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Minutes of Greenham Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting held at 7.30 pm on 20th January 2021 via Zoom

Present:

Cllr Steve Jones (SJ)
Cllr Adrian Abbs (AA)
Cllr Gary Puffett (GP)
Cllr Sally Ann-Jay (SAJ)
Cllr Phil Barnett (PB)
Cllr Julian Swift-Hook (JSH)
Cllr Martin Griffiths (MG)
Cllr William Drummond (BD)
Cllr Philippa Harper (PH)

In attendance:

Clerk
Chaired by Steve Jones
Three members of the public present

7:30pm Meeting started

GPC (Greenham Parish Council) Extraordinary meeting 20th January 2021

134 Public Session

Three members of the public were present at the meeting
SJ reiterated GPC's view on the Diamond Playing field, Greenham Parish Council does not support the proposed plan from West Berkshire District Council (WBDC), to use the Diamond Playing field as Plan B.

Member of the public – Asked if the land could be purchased to stop this happening in the future

JSH – Outlined the costs involved in purchasing the land

SAJ - Also outlined the procedures involved in creating a village green

SJ – Reiterated again that the Parish Council are not in support of the football ground potentially moving to the Diamond Playing field

Member of the Public – Confirmed that the field is well used by members of the public on a daily basis

AA – Confirmed that a letter has been sent to WBDC regarding this plan, with the support

of the Ward councillors. AA encouraged members of the public to also contact West Berkshire District Council regarding this matter.

SAJ – Would like to set up a Community action group to look at this issue.

JSH – Outlined the difference between a Community action group and a Parish Working party and the benefits of both.

BD – Is also not in support of the Diamond playing field becoming the Newbury Town Football Ground

Member of the public – Highlighted that the Diamond Playing field may not meet the standards for Sport England or the Football Association.

SAJ – Asked Parishioners to contact the Clerk if they'd like to join a Community Action Group

Members of the public left the meeting at 7:58pm

135 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Chris Ferguson (CF)

Cllr Tony Vickers (TV)

Cllr Alison Blackborow (AB)

Cllr Chris Austin (CA)

Cllr Ken Neal (KN)

136 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 (Sub), 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 Kick Fire Group

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

BD - – Commissioner on Greenham and Crookham Commons Commission, Newbury Town Council, West Berkshire District Councillor

The remainder of the meeting will be recorded and then deleted when minutes have been checked.

137 To Approve GPC Budget 2021/22

Proposed: JSH

Seconded: PH

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve GPC Budget 2021/22 with a precept figure of £103,724

AA – Still has reservations about some budget lines and would like make it clear that the budget spend is only up to the amounts stated in the budget.

SJ – Also confirmed that these are maximum amounts to spend and won't necessarily be spent

SAJ – Asked for clarification of the S137 Grant amounts. The Clerk clarified the amounts.

EXPENDITURE:	Budget 20/21	Actual to end of November	Predicted Out-Turn 20/21	Budget 21/22
Salaries	45,000	28,005	44,000	44,000
Office rent	3,300	2,000	3,000	3,000
Stationery (New)	2,000	1,390	2,000	2,150
Allotment Expenses	0	0	0	2,500
Travel (New)	0	0	0	50
Office IT Support/Website Maintenance (New)	1,500	120	200	800
Website Maintenance (Will be removed)	1,000	see new lines	120	n/a
Hall Hire for Meetings	300	0	0	300
Audit Fees	1,200	845	1,350	1,350
Legal/professional fees	1,500	510	510	500
Insurance	2,500	1,637	1,637	1,800
Subscriptions	1,350	1,479	1,479	1,500
Salt Bins (Now combined with Dog bins)	2,700	see new lines	1,500	n/a
Salt bins and Dog Bin (New)	0	0	0	2,000
Bus shelter & VAS electric (New)	0	249	290	200
Dog Bins/Bus shelter (to be removed)	1,000	see new lines	710	n/a
Street furniture Maintenance (New)	0	589	0	1,500
Churchyard Maintenance	800	0	0	n/a
Training	500	10	50	500
S.137 Grants	12,000	18,980	18,980	22,800
NHS – defibrillator	0	430	430	n/a
Citizen’s Advice Bureau	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Devolution fund	0	0	0	n/a
Community presence	5,000	618	618	7,000
Parish Plan	2,000	0	0	n/a
<i>Greenham and Crookham common Commission Support (New)</i>	0	0	0	0
Election	0	0	0	n/a
Greenham Control Tower				
Control Tower professional fees	removed			
Control Twr Revenue	0	0	0	n/a
PWLB loan repayment 1	4,970	4,970	4,970	4,970

PWLB loan repayment 2	1,804	902	1,804	1,804
Control Tower project fund	0	0	0	n/a
CT support grant	0	0	0	n/a
CT Running Costs	0	0	0	n/a
CT Building Maintenance Fund	15,000	450	450	n/a
Strategy Fund	removed			
Contingency	2,000	0	180	n/a
Total Expenditure	112,424	68,184	89,278	103,724
INCOME:	Budget 20/21	Actual to end of November	Predicted Out-Turn 20/21	Budget 21/22
Precept	101,457	101,457	101,457	103,724
Reserves	10,967	0	0	0
Total Income	112,424	101,457	101,457	103,724
Precept increase / (decrease) on previous year	-3,047			2,267
Actual over / (under) spend			-12,179	
Notes				
Free/General reserve held at 1st April	80,545	--	--	--
PRECEPT PER HOUSEHOLD:	2020/21		% incr	2021/22
TAX BASE	2,515.04		0	2,571.08
PRECEPT PER BAND D HOUSEHOLD	£40.34			£40.34
<i>Inc/(decr) on previous year</i>	<i>£0.00</i>			<i>£0.00</i>

138 To approve GPC response to WBDC (West Berkshire District Council) regarding the Diamond Playing field

Proposed: JSH

Seconded: SJ

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve the GPC response is to send a letter to the leader of WBDC expressing GPC's opposition to the Diamond Playing field being used as a home for Newbury Town Football Club and also expressing our support for the campaign to find a home for Newbury Town Football club in Newbury

JSH – Would like a letter to be sent to WBDC expressing GPC's opposition to the scheme.

Suggested that possibly a small amount of money could be set aside to help with the Community Group

Clerk to provide an update on the precept leaflet that is being produced.

Suggested that an agenda item could be added to the next Full Council meeting to discuss a small amount of funding. Also suggested sending a press release after this meeting to make the local media aware.

Suggested delegating authority to the Clerk to liaise with the Vice Chair and Chair regarding sending a Press release

GP – Expressed his support for finding a new ground for Newbury Football Club.

SAJ – Will contact the Clerk with a proposal as to how the Parish Council can help the Community Group

AA – Suggested that the Press release is aimed at national media organisations.

JSH – Offered support from Kennet Radio to highlight this issue. Two issues, GPC does not support Newbury town moving to the Diamond playing field but the parish council does support Newbury Town Council finding a ground. Suggested finding out what the action is from Newbury Town Council. Suggested a possible figure of £1,000 to add to the next agenda in February.

139 Health and Safety

No issues reported

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

Nothing added from members

SJ – Thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting

Meeting ended 8:35pm