



Gerrards Cross Parish Council

South Lodge, East Common, Gerrards Cross SL9 7AD
Clerk to the Council - Mrs Diana Hepburn-Park

These Minutes will be approved at the 2010 Annual Parish Meeting

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Friday 24th April 2009
at the Colston Hall, Memorial Centre, Gerrards Cross.**

The meeting was chaired by Councillor David Peters and was attended by 40 (see below) residents plus officials including County, District and Parish Councillors, the Parish Clerk and Assistant Parish Clerk and representatives from local organisations.

Attendees

Gerrards Cross Parish Council

Cllr. D Peters	Cllr P Chapman	Cllr C Brown
Cllr L Campkin	Cllr. P Fea	Cllr I Gordon
Cllr P Grimes	Cllr M May CBE	Cllr. A Mitchell
Cllr N Moss	Cllr S Sharma	Cllr J Wooveridge

Bucks County Council

Cllr P Hardy Cllr P Roberts

South Bucks District Council

Cllr S Chhokar Cllr R Reed Cllr D Holloway
Cllr J Woolveridge

Residents

Mrs A Mitton	Mr J Park	Miss K West
P & B Collins	J Fearn	Mrs C Edgerton
Mr R Griffiths	V Franks	Mrs R Edwards
R Pope	R & S Summer	Mr & Mrs Anand
A Chapman	R Burns	S & H Parr
B & C Stott	P Vogel	S Hattam
Lady Hurn	H & J Glasson	J Hendry
B & B Scott	P Lerda	E Peters
A Gethin	Mr & Mrs Goodman	Mr B Jones

1 **To appoint someone to take Minutes.**

The Chairman proposed Mrs Diana Hepburn-Park, Clerk to the Council to take the minutes. This was agreed.

2 **Apologies for absence** -were received from Mr Foote, Mr A Cobb, Mrs A Hogarth, Mrs S Jones, Mr P Vermeulen, Mrs V Issacs, Mr and Mrs A Moore

3 **The Statutory Notice convening the meeting was then read.**

4 **Minutes for the previous meeting held on 16th April 2008.**

The minutes were agreed as a true record, adopted and signed by the Chairman, David Peters.



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5 **Approval for the 2007/8 accounts.**

Councillor Nick Moss proposed the already published accounts for 2007/8 which had been approved by both internal and external auditors and he confirmed they were within the proposed budget. Seconded by Pat Fea and accepted by the meeting.

6 **Report from David Peters, Chairman of the Council**

David Peters referred to his circulated written report and updated some items. He started by encouraging people to think about the objective of the meeting, which he hoped would be to get together to develop ideas for the future success of Gerrards Cross.

BCC Waste Development Plan

Following the removal of Wapseys Wood as a possible site for an incinerator for Domestic Waste, we are strongly of a view that new and more flexible processes need to be considered in place of large incinerators

Tesco

The project is moving forward on the repair of the tunnel and it is now programmed to be finished by late 2010.

There has been much criticism about the state of the Packhorse Road with the lorry movements and he was happy to say that a concrete apron at the exit has now been created and the wheel washer will be moved close to the road to help ensure the road is kept cleaner.

Waitrose

The Planning application for a shop down Station Road was withdrawn as the developers and South Bucks District Council officers have been unable to agree on planning requirements.

Verdant

The new cleaning and refuse removal contract has been very successful for the village but we must continue monitoring the standards and encourage the public to help keep it clean.

Volunteers

The Council are looking for more local residents to work with Councillors on local issues, bring their specific skills for the benefit of the local community.

Communication

Councillor May has worked to improve areas of communication and we thank her for all her work. The notice board and web site are regularly updated and well used. Please feed back to us on any ideas for improvements on what you think we should be doing.

Grammar Schools Catchment Areas

After the disaster this year I am pleased that the County Council has made a small step for the next year and announced that there will be a full independent review of the catchment areas for the future.



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Cllr' Peter Hardy

There is no progress for this year but in 2010 John Hampden has been added as a third boys' catchment school. Peter Roberts and I have been working for the last four years to improve the situation.

Sue Hatton

I am concerned that the selection process does not seem to pick up the parents that move to the area for a short term just to get in the catchment areas. There are as many as ten this year. Is there nothing that can be done to stop this unfair practise?

Cllr. Peter Hardy

I will take your concerns back but it is always difficult to stop this type of practice.

7 Reports from Peter Hardy and Peter Roberts BCC – our County Councillors

Cllr. Peter Hardy

It is essential that we stop using distance as an arbiter for selection into Grammar Schools.

Land fill tax has just been increased from £8m to £15m adding an additional cost to the system as it is.

