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## **Minutes of Greenham Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 – St Mary's Church**

### **Present:**

Cllr Ken Neal (KN)  
Cllr Alison Blackborow (AB)  
Cllr Gary Puffett (GP)  
Cllr Adrian Abbs (AA)  
Cllr Sally-Ann Jay (SAJ)  
Cllr Billy Drummond (BD)  
Cllr Martin Griffiths

### **In attendance:**

Clerk: Lisa Blake  
Chaired by: Adrian Abbs  
Three members of the public present

Meeting began at: 7:30 pm

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### **GPC (Greenham Parish Council) Full Council meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

### **Vote for a Chair**

**Proposed:** BD

**Seconded:** SAJ

**Abstentions:** None

**Against:** None

**Resolved:** To Unanimously approve Cllr Adrian Abbs as the chair for the GPC Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### **91 Public Session**

Three members of the public were present to speak about Newbury Racecourse and the Christmas event that took place in December 2022.

The question was asked if there was an update from the Greenham Chair after the Chair's site visit in December. GP also attended the meeting so he provided an update of the meeting.

GP confirmed that all of the issues, sent by parishioners, were raised at the meeting by the Chair and by GP.

The Clerk confirmed that an audibility report hasn't been received from the Racecourse, which was discussed at the meeting.

There was some discussion around noise tests at the site and differing results from the residents

compared to the event organiser.  
All members of the public left the meeting left at 7:46pm

## **92 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Phil Barnett (PB)  
Cllr Steve Jones (SJ)  
Cllr Julian Swift-Hook (JSH)  
Cllr Chris Austin (CA)

## **93 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

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

**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 Sandford Enquiry

## **94 To Approve Minutes of GPC Meeting held on 14th December 2022**

**Proposed:** BD

**Seconded:** GP

**Abstentions:** None

**Against:** None

**Resolved:** To unanimously approve the Minutes of GPC Meeting held on 14th December 2022

## **95 Chairman's Report**

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

Nothing to report

## **96 Clerk's Report**

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

The Clerk provided an update on the installation of a new Dog bin at the Playground near Deadman's Lane. The dog bin has been delivered and installed at the Playground site situated at Deadman's Lane and the solar light installation will be progressed for the installation to take place in the St Mary's Church car park.

## **97 Finance**

### **a) To approve January 2023 GPC payments**

**Proposed:** BD

**Seconded:** AB

**Abstentions:** None

**Against:** None

**Resolved:** To unanimously approve January 2023 GPC payments with the exception of the payment to Luma Bright

Schedule of Bank Payments				
11 January 2023				
1. Cheque payments – GPC Current Account (Metro Bank)				
Inv Date	Inv No / Trans Ref	Payee	Amount	
19/12/2022	Monthly Payment charge - inv 1892	SME	12.00	Electronic Payment
31/12/2022	Tax and NI payment – Month 9	HMRC	518.11	Electronic Payment
31/12/2022	Pension – Month 9	Berkshire Pension Fund	646.79	Electronic Payment
22/12/2022	Invoice 70	Greenham Control Tower Ltd	300.00	Electronic Payment
29/12/2022	Dog Bin Emptying - Inv SI-400	Tactical Management	386.64	Electronic Payment
14/12/2022	Salt Bins - Inv 206234	Willis and Ainsworth	635.04	Electronic Payment
11/01/2023	The Nest Project	St Mary's church	325.00	Electronic Payment
11/01/2023	Citizens Advice Donetion	Citizens Advice	750.00	Electronic Payment
11/01/2023	Miscellaneous - BAL C travel	Phil Barnett	54.45	Electronic Payment
20/12/2022	Greenham in Bloom Printing - inv 12687	Alpha Xperience	32.76	Electronic Payment
04/01/2023	New Dog Waste Bin	Earth Anchors	277.14	Electronic Payment
05/01/2023	Solar lights for St Mary's church car park	Luma Bright	1210.80	Electronic Payment
Sub-Total GPC Current Account actual payments			£11,898.73	
2. Bank Payments – GPC Current Account (Metro Bank)				
Trans Date	Trans Ref	Payee	Amount	Trans Type
15/01/2023	Salary – Month 8	Lisa Blake - Clerk	1,632.58	Electronic Payment
22/12/2022	Telephone bill – GP00992130 0013	BT	44.09	DD
04/02/2023	Electricity Bill	SSE	22.01	DD
30/11/2022	Monthly Banking Fee	Metro Bank	20.00	DD
Sub-total GPC Current Account Bank Payments			£1,718.68	

**Proposed:** AB

**Seconded:** MG

**Abstentions:** None

**Against:** None

**Resolved:** To approve TEEC credit card payment for Luma Bright Invoice

**b) To approve GPC Reconciliation statements 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022**

**Proposed:** MG

**Seconded:** GP

**Abstentions:** None

**Against:** None

**Resolved:** To unanimously approve GPC Reconciliation statements 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

**c) To approve GPC Budget 2023/2024**

**Proposed:** MG

**Seconded:** GP

**Abstentions:**

**Against:** None

**Resolved:** To approve to keep 'Legal fees' line in the Budget 2023/24

**Proposed:** GP

**Seconded:** KN

**Abstentions:** None

**Against:** None

**Resolved:** To unanimously approve GPC Budget 2023/2024 of £103,774

**d) To approve NJC pay scales FY 23/24**

**Proposed:** BD

**Seconded:** KN

**Abstentions:** None

**Against:** None

**Resolved:** To unanimously approve NJC pay scales FY 23/24

**e) To approve GPC Interim Audit**

**Proposed:** SAJ

**Seconded:** AB

**Abstentions:** None

**Against:** None

**Resolved:** To unanimously approve GPC Interim Audit

**f) To consider new pieces of accessible play equipment**

BD asked for this to be deferred to February Meeting

## **98 Planning**

**a) To consider noise pollution at the Racecourse Christmas Carnival**

GP presented the findings from the meeting with the Racecourse regarding the Christmas festival meeting with Newbury Racecourse.

AA would like to see the reports from the Racecourse showing the evidence of any noise pollution at the Christmas event.

AA would like the Parish council to check with the Racecourse regarding the success of the event.

Performance of the event and the footfall for the event, from the Racecourse and Underbelly, plus contact WBDC to find out how many complaints were received.

## **99 Health and Safety**

GP confirmed that the fire exit doors are open and be aware of darkness outside

## **100 Other items for information or for possible inclusion on a future Agenda**

AB – Would like the Parish council to write a letter to the Royal British Legion regarding the Greenham Chair's position at the remembrance service

Diamond portacabin update from AB, there has been further damage to the building that AB has been made aware of.

AA – Would like the Diamond playing field to become a standing agenda item, Ongoing use and Replacement of the Building

KN – Enquired about renting a portacabin as a temporary measure

BD – Reiterated the funding for village halls available from ACRE

SAJ – Asked a question about ownership of the land that the proposed Diamond playing field building would stand on.

AA – Would like a committee set up for the Diamond playing field Building

KN has offered to prepare a draft drawing of the building to be presented at the February meeting

AB – Outlined the plans to replace the trees at Pigeon's farm lane and additional trees on Stroud Green.

Meeting ended 8:40pm