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Minutes of Greenham Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on 14th July 2021 – Greenham Community Youth Centre

Present:

Cllr Steve Jones (SJ)
Cllr Martin Griffiths (MG)
Cllr Billy Drummond (BD)
Cllr Chris Austin (CA)
Cllr Ken Neal (KN)
Cllr Adrian Abbs (AA)
Cllr Phil Barnett (PB)
Cllr Chris Ferguson (CF)

In attendance:

Clerk
Chaired by Steve Jones
Jeremy Willis – Control Tower

Meeting began at: 7:31pm

GPC (Greenham Parish Council) Full Council meeting 14th July 2021

34 Public Session

AA – Enquired about the significance of the amount donated by the Parish Council towards the proposed Control Tower project. How much is required for the project to go ahead.

Jeremy Willis – Explained the scope of the Control Tower project and request for funds. Storage is required and more space for Hygiene processes to continue the takeaway and outside eating service that is now being provided by the Control Tower.

7:33pm KN arrived at the meeting.

Jeremy Willis - Quote has been received for the proposed building work to the Control Tower. There are two proposed building plans with different budgets attached to them.

7:36pm PB arrived at the meeting

AA – Has some concerns that the kitchen was refurbished 3 years and questioned why further funds are required for the Control Tower.

BD – Confirmed that a proportion of the required funds will be provided by members bids made by the District Councillors.

Member of the public left the meeting 7:45pm

35 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Alison Blackborow (AB)
Cllr Sally-Ann Jay (SAJ)
Cllr Gary Puffett (GP)
Cllr Tony Vickers (TV)
Cllr Julian Swift-Hook (JSH)

36 Declarations of Interest, Statements of Position and Dispensations

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

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

SJ – Greenham Parish Council representative for Greenham Control Tower

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, Appearing as an Environmental Energy Expert at the Sandleford Enquiry

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

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

37 Approval of Minutes

a) To approve minutes of GPC Meeting held on 9th June 2021

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: BD

Abstentions: CF, AA

Against: None

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the GPC Meeting held on 9th June 2021

Add 'Unanimously' to Point 'f' under the Finance section

Add Community Engagement minutes to minutes sheet

Change wording in last section

b) To approve minutes of the GPC staffing committee 11th February 2021

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: BD

Abstentions: KN, AA, CF

Against: None

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the GPC staffing committee 11th February 2021

c) **To approve** minutes of the GPC staffing committee 4th March 2021

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: MG

Abstentions: KN, AA, CF

Against: None

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the GPC staffing committee 4th March 2021

d) **To approve** minutes of the GPC staffing committee 24th March 2021

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: BD

Abstentions: KN, AA, CF

Against: None

Resolved: To approve the minutes of the GPC staffing committee 24th March 2021

38 **Chairman's Report**

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

Nothing to report from the Chairman

39 **Clerk's Report**

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

Clerk reported on reply received from Anthony Pick regarding the positioning of a Blue Plaque at St Gabriel's School.

BD Declared an interest as a Member of the Heritage Group

CA – Would like GPC to write to Anthony Pick expressing GPC's disappointment regarding the positioning of the Blue plaque.

Proposed: CA

Seconded : AA

Abstentions: BD

Against: None

Resolved: To approve that the Clerk contact Anthony Pick regarding the situation of the plaque, contrary to all norms of past positioning of Blue Plaques and that the offer of funding be withdrawn.

40 **Finance**

a) **To approve** July 2021 GPC payments

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: AA

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve July 2021 GPC payments

Councillors notifying them.

- d) To consider** a donation of up to £10,000 towards Control Tower Building project (Control Tower Reserve Fund)

Proposed: MG

Seconded: KN

Abstentions: CF

Against: None

Resolved: To approve a donation of up to £10,000 towards the amount of £15K funding required by the project for the Control Tower Building project (Control Tower Reserve Fund). If WBDC say no to the members bid. GPC will approach Greenham Trust to enquire about match funding the amount donated by GPC, to enable the project to go ahead.

