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Minutes of Greenham Parish Council held at 7 pm on 11th March 2021 via Zoom

Present:

Cllr Steve Jones (SJ)
Cllr Adrian Abbs (AA)
Cllr Gary Puffett (GP)
Cllr Martin Griffiths (MG)
Cllr Phil Barnett (PB)
Cllr William Drummond (BD)

In attendance:

Clerk
Chaired by Steve Jones
One member of the public present

Meeting began at: 7pm

GPC (Greenham Parish Council) Full Council meeting 11th March 2021

159 Public Session

No comments from members of the public

160 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Philippa Harper (PH)
Cllr Alison Blackborow (AB)
Cllr Chris Austin (CA)
Cllr Chris Ferguson
Cllr Tony Vickers (TV)
Cllr Ken Neal (KN)
Cllr Julian Swift- Hook (JSH)
Cllr Sally-Ann Jay (SAJ)

161 Declarations of Interest, Statements of Position and Dispensations

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

Nothing to declare

162 To Consider the Greenham Parish Council Parish Plan

SJ – Talked about the current Parish Plan and whether it will be refreshed or not. The Chair

highlighted that a number of the tasks from the Parish Plan have not been carried out since the plan was created.

AA – Also can't recall referring to the Parish Plan in the three years he has been at the Council

BD – Proposed that Greenham Trust help to fund the last Parish Plan.

PB – Agrees with BD. He wasn't involved in referencing the Parish Plan at any point.

MG – What value will the Parish gain from writing a Parish Plan. He considers that Greenham Parish Council have enough projects to work on without producing a Parish Plan

GP – Questioned if the Parish Plan is just a 'paper exercise' more than adding value. Thinks we could possibly drop the production of a new plan, at the moment but look at picking it up in the future

MG – Thinks a smaller document stating our intentions for the next year might be more relevant than a Parish Plan.

AA – Has heard reference to parish Plans at Western area planning meetings but doesn't feel that the District Councillors have referred to any Parish Plans. Asked if the plan would carry any weight if it's produced in the future.

SJ – Would like the Parish to focus on Community Engagement group projects

GP – Reiterated again that it's not a legal requirement to produce a Parish Plan. Thinks GPC could use the Parish website more effectively.

SJ – Summarised that Councillors are all agreed that a Parish Plan is not required at present for the Parish Council

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: BD

Against: None

Abstentions: None

Resolved: To unanimously resolve that a parish plan is not pursued for GPC currently

163 Health and Safety

No issues

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

None to add currently

7:20pm Meeting ended