG

Abstentions: Three abstentions as a result of not being present at the meeting

Against: None

Resolved: To approve that the minutes of Meeting held on 12th February 2020 are a true and accurate record of the meeting.

159 Chairman's Report

Report and other matters not on the agenda (for information only).

None

160 Clerk's Report

Report, matters arising, other correspondence not on the agenda (for information only)

BALC is without a Chairman and updates are being received by the Clerk

7:36pm Ken Neal arrived at the meeting

Draft working agreement will be given to GCTL prior to the next Full Council meeting so initial approval is gained.

Clerk to ask for version control on 12th March 2020 to be forwarded to SJ for GCTL meeting

161 Finance

a) **To approve** March 2020 GPC cheque payments

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: BD

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve March 2020 GPC cheque payments

Greenham Parish Council Schedule of Cheque and Bank Payments

11th March 2020

1. Cheque payments – GPC Current Account

Inv Date	Inv No/	Payee	Amount	Chq
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	Trans Ref			No
05/02/2020	35 – Hall Hire	Greenham PCC	88.00	1911
23/02/2020	2870 – Control Tower Drains	JD Drains	1710.00	1913
11/02/2020	484698 – Bio Disc system	Kee	2824.80	1914
23/02/2020	Telephone bill	BT	47.08	1915
11/03/2020	Metro Bank – New account	Greenham Parish Council	10,000	1916
11/03/2020	Newbury Building Society – New Account (CT EMR)	Greenham Parish Council	35,302.73	1917
11/03/2020	Lisa Blake Expenses	Lisa Blake	15.02	1918
11/03/2020	Tax and NI payment – Month 11	HMRC	429.00	1919
11/03/2020	Pension – Month 11	Berkshire Pension Fund	535.92	1920
11/03/2020	Salary – Month 11	Lisa Blake – Clerk	1454.96	1921
11/03/2020	Salary – Month 11	Jennie Currie – Deputy Clerk	694.18	1922
11/03/2020	4457 – Payroll services	Clere Bookkeeping	37.80	1923
11/03/2020	2482 – Printing of leaflets	Ostrich Print	189.00	1924
11/03/2020	0036 – Room Rent	Greenham Control Tower	250.00	1925
11/03/2020	Newbury Building Society – CT EMR	Greenham Parish Council	15,000.00	1926
		Sub-Total GPC Current Account payments	68,578.49	
		Sub-Total GPC Current Account actual payments	8,275.76	

2. Bank Payments – GPC Current Account

Trans Date	Trans Ref	Payee	Amount	Trans Type
		SSE	7.11	DD
		SSE	13.21	DD
		Sub-total GPC Current Account Bank Payments	20.32	

b) **To approve** GPC Reconciliation statement 1st February 2020

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: GP

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve the GPC Reconciliation statement 1st February 2020

c) **To approve** increased Pension Contributions

Proposed: BD

Seconded: GP

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve increased Pension Contributions

d) To discuss a GPC contribution to the WBDC library service

MG – Expressed support for a library contribution from GPC towards the library service. Statistics were made available regarding Library usage for Greenham Parishioners at a meeting held between GPC and a WBDC library representative.

PH – Would like to offer his support for making a contribution to the Library.

AA – Stated that he does not support a Parish council contribution to the WBDC Library

SAJ – Has concerns about District Council funding for the Library in the future

PB – Would like a balanced view to any contribution and check that any contribution is fair and reasonable

BD – Stated that he does not support a contribution to the Library

SJ – Has a concern that if a contribution is made one year that there could be an implication for the Parish council and an ongoing contribution.

KN – Would like to support a contribution towards the Library

PH – Reiterated that libraries are struggling and confirmed her support for a library contribution

KN - Would like to add a proposal for the next meeting for the approval of a Library contribution

e) To approve a move of £15k from Free Reserves to Control Tower Earmarked Reserve Fund

Proposed: PH

Seconded: SAJ

Abstentions: SJ

Against: None

Resolved: To approve a move of £15k from Free Reserves to Control Tower Earmarked Reserve Fund

162 Planning and Highways

a) To consider all planning applications received up to the date of the meeting

1	Land West Of New Road North Of Pyle Hill Newbury Berkshire Rivar Ltd	Section 73: Variation of Condition (20) - Plans of previously approved application 18/00529/FULEXT: Erection of 36 dwellings, roads, ancillary structures, amenity open space and landscaping, with access to New Road.	20/00472/FULEXT Proposed: Seconded: Abstentions: Against: Resolved: WBDC has refused this application
2	14 Sedgefield Road Newbury RG14 7TZ Mr and Mrs Neale	Single storey rear extension	20/00422/HOUSE Proposed: KN Seconded: SAJ Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: No Objections from GPC
3	Building 150 Greenham Common Thatcham	REG 3: The installation of 18.7-kilowatt peak array of solar panels on	20/00228/PASOL Proposed: KN Seconded: SAJ

