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Minutes of Greenham Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on 8th September 2021 – St Mary's Church

Present:

Cllr Martin Griffiths (MG)
Cllr Chris Austin (CA)
Cllr Gary Puffett (GP)
Cllr Julian Swift-Hook (JSH)
Cllr Ken Neal (KN)
Cllr Adrian Abbs (AA)
Cllr Phil Barnett (PB)

In attendance:

Clerk
Chaired by: Julian Swift-Hook
Two members of the public in attendance

Meeting began at: 7:31pm

GPC (Greenham Parish Council) Full Council meeting 8th September 2021

60 Public Session

Two members of the public explained that they have attended the meeting to discuss item 7e, War Memorial at Greenham Control Tower.

JSH discussed agenda item 7e

AA would also like a report detailing all of the maintenance costs involved in the War Memorial project

PB – Lent his support to the decision when it is voted on

Member of the public presented some information regarding this project, including funding for the project. Clerk to include this information in the report.

7:47pm members of the public left the meeting

61 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Steve Jones (SJ) - Holiday

Cllr Tony Vickers (TV)
Cllr Alison Blackborow (AB) - Illness
Cllr Billy Drummond (BD) - Holiday
Cllr Chris Ferguson (CF)
Cllr Sally-Ann Jay (SAJ) - Work

62 Declarations of Interest, Statements of Position and Dispensations

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

CA – Greenham and Crookham Common Commissioner, Commoner

AA - Member of West Berkshire District Council (Wash Common Ward), Shadow Executive Member for the Environment, Western Area Planning Committee, Environmental Advisory Group, Licensing Committee, Personnel Committee, Planning (Sub), Governance and Ethics Committee (Sub). Trustee for Stroke Care Newbury & West Berkshire. Director of TEEC, The EMEA Enterprise Company and KickFire Group, has been lobbied by member of the public

PB – Newbury Town Councillor, Member of West Berkshire District Council

KN – Vice Chair GCCC, Commoner, Grazier, Building Design and Environmental Consultant

63 Approval of Minutes

a) **To approve** minutes of GPC Meeting held on 11th August 2021

Proposed: MG

Seconded: GP

Abstentions: One

Against: None

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the GPC Meeting held on 11th August 2021

64 Chairman's Report

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

Vice Chair reported that a meeting took place between Greenham and Crookham Common and Park Run and a report will be added to a future agenda.

65 Clerk's Report

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

Clerk reported on fees payable for the Greening Campaign, External audit completion without any recommendations, addition of plaque to Control tower and Salt bin and Dog waste issue reported by a Greenham Parishioner

Councillors requested that the clerk adds WBDC contact details for Dog bin emptying and possibly the Dog bin map to the GPC website

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve up to £300 from Community Presence budget towards Beating the Bounds event to be held in 2022

KN and MG outlined the plan for the event and the spending plan for this event

d) To approve up to £3,000 towards GPC Jubilee Event 2022

Proposed: MG

Seconded: JSH

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve that this item be deferred to a future meeting

MG would like to propose a deferral of this item

Clerk and MG to produce a report detailing spending of the event for a future GPC meeting

e) To consider GPC becoming responsible for the American War Memorial

Proposed: JSH

Seconded: MG

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve that this item be deferred to a future meeting

JSH would like to propose a deferral of this item because of the incomplete information relating to the financial commitments to GPC of taking on the maintenance of the memorial.

Clerk to produce a report detailing spending of the event for a future GPC meeting

67 Planning and Highways

a) To Consider any Planning Applications

<i>1</i>	43 Capability Way Greenham Thatcham West Berkshire RG19 8FA Mr and Mrs Rance	Single story rear extension and internal alterations	<u>21/02097/HOUSE</u> Proposed: AA Seconded: KN Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: To unanimously approve no objection
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b) To receive an update on Diamond playing field Heritage application

Clerk provided an update following the Heritage Forum meeting in August. The

application has been approved through Phase 1 and will now be presented to West Berkshire District council in Phase two of the approval.

Clerk to check Asset of Community Value application has been approved or not and report back to Councillors.

c) To consider additional Dog bins within Greenham Parish (BD)

Clerk has been asked to produce a report detailing Buying bins, installation, emptying, proposed locations, environmental impact assessment, insurance. Clerk to contact BD as he requested that this item should be placed on the agenda.

JSH proposed that this item should be deferred to a future meeting

Proposed: JSH

Seconded: GP

Against: None

Abstentions: None

Resolved: To Unanimously approve to defer this item to a future meeting

68 Community Engagement

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

MG outlined the Community Engagement meeting tonight

Jubilee celebration was discussed and MG will work with the Clerk to produce a report detailing the event and the costs involved.

AA asked if the Community Engagement group could be more involved in possible pandemic activities

GP – Highlighted issues that could still occur in society due to the Pandemic and it's after effects

JSH would like investigation into how GPC funds can be dispersed amongst Greenham parishioners.

Agenda item for next meeting to consider how emergency funding can be provided. Clerk and MG to investigate possible beneficiaries of funding.

PB suggested contact St Mary's church as a possible community contact to discuss any possible projects that can be funded.

Clerk to check if there is an active Parochial Church Council for St Mary's church

69 GPC Environment

a) To receive an update on the Wildlife Garden project

Clerk confirmed that there will be a meeting with the Garden Designer from Indigo on the 15th September, at the Greenham Control Tower, to discuss the revised garden design. The Clerk will report any updates in the October meeting.

b) To consider Greenham Common User Group

Proposed: JSH

Seconded: AA

Against: None

Abstentions: One

Resolved: To approve to defer this item pending a report for the next meeting

Clerk to speak to SAJ regarding this item and producing a report to support this proposal for consideration at a future meeting.

70 Governance

a) To Consider Management Companies Open Space policy

JSH clarified that this is a consideration of a motion, to be a separate agenda item as motion submitted by the Councillor (TV)

Proposed: JSH

Seconded: AA

Against: None

Abstentions: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve to defer this item pending a report for the next meeting

b) To Consider Lone Working Policy

Proposed: JSH

Seconded: GP

Against: None

Abstentions: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve the lone working policy

71 Health and Safety

Fire door is operable

GP Highlighted risk of leaving the building on wet floor

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

GP – Talked about Greenham Peace Women event and would like the Parish Council has agreed to send thanks for inviting the Councillors. JSH confirmed that this would require approval.

GP – Provided an update on the Gurkhas that was highlighted at the last Parish Council meeting. The Government as agreed to talk to the Gurkhas regarding their pension dispute

PB – Confirmed attendance at the St Mary's Fun Day. Also confirmed the cancellation of the Racecourse Christmas event.

AA – Would like an agenda item added to build a shed to store miniature railway parts. Also enquired about investments that the Parish Council can make

Meeting ended 9:44pm