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Minutes of Greenham Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on 13th April 2022 – St Mary's Church

Present:

Cllr Martin Griffiths (MG)
Cllr Julian Swift-Hook
Cllr Gary Puffett (GP)
Cllr Steve Jones (SJ)
Cllr Adrian Abbs (AA)
Cllr Sally-Ann Jay (SAJ)
Cllr Ken Neal (KN)
Cllr Alison Blackborow (AB)

In attendance:

Clerk
Chaired by: Steve Jones
One Member of the public

Meeting began at: 7:30 pm

GPC (Greenham Parish Council) Full Council meeting 13th April 2022

137 Public Session

Member of the public questioned the deadline dates on the Racecourse Planning application and why the submission dates were so early.

SJ asked the parishioner to send any comments to the Clerk

AA explained the process for receiving comments at WBDC and how to contact the Western District Councillors to give them comments on a specific planning application, specifically the Racecourse application.

Member of the public left 7:41pm

138 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Chris Austin
Cllr Phil Barnett
Cllr Tony Vickers
Cllr Billy Drummond

139 Declarations of Interest, Statements of Position and Dispensations

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

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

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

SJ – Greenham Parish Council representative for Greenham Control Tower

JSH – Distribution committee of Greenham Trust, GPC rep on the Commission

140 Approval of Minutes

a. **To approve** minutes of GPC Meeting held on 9th March 2022

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: GP

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve of minutes of GPC Meeting held on 9th March 2022

Remove 'Not More' from 128c and planning change, remove excessive and add insufficient

141 Chairman's Report

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

Chairman's report we agreed that we would invite potential candidate with a view to co-option at the June meeting

Clerk will invite the potential new Councillor to the May meeting

142 Clerk's Report

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

Clerk confirmed the following:

Final defibrillator has been installed at the Diamond playing field

Dog Bins are due to be installed within Greenham in April 2022

Cherry tree plaques have been installed

143 Finance

a) **To approve** April 2022 GPC payments

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: SAJ

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously Approval of April 2022 GPC payments

be supported and suggested that the Parish council uses existing groups to support refugees.
JSH – Explained the procedures for donating using S137 grants, as per the Greenham s137 policy.
KN – Asked if there could be a caveat on the cheque asking for funds to be spent on Greenham residents
GP – Would like to propose that this is on next month's agenda
Clerk to add this item to the May agenda

Amendment proposed by JSH to increase the donation to £5,000

Proposed: JSH

Seconded: MG

Abstentions: None

Against: 3

Resolved: To amend the proposed donation from £1,500 to £5,000 to the Greenham Trust Ukrainian appeal for the benefit of residents and their Ukrainian guests within Greenham who are hosting Ukrainian refugees within Greenham Parish

AA withdrew his proposal

SJ withdrew seconding the proposal

Proposed: JSH

Seconded: SAJ

Abstentions: 2

Against: 1

Resolved: To approve a donation of £5,000 to the Greenham Trust Ukrainian appeal for the benefit of residents and their Ukrainian guests within Greenham who are hosting Ukrainian refugees within Greenham Parish

e) To approve an increase of £2K to Dog bins budget line (from Free Reserves) for increased Dog bin emptying in Greenham Parish

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: SAJ

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve an increase of £2K to Dog bins budget line FY 22/23 (from Free Reserves) for increased Dog bin emptying in Greenham Parish and to send a press release

AA – Would like a press release sent, regarding extra dog waste bin emptying within Greenham Parish

f) To consider a donation of £364 to the St Mary's church Toddler Group

Proposed: KN

Seconded: AB

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously a donation of £364 to the St Mary's church Toddler Group

g) To consider Metro Bank forms for online banking set up

SJ, JSH, AA, AB and the Clerk to be set up as online users

h) To approve additional signatories for the GPC Metro Bank Account

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: GP

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously Cllr Alison Blackborow to become a signatory on the GPC Metro Bank Account

i) **To approve** a one off set up fee of £125 to add five Internet banking users

Proposed: JSH

Seconded: SAJ

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve a one off set up fee of £125 to add five Internet banking users

144 Planning and Highways

a. **To consider** any GPC comments on the [Ashford hill and Headley Neighbourhood plan](#)

AA – Would like GPC to think about creating a Neighbourhood plan

In support of Parish councils developing Neighbourhood plan and Greenham is planning to develop its own Neighbourhood plan

145 GPC Environment

a. **To consider** GPC Wildlife Garden project

MG – Would like GPC to talk to the Control Tower to clarify that the Wildlife Garden is moving in a direction that the tower is in agreement with

AB – Clarified that Nigel Manley has been keep informed with regards to the Wildlife Garden plans

SAJ – Is of the opinion that the sum of money proposed for the garden is a large amount of money

KN – Considers that the garden would draw people to the Control Tower as a visitor

AB – Would like the councillors to be generally more cohesive

AA – Expressed doubts about the project finishing within the approved budget of £20K

JSH – Asked for clarification about where the funding for the Wildlife Garden is being sourced from. Clerk confirmed that the funds earmarked, are CIL funds

MG – Expressed a view that a decision was made by the Council, however, MG is concerned about whether this is the best use of money for the Control Tower

SJ – Suggested that GPC approach the Control Tower and ask them for suggestions as to how the Control Tower would spend the money.

AB – Reiterated that she would like the Council to be more cohesive and work together on this project

KN – Highlighted the issues with rising prices for a project of this nature

SJ – Would like the Wildlife working party and GPC Councillors to meet, to discuss alternative plans for the gardens at the Control Tower and then come back to the next GPC meeting with an update.

b. To consider BBOWT Warden Report

AA – Thinks it's an important to consider the environmental issues facing the Common

SJ – Would like the GPC representative to talk to the Greenham and Crookham common commission regarding the report. Would like to consider representing the views of parishioners that have objected to the amount of the common that has restricted access.

146 Health and Safety

The doors are unlocked
Noted that it was slightly cold in the hall

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

MG – Highlighted that he will be away for the weekend of the Platinum Jubilee
AA – Suggested that the Chair attend the St Mary's church Jubilee event
AB – 21st May there will be a community litter pick within Greenham, meeting at 10am
SAJ – Facebook support group to support Ukrainian families if anyone would like a link.

Part II section began

9:30pm finished