The state of the highways has been of concern and we are working with BCC to carry out a patching system which has been successful to a degree. But the situation has been made worse by the very bad weather.

Cllr.L Campkin

I have been involved with the Grammar School project for some time, what would you think would be the way to move things forward and getting local residents involved to support the independent report and get the correct result?

Cllr. Peter Hardy

We need show major public concern, which could involve a well attended public meeting later in the year.

Cllr Peter Roberts

I will be leaving the County Council on the 4th June 2009.

Grammar Schools

There have been problems since 2005 when suggested changes had to be made because of a huge opposition from North Amersham and BCC had to back down.

David Peters with the support of the meeting thanked Councillor Roberts for all he had done for the Parish.



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Public Questions

Lady Hurn

The dust and grit from the lorries is causing residents and shop keepers a lot of problems. What are the Parish Council doing about this and the general state of the village?

Cllr. Chris Brown

I am monitoring the situation on a daily basis and when I find any problems I get them corrected. It is important for people to report problems.

Letter from Jean Viall- raising concerns about the state of the Common and the holly thicket and piles of decaying scrubs.

Cllr. Jennifer Woolveridge

We have a very active Conservation Volunteers force who work tirelessly creating open glades and the never ending removal of holly thickets. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for all their work and invite others to join.

Letter from Mrs Style- raising several points, the logging of concerns regarding air quality and noise from the Tesco site, SBDC collation of complaints on the same area, and the dust monitors installed around the building site.

Cllr. Peter Chapman

Costain maintains a log of all comments and complaints received. SBDC also reviews Costain's log of complaints each month. There are four monitors operating continuously with electronic download to SBDC at regular intervals.

Mrs Bins

The Environment Health Officer should be reviewing all matters relating to the site regularly.

Cllr. Peter Chapman

The Parish Council and SBDC have had meetings with Costains checking various matters.

Mrs L Goodman

Requests contact numbers and reports from the various meetings.

Cllr. Peter Chapman

There are contact numbers on the Tesco notice board at the top of Station Approach and the Parish Council will put reports on the notice board and web site.



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Ms C West

I own Cardella and the increased dust is causing a problem with our stock, the air quality is deteriorating, the sweeper is noisy and creates dust that comes into the shop, I have complained to SBDC David Gilmore.

Lady Hurn

SBDC monitoring of the site concerns her as the Olu Sokoya (SBDC) states he has never seen a cloud of dust over the site.

Cllr. Pat Fea

Take a photograph, it speaks volumes.

Cllr. Peter Roberts

The dust monitors should be moved to the centre of the site.

Waitrose, why are they not coming?

SBDC, want residents to sell off their back gardens.

IBA Environment agency still saying that it is toxic.

Cllr. Jennifer Woolveridge

The Waitrose scheme did not conform to the local plan; therefore it was withdrawn rather than be refused.

Cllr. Peter Hardy

SBDC are not encouraging residents to build on their gardens, just stopping the use of brown field infill.

Cllr. Deidre Holloway

I would like a sign up to warn joggers going from the Common to Bulstrode Way.

Cllr. Chris Brown

I will talk to you after the meeting about this.

Cllr. David Peters

Our volunteers work very hard at keeping the Common litter free for which I thank them.

I would also like to thank John Park for all his help with IT in keeping the computers in the Parish Office working.

I would like to thank Peter Hardy and Deidre Holloway as SBDC Councillors for each arranging contributions from SBDC of £500 towards our Youth project. This is to help overcome the Common cry of “nothing for young people to do” starting with identifying and publicising what is now available.

We need to set up a working party and are looking for volunteers to make this effective: please let us know if you would like to join.



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John Hendry

I would like the Parish Council to request a Post Box on the new Tesco frontage.

Cllr.David Peters

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Councillor Ann Mitchell for all the work and dedication she has devoted to our village through GXPC and many other organisations over many years, she has reached 90yrs old and decided it is time to all it a day. After 30 years she is going to take life a little easier.

Cllr. Ann Mitchell

I have enjoyed my years on the Parish Council but it is time for me to choose if I have to go out at night or not.

Mrs R Duncombe

Can traffic regulations be changed outside Marsham Lodge to stop the all day parking which is currently making it difficult to get out the parking area on East Common.

Cllr.Chris Brown

The best way would be no parking for one hour at mid day, we will look at including this on the next review.

Cllr.Peter Hardy

Thanked the Parish Council for all their hard work.

Cllr David Peters invited everyone to chat with Councillors and other residents over a little refreshment and thanked them for their parts in continuing to improve the development of Gerrards Cross.

Date: 27th April 2010

Signed: