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Minutes of Greenham Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on 9th March 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 Tony Vickers (TV)
Cllr Billy Drummond (BD)
Cllr Phil Barnett (PB)
Cllr Ken Neal (KN)

In attendance:

Clerk
Chaired by: Steve Jones

Nigel Manley – Greenham Control Tower
Tom Hayward - BBOWT
Two representatives from the Greenham Youth project
Four members of the public

Meeting began at: 7:30 pm

GPC (Greenham Parish Council) Full Council meeting 9th March 2022

121 Public Session

SJ would like to vote to move forward the BBOWT agenda item so it follows the Public Session

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: MG

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To Unanimously move agenda item number 9 to start after the Public session

Nigel Manley talked through the report that was circulated to the councillors, prior to the meeting.

SAJ arrived at 7:33pm

AA asked for clarification about what the Control Towers responsibilities in relation to the building and the grounds of the Control Tower.

Nigel Manley clarified the land boundary for the Control Tower

Ken Neal arrived at the meeting at 7:41pm

Nigel Manley highlighted that other stakeholder groups would like to be involved in the projects that are planned for the grounds of the Control Tower.

MG highlighted the lack of information received from the Control Tower. The Clerk will speak to Nigel Manley so he can provide quarterly reports going forward, to be reviewed at the monthly parish council meetings.

SAJ – Thanked the Control Tower for rising to the challenge of Covid and surviving throughout the pandemic.

122 GPC Environment

- a. **To consider** parishioners concerns over BBOWT's significant restrictions of access to the common

To Approve to Suspend Standing orders (7:46pm)

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: TV

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve to suspend GPC Standing orders to allow members of the public to speak

TV declared an interest as a member of the Local Access forum and the Greenham and Crookham Common Commission

KN Commoner and Vice Chair Greenham and Crookham Common Commission

JSH GPC Representative on the Greenham and Crookham Common Commission

BD Member of the Greenham and Crookham Common Commission

SJ expressed concerns that he has been receiving complaints from Greenham Parishioners regarding lack of access on Greenham Common

Tom Hayward was sent questions, received from the Councillors, prior to the meeting by the Clerk. Tom Hayward confirmed that the areas on the common haven't been changed, but that the signage has been made more prominent. Outlined Red and Green zones within the Common.

There are seasonal wardens between March and July who talk to members of the public about the common. WBDC then seek permission from The Greenham and Crookham Common Commission to introduce any restrictions on the common. BBOWT then enforce those permissions and report to the Greenham and Crookham Common Commission at the quarterly meetings that are held.

SJ highlighted the overcrowding of Greenham Common as he understands it.

SAJ – Thinks that the restrictions on the common have been increased

PB – Recalled that the Common was originally intended as an open space.

TV – Explained the basis and content of the Commons Act 2002. Conservation is the primary concern of the act and recreation was the second option.

Tom Hayward went through the questions sent by the Clerk.

Tom Hayward confirmed that breeding birds have been more successful due to the restrictions but some of the species are still struggling.

AA – Is of the opinion that West Berkshire District Council should be contacted with any parishioner enquiries regarding restricted access to the common

The councillors thanks Tom Hayward for attending the meeting.

Tom Hayward left the meeting at 8:33pm

Vote To reinstate GPC Standing orders (8:34pm)

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: TV

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve to reinstate GPC Standing orders

123 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Alison Blackborow

Cllr Chris Austin

124 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, interest in 7e

BD – Trustee of Greenham and Common Trust, Commoners Commission, Newbury Town Council, West Berkshire Council

PB - Commoners Commission, Newbury Town Council, West Berkshire Council

TV - Commoners Commission, Newbury Town Council, West Berkshire Council

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

125 Approval of Minutes

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

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: BD

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve the Minutes of the Greenham Parish Council Meeting held on 9th February 2022

126 Chairman's Report

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

The Chairman had nothing to report

127 Clerk's Report

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

Clerk informed the Councillors that a backdated pay rise has been agreed by NALC
There were some surplus refreshments from the Cherry Tree planting and these will now be donated to the Community Youth project

Against: AA

Resolved: To approve an amount of not more than £1,600 for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee event

- d) **To consider** funding a referendum for a Community Governance Review at a cost of no more than £2,500

TV has confirmed that this amount is no longer required from GPC

- e) **To consider** a donation of £700 to the West Berks Therapy Centre

SJ left the room for this discussion

MG supports this project

Proposed: MG

Seconded: TV

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve a donation of £700 to the West Berks Therapy Centre

- f) **To consider** a donation to the Community Youth Project

SJ asked Claire to come back with a more detailed project and a specific amount that they would like the councillors to consider a donation at the April meeting.

Youth project representative left the meeting at 8:52pm

- g) **To consider** a donation to the Uprooted Project

AA would like more detail on the size of the proposed statue.

To Approve to Suspend Standing orders 8:56pm

Proposed: PB

Seconded: SJ

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve to suspend GPC Standing orders

One of the Uprooted project members is present at the meeting. They confirmed that Greenham Trust have agreed to donate £5k to the project

SJ – Is of the opinion that the project should be supported by Greenham Parish Council

PB – Supports the project and a statue

TV – Considers that a planning application may be needed for the statue when it's built.

AA – Will not support the project as he doesn't think there is enough detail on the project brief provided.

