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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREENHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ST MARY'S  
CHURCH HALL, GREENHAM ON 13<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016 AT 7.30PM**

**Present:**

Cllr P Barnett (Chairman)	Cllr Arthur Johnson
Cllr Ernie Hicks	Cllr Chris Austin
Cllr S Westbrook	Roger Chester, Clerk of the Council
Cllr Chris Dewhurst	

**In attendance:**

1 member of the Press, Chris Lawrence (SE Allotments Chair) and Steve Larkin, parish resident

**1. Apologies were received from:**

Cllr Pragna Hay	Cllr B Drummond
Cllr G Puffett	Cllr H Westbrook
Cllr A Agutter	Cllr J Swift-Hook
Cllr S Huxtable	Cllr Teresa King

**2. Declarations of Interest, Statements of Position and Dispensations**

- a. Cllr Arthur Johnson declared the any views that I may express about planning matters and other business before this Council tonight are in my capacity as a member of *this* Council (Greenham Parish) and are based on the information before me tonight. If and when I consider any of the items at any future time in my capacity as a member of Newbury Town Council, I will consider each item on its merits at that time, taking full account of all the facts and information which are put before me at that time, as a result of which **I may well form a different view from any view I may express tonight.**
- b. Cllr Barnett advised excluding himself from any discussion regarding Park House School and the Sandford Development.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016.**

- a. The Minutes of the Meeting held 9th March 2016, having been circulated previously were proposed by Cllr Hicks, seconded by Cllr S Westbrook unanimously approved by those in attendance at that meeting

**4. Matters to Report**

- a. Matters arising from the Minutes of the Meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016.
  - i. Neighbourhood Warden Scheme – it was reported that meetings had been held with a view to establishing a revised service going forward, but feedback had yet to be received.
  - ii. Details of the bus shelters proposed within the Racecourse development had been circulated. It was decided to defer decision as to whether these would be under the control of the Parish Council until formally handed over.
  - iii. Correspondence had been received regarding the felling of 6 hybrid poplars at the western end of the Common. It was noted that the decision to remove these trees had been made by BBOWT and the Council was of the opinion to rely on expert advice.
  - iv. The Clerk reported an ongoing petition to create a right to appeal against the planning process.
  - v. Details of pedestrian/cycle access from Greenham Business Park to the Common had been circulated
  - vi. WBDC have issued a consultation plan regarding parking on Deadmans Lane. Action was deferred citing a need to review all parking and traffic management issued surrounding the

Motor Triangle and the Retail Park generally. This matter to be brought back to Council in due course.

- vii. An analysis of the tenders received with regard to roof repairs at the Control Tower – see item 10 below.
- viii. It was noted that other than a communication to the Clerk from Cllr Julian Swift-Hook, citing that he would reply to any specific request for information relating to the Control Tower Project if he was in a position to do so, no other response had been received to requests for documents, materials, reports, keys or any other relevant items to be handed over to the Control Tower Committee.
- ix. It was noted that the website was out of date in a number of matters, in particular members' interests.
- x. A Grant Application had been received from St Mary the Virgin, Greenham for £600.00 to assist in the annual running costs of the Church and grounds. The application was proposed by Cllr S Westbrook and seconded by Cllr Chris Austin and passed unanimously.
- xi. Quotations for the Governance audit had been circulated. After review it was decided to proceed with LGRC Associates Limited at a fee of £995.00 plus VAT, plus expenses not expected to exceed £50. Proposed by Cllr S Westbrook, seconded by Cllr Arthur Johnson, passed unanimously.
- xii. Contact had been made by the Head of Outdoor Arts at the Corn Exchange, requesting whether the Control Tower might be available for a Crossing Lines Project scheduled for August 2016. Whilst the Council applauded the project, due to the uncertainty regarding completion dates for the Control Tower, it felt unable to consider this approach.

