



# 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 2011 Annual Parish Meeting**

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 27 April 2010  
at the Colston Hall, Memorial Centre, Gerrards Cross.**

The meeting was chaired by Councillor David Peters and was attended by over 46 (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**

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| 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. P Davidson  |
| Cllr N Moss    | Cllr S Sharma  | Cllr J Wooveridge |

### **Bucks County Council**

Cllr R Reed

### **South Bucks District Council**

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| Cllr S Chhokar | Cllr R Reed | Cllr J Woolveridge |
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## **Residents**

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| Claire Woodcock   | Mr & Mrs H Parr  | Mr & Mrs D Basnett |
| Michael Slater    | Mr & Mrs A Cobb  | Mr & Mrs T Goodman |
| Philip Sellers    | Eileen Peters    | Mr P Baldwin       |
| Sheila Chapman    | Helen Glasson    | Mr & Mrs Naylor    |
| Chris Edgerton    | Pat Collins      | Elaine Whitehead   |
| Louis Moss        | Vernon Murphy    | Mary Bracken       |
| Pat Chapman       | Isobel Buchanan  | Mr & Mrs J Hendry  |
| Mr & Mrs W Jones  | Mrs J Gordon     | Mr A Moore         |
| Hugh Gurney       | David Quintan    | Mr & Mrs R Hurn    |
| Jean Viall        | Claire Collens   | Anne Floyd         |
| Mr & Mrs D Deller | Karen Whitburn   | Colin Buchanan     |
| Brian Turpin      | Mr & Mrs G Hoare | Rosemary Duncombe  |

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

The Chairman proposed Mrs Anita Mitton, Assistant Clerk to the Council to take the minutes. This was agreed.

2 **Apologies for absence** -were received from Mrs V Issacs, Cllr D Holloway, Mr P Banner, Mr & Mrs S Cllr Peter Hardy, Mr B James.

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



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4 **Minutes for the previous meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2009.**

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

5 **Approval for the 2009/10 accounts.**

Councillor Lorraine Campkin presented the already published accounts for 2009/10 which had been approved by both internal and external auditors and she confirmed they were within the proposed budget. Cllr Jennifer Woolveridge proposed the accounts, this was seconded by Cllr David Peters 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 emphasised the importance of residents taking an active role in working with the Parish Council to improve the community of Gerrards Cross. The formation of the Youth Committee this year is a good example of this.

7 **Reports from Gerrards Cross police.**

Constable Claire Woodcock, who has been one of our neighbourhood officers for over 2 years, spoke about the role of the police in Gerrards Cross.

The police have been working with the NAG (Neighbourhood Action Group) addressing the 3 main issues for local residents – Burglary, Parking and Speeding.

With regard to burglary, the police have put up signs about police operations in the area and encouraged residents to take advantage of property making kits. Theft from vehicles is a particular problem – vehicles parked in Oak End Way were the main problem. Residents were advised to remove items from their parked cars such as Sat. Nav. devices and laptops. Thieves are able to detect the presence of these items in parked cars even if they are out of sight and switched off.

Residents were also reminded not to put their car keys on hall tables near front doors in homes as thieves can often reach the keys by putting a wire hook through letter boxes. This leads to theft of cars. and break ins.

Illegal parking continues to be problem. Enforcement is carried out on a regular basis by local officers but this does not always deter persistent offenders. Mr Philip Sellers commented that he did not feel parking enforcement was seen as a priority by police. Cnstb Woodcock confirmed that due to limited time and manpower it was not possible to give more police time to this issue. Cllr David Peters said that the Parish Council were in favour of civil parking enforcement but the District and County Councils were not in favour of this. Mr Brian Turpin (Chairman of NAG) commented that the police did a good job in the circumstances but parking wardens were needed to do the job effectively. If the District Council would make car parks cheaper this might alleviate the problem. Constable Woodcock pointed out that parking enforcement was publicised through Ringmaster messages, beat surgeries, press articles etc.

Peter Chapman advised that Chiltern Railways have planning permission to create 80 more spaces in the station car park when the conveyor belt is removed. This would also allow for a second deck of parking to be constructed although Chiltern Railways have not decided on this yet.



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## **8. Parish Plan**

David Peters outlined the main points in the plan and encouraged all residents to read it.

## **9. Public Questions**

### Harvey Parr/ Claire Morton and Moreland Drive Residents Assoc.

Asked about the construction of a footpath near Mill Lane bridge.

Chris Brown advised that although Network Rail is willing to allow adoption of the land, Bucks County Council have as yet not agreed to do so. He encouraged residents to keep pressing BCC.

Mr Parr said the situation is unacceptable and fears a fatality on the bridge. White lines marking a pedestrian walking area have been agreed by BCC but this is not enough. Roger Reed said that a risk assessment was carried out in 2009 by BCC. Roger Reed agreed to request a copy of the risk assessment from BCC.

### Alan Moore

Stated he had lived in Mill Lane for 40 years and there have been discussions about the bridge in that time. The condition of the edge of the road means that pedestrians have to walk in the middle.

### David Turner

Complained about the state of the roads in the area. Chris Brown said that this was a BCC investment issue and a resurfacing plan was needed however this is not in the County Council plan for the foreseeable future. He was also very disappointed that potholes in some places have not been filled.

### Alan Cobb

Commented that utility companies should be made to make better repairs.

### Brian Turner NAG

Noted at a recent NAG meeting that the local police were not aware of planned traffic management for Tesco works on Packhorse Bridge. TVP had been informed but info had not filtered down to local officers.

### Jean Viall

Asked about Marsham lane bridge. The Parish Council have asked for pedestrian warning signs which have been promised by BCC. Still not put up. Parish Council to chase this as want signs up before Packhorse bridge works start.

### Valerie Isaacs

Written question about school buses using West Common as a cut through. PC to ask BCC to contact coach companies and ask them not to use route.

### Rosemary Duncombe

Would like to have traffic waning signs and less parking bays on East Common as traffic can be dangerous here.

### Ros Hurn

Asked about Tesco contributing a large sum of money to assist in cleaning up Packhorse Road after



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building works. Suggested a figure of £500,000.

It may not be the Parish Councils role to request this on behalf of individual property owners. However they would encourage individuals to pursue claims with Costain/ Tesco if appropriate, several have already done so. The Parish Council would discuss the issue.

## Peter Baldwin

Would like to have public toilet in Gerrards Cross centre also benches at the top of hills.

The Parish Council had been given a figure of about £12,500 pa by SBDC to maintain a public toilet. It was not felt this could be justified.

The Council will continue to try and find suitable spaces to provide benches but this is not always possible.

## John Hendry

Asked about the Parish Councils progress on improving street lighting from programme started 3 years ago. Chris Brown said that several new street lamps had been installed around the village with more planned in the next few months.

## Rosemary Duncombe

Asked if there were any plans to have flags etc in Packhorse road for special occasions such as those provided in Chalfont St Peter by the Traders Assoc for St Georges day. David Peters advised that the GX Traders assoc are considering this type of thing.

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010

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