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Minutes of Greenham Parish Council held at 7.30 pm on 14th December 2022 – St Mary's Church

Present:

Cllr Ken Neal (KN)
Cllr Alison Blackborow (AB)
Cllr Julian Swift-Hook (JSH)
Cllr Gary Puffett (GP)
Cllr Billy Drummond (BD)
Cllr Phil Barnett (PB)
Cllr Steve Jones (SJ)
Cllr Adrian Abbs (AA)
Cllr Chris Austin (CA)

In attendance:

Clerk: Lisa Blake
Chaired by: Steve Jones

Meeting began at: 7:30 pm

GPC (Greenham Parish Council) Full Council meeting 14th December 2022

80 Public Session

Nigel Manley attended the meeting, to receive the donation from Greenham Parish Council towards the Grounds improvements at the Control Tower.

A cheque was presented to Greenham Control Tower for the grounds maintenance project and the Clerk will distribute a press release and picture to the Greenham Parish council media list.

81 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Martin Griffiths (MG)
Cllr Sally-Ann Jay (SAJ)

82 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

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

83 To Approve Minutes of GPC Meeting held on 9th November 2022

The Chair asked the Clerk to add some details regarding the Clerk's statement about lights and the waste bins in the Clerk's report section of the minutes to ensure that the context was clear for parishioners.

Proposed: BD

Seconded: GP

Abstentions: 3

Against: None

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of GPC Meeting held on 9th November 2022

84 Chairman's Report

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

The Chair announced that the Clerk is leaving and thanked the Clerk for her work at the Council The War Memorial ceremony, that took place on the 12th December was discussed. PB would like the event to be discussed in the future to elaborate on the event and discuss the structure of the event and the position of the Greenham Chair in the event. The Chair would like the Parish Council to contact the Royal British Legion before the next event

7:37pm Ken Neal (KN) arrived at the meeting

85 Clerk's Report

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

Clerk reported that the Certificate of Lawfulness has been sent to WBDC and the Clerk is now awaiting a response. Clerk to chase them up and state that the lights are a health and safety issue due to the difficulties created by walking in the car park when it's dark.

86 Finance

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

Proposed: AB

Seconded: BD

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve December 2022 GPC payments

Representatives from 3 churches in the Newbury Deanery are trying to initiate this as a monthly group, which will meet at Greenham Church Hall and serve Newbury, Thatcham and the surrounding villages.

The intended format is a playgroup cafe, with toys for children as well a supervised activity such as a craft, play dough or painting. Toddler snacks and squash will be provided for children, and coffee/tea for parents (in thermos lidded cups for safety) plus a piece of cake.

Proposed: AA

Seconded: KN

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve a donation of £325 to The Nest project at St Mary's Church

- e) **To receive** information from Cllr Billy Drummond regarding match funding of £3000 towards new pieces of disabled play equipment

BD informed the councillors that himself and PB will not receive match funding from WBDC. BD would like to move the discussion of the disabled play equipment to the January agenda Clerk confirms that the equipment is 'accessible'

- f) **To consider** the GPC Maintenance contract charges

Proposed: AA

Seconded: CA

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve the GPC Maintenance contract charges is awarded to Current supplier contracted directly by the Parish Council

AA would like the bins monitored more frequently about how full the bins are and how often they need to be emptied

Clerk to ask current supplier if they can report to the Council regarding which bins require more emptying

87 Planning

- a) **To approve** Planning applications

1	Land East Of Newbury College Monks Lane Newbury NCII Ltd	EVC Point	22/02754/OUTMAJ BD left the room at 8:09pm Proposed: SJ Seconded: AA Abstentions: 1 Against: None Resolved: To approve no additional comments BD returned to the room at 8:12pm
2	5 Laurel Gardens Greenham Thatcham RG19 8XU Mr and Mrs Armstrong	Proposed single storey rear extension to enlarge kitchen and create new utility	22/02798/HOUSE Proposed: AA Seconded: KN Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: To unanimously approve no objection
3	Newbury College Monks Lane Newbury RG14 7TD	Retrospective: Proposed 3 x temporary Portakabins with hardstanding and associated works	22/02748/FUL Proposed: SJ Seconded: JSH Abstentions: None Against: None Resolved: To unanimously approve no objection

b) **To consider** the Diamond Playing Field Building

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: JSH

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve an amount of £10K from CIL funds towards feasibility work for the Diamond Playing field Building and to set up a sub-committee

AA talked through the Diamond Playing field stakeholder review.

JSH requested a copy of the Stakeholder review document

AA talked through the potential avenues for funding for the Diamond Playing field Building.

JSH suggested that the Parish Council could commit to developing a plan to outline the impact and commitment required for the Project

KN thinks this is a project that the Parish council could use CIL funds to finance this project.

AB enquired about how the building would be built on WBDC land and how that would work for the Parish Council

KN enquired about setting up a sub committee

AA, GP, BD and KN all volunteered to join the Diamond Playing Field Sub-Committee

c) **To consider** street names within Greenham Development

Proposed: SJ

Seconded: AB

Abstentions: None

Against: None

Resolved: To unanimously approve street names within Greenham Development using surnames of former Councillors and a former MP

BD listed a number of proposed street names that are named after ex Councillors and a former MP
BD provided a list for David **Rendel** (Former MP), Audrey **Appleby** (Former Greenham Chair and Councillor), Clive **Sparks** (Former GPC Councillor), David **Fry** (Former Chair of Greenham Parish Council), Mike **James** (Former Greenham Councillor), Sally **Hannon** (Former Greenham Councillor) and Trevor **Brown** (Former Greenham Councillor)

The names of the suggested streets would be Rendel Way, Appleby Drive, Sparks Avenue, Fry Walk, James Drive, Hannon Avenue, Brown Avenue

d) To consider noise pollution at the Racecourse Christmas Carnival

PB has been in receipt of a number of complaint emails received from Local residents regarding the noise at the Racecourse, specifically the Racecourse Christmas Carnival. The lights and music have been cited as concerns for local residents.

AA provided details of the complaints he has received.

AA would like the Parish council to approve a letter is sent to the Racecourse outlining the Parishioners concerns.

GP has also received complaints from parishioners regarding the noise levels

AB would like the Clerk to write to Environmental health and Planning enforcement citing noise levels and informing the council of the complaints received and Newbury Racecourse.

SJ, KN and AB would like to visit the Racecourse next week. The Clerk will liaise with the Racecourse.

88 Greenham Control Tower

a) To consider a Quarterly report from Greenham Control Tower

SJ commented that the Control Tower seems to be going in the 'right direction'

No other comments from other Councillors

89 Health and Safety

GP Confirmed that the door is open and asked everyone to take care when they leave the building.

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

9:05pm meeting finished