BD – Would like his support for the project to be recorded

GP – Would like his support for the project to be recorded

SAJ – Expressed some concern that a site hasn't been found yet for the potential statue

MG – Suggested that alternative ways are found to commemorate the event

JSH – Expressed that the parish Council could agree in principle that the Parish Council could make a donation

TV – Would like to make a resolution that the council will pay towards the cost of the statue

Proposed: BD

Seconded: PB

Abstentions: One

Against: 5

Resolved: GPC voted against the approval of a donation of £5k to match Greenham trust £5k

donation subject to Planning application

The motion was not carried

AA – Talked about a permanent memorial to the Ugandan refugee crisis that isn't a statue

SJ – Feels strongly about art being funded by Greenham Parish Council and the use of Parish Council funds to build a statue

Proposed: KN

Seconded: JSH

Abstentions: SAJ

Against: 2

Resolved: To approve that GPC is supporting the project in principal and would like to approve an initial donation of £1000 to the funding of the project, with the possibility of a further donation to the project at a future time

The donation will be made via the Good Exchange

To Approve to Reinstate Standing orders 9:11pm

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: PB

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve to reinstate GPC Standing orders

129 Planning and Highways

- a. To Consider any Planning Applications

1	Land West Of Ecchinswell Road Bishops Green Newbury Hampshire	22/00174/OUT Outline application for up to 50 dwellings (Use Class C3) with associated open space and vehicular access off	<p>22/00174/OUT</p> <p>Proposed: JSH Seconded: AA Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: To object to the planning application.</p> <p>Reasons for objecting: This development will have a significant impact on the traffic along the A339 as well as a drain on resources in Newbury, as it is the largest local town. It will also greatly impact Greenham common as it is just to the south of the Common. The scale is completely out of kilter with what exists in the surrounding area. A neighbourhood plan is under way and does not support this development</p> <p>The Clerk will email the objection comments to Basingstoke and Deane Council PB – Thanks Tony Forward for his work on this project. Although this project is in Hampshire it will most impact WBDC and facilities, for example, schools.</p> <p>Vote To Suspend Standing orders</p> <p>Proposed: SJ Seconded: AA Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: Vote unanimously to suspend standing orders</p> <p>KN – Raised a concern that CIL money may not come to WBDC</p> <p>JSH – Would like the</p>
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			<p>reasons outlined for objecting.</p> <p>Insufficient number of affordable homes</p> <p>Pressure on the local roads</p> <p>Houses outside of Berkshire relying on employment and recreation within West Berkshire.</p> <p>There isn't any replacement land for common land lost as a result of this development</p> <p>Relates to number one above</p> <p>Vote To Reinstate Standing orders</p> <p>Proposed: SJ Seconded: JSH Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: Vote unanimously to reinstate standing orders</p>
2	<p>Harwood House Basingstoke Road Greenham Thatcham RG19 8HR</p> <p>Debbie Tucker</p>	<p>Demolition of existing kitchen structure to rear; Single storey extension to rear and Two storey extension to side creating New Kitchen, additional Utility Room and Bedroom.</p>	<p><u>22/00390/HOUSE</u></p> <p>Proposed: SJ Seconded: MG Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: Vote unanimously no objection to this application</p>
3	<p>Out Of District Planning Consultation Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Land West Of Ecchinswell Road Bishops Green, Hampshire</p> <p>Hathor Property</p>	<p>Out Of District Planning Consultation BDBC: Re: 22/00174/OUT: Outline application for up to 50 dwellings (Use Class C3) with associated open space and vehicular access off Ecchinswell Road, Bishops Green. All matters reserved except for access.</p>	<p><u>22/00507/OOD</u></p> <p>This application relates to application number one above</p>

4	<p>Out Of District Planning Consultation Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Land at Bishops Green Farm, Ecchinswell Road, Bishops Green, Hampshire</p> <p>Catesby Strategic Land Limited</p>	<p>Out Of District Planning Consultation BDBC: Re: 21/03598/OUT: Outline application with all matters reserved except access for: up to 350 dwellings, up to 0.5ha of land for community use; detailed means of access from Ecchinswell Road; landscaping; public open space; service infrastructure and associated works.</p>	<p>22/00508/OOD</p> <p>This application relates to application number one above</p>
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b. **To approve** CAT Scan costs (Installation of Dog bins)

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: BD

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve CAT Scan costs (Installation of Dog bins) Supplier A

c. **To consider** GPC becoming responsible for replenishing dog waste bin bag dispensers within the Parish

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: JSH

Abstentions: None

Against: TV

Resolved: To approve GPC becoming responsible for replenishing dog waste bin bag dispensers within the Parish

d. **To approve** an alternative Dog Waste Bin Supplier

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: MG

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve an alternative Dog Waste Bin Supplier A

e. **To review** the “INVADES” event and incident at the racecourse 20th February 2021 and decide what, if any further actions or requests, the Parish Council might have

AA – Explained the event had taken place at the Racecourse. Newbury Racecourse Chief Executive would like to meet Greenham Councillors to discuss this event. AA will inform the councillors of the date of the meeting and that a Greenham parish representative will attend the meeting.

The Greenham Parish councillors feel that what occurred at the event was completely unacceptable

130 Health and Safety

GP pointed out the cable behind the Clerk and the walking stick on the floor

SJ would like to register his thanks for the patience shown by people who attended the meeting.

GP Confirmed that the door is open

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

GP would like a message of solidarity and support sent to the Ukrainian embassy.

TV highlighted the correlation between the Ugandan refugees and the current refugee crisis.

9:56pm meeting finished

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