## 5. Public Session

- a. The Chairman Chris Lawrence, Chair of the SE Allotments, who reported that currently there were 10 empty plots, and that he was aware that Greenham residents were actively seeking allotments, but were disbarred as they were not Newbury residents. Cllr Arthur Johnson proposed, Cllr S Westbrook seconded that the Clerk and Cllr Chris Austin approach Newbury Town Council to seek a solution. This was passed unanimously. The Chairman thanked Chris Lawrence for his explanation

## 6. Planning & Licensing

- a. Rivar Application – 167 units on Pinchington Lane
  - i. Drawings had only been received on the day of the meeting, and were examined during the meeting. Cllrs Chris Austin and Steve Westbrook declared their interest due to the proximity to the site.
  - ii. Steve Larkin, who distributed a paper setting out his objections to this application, was invited to speak. He outlined, what in his opinion, were the reasons for objection.
  - iii. The Council noted his paper and set out their views:
    - 1. This development served to close the gap between Newbury and Greenham
    - 2. Density
    - 3. Traffic considerations, including rat-running
    - 4. Loss of open space
    - 5. Protected wild life (dormice)
    - 6. Ecology and air quality
  - iv. Cllr Arthur Johnson proposed and Cllr Ernie Hicks seconded the proposal to object on the grounds set out above; the proposal was passed with Cllrs Austin and Westbrook abstaining. Cllr Arthur Johnson left the meeting (20.55).
- b. 40 Stroud Green
  - i. No objection
- c. Burys Bank House
  - i. Planning overturned on appeal – Greenham Parish Council's decision to object advised as unchanged.
- d. Dream Lodge
  - i. Proposed by Cllr Phil Barnett, seconded by Cllr Westbrook to defer until more details are available.
- e. 17 Denham Drive
  - i. Cllr Ernie Hicks offered to view site and report back.
- f. Abex House
  - i. No Objections
  - ii.

## 7. Finance & Accounts for payment

Cheques for payment

		£
Hogans Electrical	CT	457.20
Sundog maintenance	CT	154.00
Greenham Business park	Office	480.00
Eon	CT	47.49
HMRC	Clerk	176.42
Clerk Salary	Clerk	962.34
Greenham PCC	room hire	177.50
SSE (Bus Shelters)	GPC	51.81
WBDC Dog bins	GPC	97.68
H Westbrook	expenses	472.40

- a. The payments listed above were proposed by Cllr S Westbrook, seconded by Cllr C Austin, and passed unanimously.

## 8. Control Tower

- a. Cllr S Westbrook, in his capacity as Chairman of the Control Tower Committee (CTC) presented a comprehensive report detailing the current position of the project.
- i. It was noted that at the last Control Tower Committee meeting (held March 31, 2016) Cllr Ernie Hicks was co-opted onto the Committee, Cllr Shirley Huxtable had agreed to become a committee substitute at the previous meeting (held February 25 2016). It is requested that these appointments be endorsed by the Council. Proposed by Cllr S Westbrook, seconded by Cllr Phil Barnett, and passed unanimously.
  - ii. Flat Roof & Guttering
    1. Quotations have been received and have been evaluated and circulated. The recommendation is to proceed with Midland Felt Roofing on the basis that the terms and specification of works is deferred until the Surveyor had reported back to confirm no other action was required with respect to the roof repairs. Work is required in order to protect the asset. Proposed by Cllr S Westbrook, seconded by Cllr Chris Austin, and passed unanimously.
  - iii. Oil Tank
    1. Re-siting of the tank to the secure area is deemed to be necessary in order to both protect the asset and its contents, as well as reducing risk and potential expense of ground contamination. Proposed to place contracts to carry out the move was made by Cllr S Westbrook, seconded by Cllr Chris Austin and passed unanimously.
  - iv. Terms of Reference
    1. Revised Terms of Reference raising the financial limit to reflect current budget totals, having been circulated, were proposed by Cllr Chris Austin, seconded by Cllr S Westbrook and passed unanimously.
  - v. Discussions on the nature of the organisation to manage the building post completion were deferred, noting that the constituent members of the new organisation would be critical to its success and effective delivery of the Vision. Members were encouraged to give thought to potential candidates and advise Cllr Steve Westbrook.

It was noted that the current state of the car park was unlikely to attract visitors or other interested parties.
  - vi. Funding
    1. The application to the Public Works Loan Board is in progress.
  - vii. A draft response to the Audit Report issued by BDO has been issued and circulated; members were asked to review and report back with any comments. Absence of reply will conclude responses are agreed.

## 9. Any Other Business

- a. It was noted that the Park Run held at Greenham Common was a free activity, but that there were moves elsewhere to introduce charges. It was strongly felt that this should be resisted should the issue be raised.

## 10. The meeting closed at 21.50