Clerk to check what defines infrastructure definition for the use of CIL Money

BD – Outlined the funding available from the members of WBDC for this project

MG – Would like community projects to be more central to the Parish council funding plan.

SJ – Agrees that GPC need a range of projects to be financed across the whole community

CA – Supports the takeaway service offered by the Control tower and is prepared to support the funding of this project.

KN – Suggested the minimum donation to encourage WBDC to make a contribution

AA – Would like to propose that £8.5K is donated to this request to allow the project to go ahead.

KN – Would like to know if there is an indication about future donation requests from the Tower

MG - Would like to propose £10K for this project

SJ – Asked if there are any conditions attached to this donation. Conditions were outlined for the Clerk to add to the approval.

41 Planning and Highways

- a) To consider** all planning applications received up to the date of the meeting

1	32 Dalby Crescent Newbury West Berkshire RG14 7LB Mr A Hart	Single Storey side/Rear extension	21/01361/HOUSE Proposed: AA Seconded: BD Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: To unanimously approve to submit no objections
2	Church Cottage 1 Burys Bank Road Greenham Thatcham West Berkshire RG19 8SL	Proposed extensions and alterations (ref. expired planning consent 14/00400/HOUSE)	21/01611/HOUSE Proposed: AA Seconded: BD Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: To unanimously approve to submit no objections
3	137 Greenham Business Park Greenham Thatcham West Berkshire RG19 6HN Groomers Ltd	Proposed new roller shutter door vehicular entrance to front elevation. Internal alterations to improve manufacturing model and staff change facilities	21/01632/FUL Proposed: AA Seconded: BD Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: To unanimously approve to submit no objections

b) To consider installation of speed advisory signals within the Parish

BD – Received an email from a Parishioner regarding the removal of the speed camera within Greenham

PB – Considers speed cameras to be a deterrent to motorists

AA – Would like the cost of speed advisory signals investigated for the next Parish Council meeting

c) To consider Newbury Town FC moving to Newbury Rugby Ground (AA)

AA – Spoke to Monks Lane residents regarding moving Newbury Football club to the Rugby Ground to gain the local opinion regarding moving the football club to the ground. Identified parking as an issue for this site.

SJ – Considers the infrastructure issues to be worse at the Diamond Playing field

CA – Would like to see the Club move back to the original site in Newbury

KN – Asked if the Club have a sustainable travel plan

AA – Write to West Berkshire council regarding the increased traffic if football is moved to the Rugby club. AA to draft letter for the Clerk to send.

d) To consider GPC comments on the WBDC Winter Plan 2021/22

BD – Dalby Crescent, Pigeon’s farm, Epsom Crescent, Ascot close – would like these roads put on the standard list of roads to be gritted.

42 Community Engagement

- a. **To receive** a report from the Community Engagement Working Group

Community Engagement report covered earlier in the meeting. Community Engagement report to be circulated by the Clerk

43 GPC Environment

- a) **To consider** Air Source heat Pump installation for Greenham control Tower

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: BD

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve that the Clerk commissions a heat survey for the Control Tower, at a cost of no more £500

AA – Explained the quotes that have been received from the three site visits at the Control Tower. Would like to commission a heat survey to determine exactly what would be required for the project

KN – Enquired how many kilowatts the current oil burning system uses to compare it to a proposed Air source heat pump system.

- b) **To consider** Electric Vehicle Charging point installation

Proposed: AA

Seconded: BD

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve more investigation into Electric Vehicle Charging point installation

CA – Would like some evidence that the charging points are being used in the Parish.

- c) **To provide** an update on the Wildlife Garden project

Clerk confirmed that a Wildlife Working party Meeting is planned for this Friday to discuss the draft proposal.

44 Health and Safety

Nothing to report

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

CA – Would like GPC to support the Park Run and added to the next agenda

AA – Is in favour of the run but would like some controls introduced

Meeting closed at 9:20pm

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