	West Berkshire Council	the roof of building 150	Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: All in favour
4	Sandleford Priory Lodge 4 Deadmans Lane Greenham Thatcham RG19 8XS Mr R Mann	Section 73a: Variation/Removal of Condition 2 - Approved Plans of previously approved application 19/02230/REM: Approval of reserved matters following Outline permission 19/00434/OUTD: outline application for construction of a four bedroom detached dwelling with detached garage on part of the garden - matters to be considered siting and access. Matters seeking consent appearance, landscaping and scale.	<u>20/00371/REM</u> Proposed: BD Seconded: MG Abstentions: KN Against: None Resolved: Vote against Due to the disproportionate scale of building
5	Land North Of Just Learning Nursery Monks Lane Newbury Feltham Properties Ltd	Approval of reserved matters following Outline Permission 19/00669/OUTMAJ [16 dwellings, including affordable housing, with access from Monks Lane, landscaping and associated infrastructure] Matters seeking consent: Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale.	<u>20/00346/RESMAJ</u> Proposed: BD Seconded: KN Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: No objections SAJ declared an interest
6	8 Dalby Crescent Newbury RG14 7JR Mr and Mrs S Futcher	Single storey front porch with WC	<u>20/00323/HOUSE</u> Proposed: BD Seconded: KN Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: No objections
7	Roc Technologies	Etched effect graphics to north elevation first floor windows and ground floor entrance doors below; Blue logo and dark grey text on white back lit plastic screen; with associated white finish frame (mechanically secured to the external cladding of the west side elevation, overlooking Lidenmuth Way; and associated car park entry sign to east side of Lidenmuth Way car park entrance	<u>20/00509/ADV</u> Proposed: SAJ Seconded: KN Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: No Objections SAJ – recommend that ROC is asked to turn off the light at night due to light pollution BD declared an interest as Director of Greenham Business Park

- b) **To approve** GCP response to WBDC Parish Stakeholder Events

Clerk and Deputy clerk to complete form and circulate to Councillors for Approval

162 Community Engagement

- a) **To receive** a report from the Community Engagement Working Group

MG gave a Summary of meeting held at 7pm

- b) **To receive** an update on Greenham In Bloom Project (Logo)

PH – The Greenham In Bloom launch date is set for the 4th April, PH has asked for more support for the launch event from Councillors

Kennet radio will attend the launch event

Check with Jennie with regard to providing rosettes for Greenham in Bloom

PH has an appointment with TV Thames on 12th March, 10:15am

Clerk circulated the logo and poster design so the best design can be selected.

Clerk will then liaise with the Graphic designer to complete the design process.

163 GPC Environment

- a) **To receive** an update on GPC Environment project

AA – Questioned which community buildings could GPC use for Solar powered

GPC is looking at possible car parks to use to site EVC points, for example the Control Tower Car Park

PH – Possibility of WBDC looking to devolve patches of land for tree planting

SAJ – Described the issue with trees in the Pigeon Farm area of Greenham and does not think that more tree planting would be supported in this area.

KN – Suggested a tree survey for Greenham Parish

SAJ – Suggested tree maintenance instead of planting more trees in the Pigeons Farm area.

PB – Also supported tree management

164 Control Tower

- a) **To receive** a report from Greenham Control Tower Ltd.

SJ will provide a report next month at the Annual General meeting

- b) **To receive** an update on the Wildlife Garden project

PH stated that in principle there will be funds available for the installation of the play area at the Greenham Control Tower which will involve applying for funds from WBDC.

BD – Will apply for a Member's bid to fund the playground. Details to follow to the Clerk.

Discussion about the costs for the overall cost of installing a Wildlife garden

- c) **To approve** creating a Working Party for the Wildlife Garden project

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: BD

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve creating a Working Party for the Wildlife Garden project

PH would like to invite Jon Gage to join the Working Party

165 Governance

- a) **To review** draft copy of GPC Environmental Strategy v2

AA suggested adding a page to the GPC website regarding the environmental strategy
An environmental delivery plan will then be created
SJ queried the level of detail in the strategy
MG - suggested that environmental aspects should be considered in Planning in the future
Clerk to add draft policy on GPC website for public comment, policy to be approved at the next Full Council meeting.

166 Health and Safety

GP - Final Exit door was unlocked for the duration of the meeting

167 Other items for information or for possible inclusion on a future Agenda

AA – Renewable energy for the Control Tower, EV charging points, Church hall for meeting (contribution to make the hall more environmentally friendly)
SAJ – will speak to the Church regarding renewable energy
PH – Good Exchange meeting, PH thinks it is a really positive organisation
KN – Beating the Bounds to be announced on GPC website, 17th May

Meeting ended 9:09pm

Members of the Public are welcome to attend the meeting, to ask questions and to comment on the proceedings with the consent of the Chairman.
You are invited to contact the Clerk of the Council if you have any questions or matters of concern that you would like the Council to address.