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

Present:

Cllr Ken Neal (KN)
Cllr Martin Griffiths (MG)
Cllr Alison Blackborow (AB)
Cllr Julian Swift-Hook (JSH)
Cllr Gary Puffett (GP)
Cllr Billy Drummond (BD)
Cllr Sally-Ann Jay (SAJ)

In attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Blake
Chaired by: Julian Swift-Hook

Diamond Church – Two representatives

Meeting began at: 7:32 pm

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

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Diamond Church Representatives will speak later in the meeting

69 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Phil Barnett (PB)
Cllr Steve Jones (SJ)
Cllr Adrian Abbs (AA)
Cllr Chris Austin (CA)

70 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, Director of Greenham Trust

JSH – GPC Representative on Greenham and Crookham Commons Commission, Distribution committee of Greenham Trust

KN – Vice Chair GCCC, Commoner, Grazier, Building Design and Environmental Consultant, Trustee of Draught Busters

SAJ – Newbury Community Resource director

71 To Approve Minutes of GPC Meeting held on 12th October 2022

Proposed: BD

Seconded: KN

Abstentions: 1

Against: None

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of GPC Meeting held on 12th October 2022

72 Chairman's Report

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

Chairman not present so there was nothing to report

73 Clerk's Report

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

Clerk provided an update on the External lights planned for the Church car park and the proposed Waste Bin installation near Greenham Common. The Clerk explained that the certificate of Lawfulness needs to be completed and submitted and that West Berkshire District would not install any new bins at Greenham Common.

74 Finance

a) To consider donating funds to the Diamond Church Winter Funding appeal

Resolution to move agenda item 7d to the start of the Finance section

Proposed: JSH

Seconded: KN

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To approve that agenda item 7d is moved to the start of the Finance section

Resolution to Suspend standing orders to allow Diamond Church Representatives to speak

Proposed: BD

Seconded: KN

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To Suspend standing orders to allow Diamond Church Representatives to speak

Representative from the Diamond Church spoke to explain the project they are hoping to run from the Portacabin on the Diamond Playing field. Their visit tonight is to seek funding for this project. JSH thanked the Church for their explanation of the project and the funding required.

JSH asked if any further funding had been received from other organisations

Diamond Church representatives explained that they are at the start of investigating funding for this project

KN – Enquired about increased energy costs and whether these had been factored into the overall project costs.

MG – Express his concerns about the small number of families that could potentially benefit from the project, but he is supportive of the secondary list of costs provided

SAJ – Asked if there were any plans for the Parish Council to support the project long term after an initial donation.

GP – Echoed the support from the Parish Council for the project

BD – Enquired about which geographical area will be covered by the project

AB – Is also in support of this project and would like to see a donation towards some clothing as part of the funding

JSH – Highlighted that there is a section for clothing in the project details

Proposed: AB

Seconded: BD

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve a donation of up to £1700 to include all of the secondary list, winter clothing and with a requirement that the tumble drier should be a condenser tumble drier to the Diamond Church Winter Funding appeal as an initial donation, with the proviso that the Parish council can receive feedback on the project

Resolution to reinstate standing orders

Proposed: BD

Seconded: JSH

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To reinstate standing orders

b) To approve November 2022 GPC payments

Proposed: MG

Seconded: KN

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve November 2022 GPC payments

- e) **To consider** donating funds to Parenting Special children project

MG highlighted that this project also requires more information before the Councillors can make a decision

Clerk was asked to find out a specific amount and details about costs to support a family

JSH checked the Good Exchange project and suggested a donation to close off the Good Exchange project number

Proposed: JSH

Seconded: KN

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve a donation of £1,114.00 to Good Exchange project number 19678 to complete funding for this project

- f) **To approve** the installation of a new dog bin in the play area near Deadmans Lane and Montague Drive

Proposed: MG

Seconded: AB

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve the installation of a new dog bin in the play area near Deadmans Lane and Montague Drive and the costs to empty this additional bin

- g) **To consider** a donation of £500 to the Wash Common Scout group

Proposed: SAJ

Seconded: BD

Abstentions: MG, GP

Against: None

Resolved: To approve a donation of £500 to the Wash Common Scout group

- h) **To consider** a budget proposal to provide Winter Essentials for Greenham residents
AB has spoken to West Berkshire to find out how many homeless residents there are within Greenham parish.

Proposed: MG

Seconded: AB

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To approve that the Clerk add this item to the Community Engagement project plan for constant monitoring with a view to engaging with Diamond Church Winter project and others, to achieve a joined up approach.

BD gave thanks to AB for all of her contributions towards the council and her ideas

- i) **To consider** a donation to the Draught Busters Project

KN clarified that the donation is for materials only. Any work is carried out by volunteers

Any monies spent will only be spent on Greenham residents and a Good Exchange project is now set up

KN has suggested a donation of £300 for the project

KN left the room 8:56pm

Proposed: JSH

Seconded: AB

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To approve a donation of £300 to the Draught Busters Project on condition that it is spend on houses in Greenham, with a request that the Community furniture project are contacted to identify a potential need

75 Planning

a) To approve Planning applications

1	5 Night Owls Greenham Thatcham RG19 8SB Mr and Mrs Pitt	Proposed Single-Storey Extension (Side & Rear) & Associated Internal Alterations	22/02382/HOUSE Proposed: BD Seconded: MG Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: To unanimously approve no objection to this application
2	19 Laurel Gardens Greenham Thatcham RG19 8XU Alex Barrow and Simon Pembroke	Rear dormer with rooflights on front slope	22/02633/HOUSE Proposed: BD Seconded: MG Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: To unanimously approve no objection to this application

b) To consider Proposed Base Station upgrade – Greyberry Copse Road

The proposed base station is due to increase from 10m to 20m.

SAJ would like clarification regarding planning rules around the proposed base station

GPC would like to object in principle and would like to know if any other locations have been considered for the mast, for example being placed in the Church Car park

If the development goes ahead, it would be essential that the colour of the mast blends in with the local environment, for example painting the top of the mast to blend in with the sky. Local residents have contacted GPC councillors to lodge concerns about the proposed mast. GPC councillors believe that this will be the subject of considerable objections by local residents

Proposed: SAJ

Seconded: BD

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To request that the Clerk responds to Galliford with the above comments

76 GPC Environment

a) To approve Greenham common Access survey

GPC Councillors would like to see just Question 2

GPC Councillors would like to know how long the survey will be open for on the website

Proposed: KN

Seconded: JSH

Abstentions: 1

Against: None

Resolved: To approve that the Greenham common Access survey to just contain Question 2 and Question 1 to be removed.

b) To consider the Greenham In Bloom Competition 2023

MG suggested holding a meeting to find out what the public support is for this project would be. Clerk to add an item to the website (Survey), the Council Facebook page, press release and noticeboard to promote the project.

In principle the Councillors would like to support this project with the above work. Website survey to run until the end of December.

77 Greenham Control Tower

a) To consider a donation to the Wildlife Garden at the Greenham Control Tower

GPC would like to support this project in principle

AB would like some conditions added to any potential donation

Proposed: MG

Seconded: SAJ

Abstentions:

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve a donation of £15K with the understanding that six native trees and a bench to be included in the project

78 Health and Safety

GP confirmed that the hall fire door was open throughout the meeting.

GP asked people to be careful regarding the path outside when they leave the meeting

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

No comments to add to this section.

9:51pm meeting closed