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Minutes of Greenham Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on 9th February 2022 – St Mary's Church

Present:

Cllr Martin Griffiths (MG)
Cllr Chris Austin (CA)
Cllr Gary Puffett (GP)
Cllr Steve Jones (SJ)
Cllr Adrian Abbs (AA)
Cllr Billy Drummond (BD)
Cllr Phil Barnett (PB)
Cllr Alison Blackborow (AB)
Cllr Ken Neal (KN)

In attendance:

Clerk
Chaired by: Steve Jones
Youth Project Representative and Jon Gage

Meeting began at: 7:30 pm

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

110 Public Session

Greenham Community Youth Project enquired about the Portacabin replacement building, planned for the Diamond Playing field

BD – Clarified the outline plan for replacing the current portacabin.

AA – Explained that there are three District Councillors that are also Greenham Parish Councillors and how they are involved in the overall project.

SJ – Asked Community Youth Project are there any smaller projects that Greenham Council can donate to?

Community Youth Project have a couple of smaller projects that require some funding, including a garden project and a van project.

Community Youth Project to send the Clerk details of the projects so a request can be added to the March agenda.

Left the meeting at 7:42pm

111 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Julian Swift-Hook (JSH)
Cllr Sally-Ann Jay (SAJ)
Cllr Tony Vickers (TV)

112 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
CA – Greenham and Crookham Common Commissioner, Commoner
KN – Vice Chair GCCC, Commoner, Grazier, Building Design and Environmental Consultant
SJ – Greenham Parish Council representative for Greenham Control Tower
BD – Trustee of Greenham and Common Trust

113 Approval of Minutes

a. **To approve** minutes of GPC Meeting held on 12th January 2022

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: GP

Abstentions: 2

Against: None

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Greenham Parish Council Meeting held on 12th January 2022

114 Chairman's Report

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

Nothing to report

115 Clerk's Report

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

Updated Councillors regarding new playground equipment and relayed a thank you email from Peace programme

Clerk reported an update on new playground equipment for the playground near Mandarin Drive.

Equine Way and Bowdown woods Dog waste bins are full, plus bins on Greenham Common are also full

Clerk to contact firm to start emptying dog waste bins within Greenham

116 Finance

a) **To approve** February 2022 GPC payments

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: BD

Resolved: To unanimously approve Meeting dates for FY 2022 – 23

d) To approve GPC Council tax leaflet

Proposed: AA

Seconded: GP

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve GPC Council tax leaflet

Clerk to send the leaflet to the printers and then to be forwarded to West Berkshire's distribution depot in Basingstoke

e) To consider approving an amount of not more than £250 to purchase two plaques for Cherry trees planted within the Parish in honour of people lost to Covid

AA – Does not support the plaques

GP – Supports the installation of plaques near the newly planted trees.

Proposed: GP

Seconded: BD

Abstentions: One

Against: None

Resolved: To approve an amount of not more than £250 to purchase two plaques for Cherry trees planted within the Parish in honour of people lost to Covid

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

Clerk to clarify when a referendum has to take place. Clerk to speak to TV and this item will be moved to the March agenda.

g) To approve upgrading the GPC Metro Bank to a Commercial Banking account, to enable online payments at a cost of £25 a month

Proposed: MG

Seconded: GP

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve upgrading the GPC Metro Bank to a Commercial Banking account, to enable online payments at a cost of £25 a month

h) To approve installation of a defib at the Diamond Playing field

Proposed: AB

Seconded: MG

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve installation of a defib at the Diamond Playing field

Clerk to confirm this location with West Berkshire Council

AA would like a press release to publicise this Defibrillator and dog bin emptying

117 Planning and Highways

a. To Consider any Planning Applications

1	Suites 23 - 26 169 Greenham Business Park Greenham Thatcham West Berkshire RG19 6HN Stacey Williams	Retrospective: change of use from B1 (class E) to class D2	22/00021/FUL Proposed: SJ Seconded: KN Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: To approve no objection
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2	<p>Land East Of Newbury College Monks Lane Newbury West Berkshire RG14 7TD</p>	<p>Hybrid application – shop, care home –would like GPC to ask that this application has an requirement added so the applicant will provide a footpath down the west side of the A339 between the roundabout and the new junction with Highcopse Way</p>	<p>21/03194/OUTMAJ</p> <p>Proposed: SJ Seconded: KN Abstentions: BD Against: None Resolved: To object based on AA suggestions, awaiting the report from Highways and objection based on not achieving the required BREEAM excellent needed by West Berkshire CS15</p> <p>BREEAM Excellent is a requirement for new major builds as of 2016 according to CS15 – The BREEAM pre assessment indicates only “Very Good” is being targeted CS15 SCREEN GRAB</p> <p>The Parish councillors cannot see any attempt at using ground source, air source or solar to mitigate the CO emissions caused by the build so that BREEAM Excellent is achieved</p> <p>Highways response is missing on the portal and the transport assessment provided clearly does not take the Bloor homes Sandleford traffic into account which will be determined by the Secretary of State this month.</p> <p>AA has suggested that this application be called in to Western Area Planning</p> <p>AA asked the Clerk to monitor this application KN – If the application is approved would it be possible to append a requirement for a footpath and cycle path on the western side of the A339 between Pinchington lane and High Copse Way</p>
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3	Site Of Former 113 Greenham Business Park Greenham Thatcham West Berkshire Greenham Trust	Industrial unit and workshop	22/00088/LDO Proposed: SJ Seconded: KN Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: To unanimously make no objection This is well within the already developed Greenham Trust
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118 GPC Environment

a. To consider Lockdown Trees on Stroud Green

CA – Would like to the Council to consider, that there are no more trees planted on Stroud Green

AB – Supports the trees on Stroud Green

BD- Supports some additional fruit trees being planted on the Stroud Green

AA – Cited an example of a consultation that was carried out in another area in Newbury to resolve a similar issue with planting trees and suggested that this could be an option for any further planting.

PB – Has concerns about areas that are populated with trees become areas for anti-social behaviour.

GP – Has also received complaints from Parishioners regarding the way that the trees have been planted on Stroud Green.

SJ – Is generally supportive of a consultation process suggested by AA

AA – Clerk to look into joining various residential groups on Facebook

SJ – Would like to propose that if there are any further trees planted on Stroud green, then there should be a consultation with local residents.

SJ – Would like the Clerk to write to WBDC and cite the complaints received from parishioners and ask that a consultation takes place in the future if any further trees are planted on Stroud Green.

119 Health and Safety

GP confirmed that the Fire Door in the hall is unlocked

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

BD – Is meeting Paul Hendry from WBDC regarding a piece of equipment that has been taken from the Common to the Control Tower.

MG – Would like to talk about the letter received from the Control Tower regarding future projects.

Clerk to ask the Control Tower to attend the Full Council meeting every quarter, from March 2022

PB – Asked about the Uprooted project and when it will appear on the agenda.

Clerk has asked to request more information regarding the Uprooted Project

CA – would like to know how long BBOWT will be running the common and if there is a break clause.

Meeting ended 21:02