

**Graveley Parish Council's Meeting**  
**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 8pm**  
**Held at Graveley Village Hall**

**Present:** .Chairman- Mr Peter Bracey (PB) Vice Chair-Mr Steve Firth (SF) Mr Tony Bracey (TB), Mrs Joyce Andrews (JA), Mrs Hilary Napier (HN) HC Cllr Tony Hunter (TH)and NHDC Cllr Sal Jarvis (SJ)

Members of the public were also present

**Apologies** – NHDC Cllr.Cathryn Henry (CH)

**Declarations of interest-** none

**Approval of minutes** - The Minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014 were approved and signed

**Matters Arising** Included below.

**1)Highways Report.**

*Peter Bracey*

**a) Street Lighting – Hedges -Drainage -Church Lane** PB has drafted a reply and Clerk has sent to Rob Payne and Roger Flowerday. PB advised that we would discuss Rob Payne's reply at the March meeting TH advised that Church Lane and the Footpath outside the Car Showroom have been scheduled for remedial work to be completed by end of March. He also advised that the resurfacing of the road at Pondsides has also been scheduled for later this year. But owing to the very wet weather resources are stretched by HH so could give no firm dates as to when work will be carried out. PB has arranged for a meeting with MP Peter Lilley at his Graveley Surgery on March 14<sup>th</sup> 2014 to discuss the Church Lane traffic problems.

**PB**

**b) Accidents -** At the Junction of Church Lane and Graveley High Street PB to draft a letter for Clerk to send to John Wood, Chief Executive, HCC and Peter Nicholls, Traffic Management Senior Officer, Hertfordshire Police Headquarters, pointing out the concern of the GPC and members of the public regarding the number of accidents at this Junction and request that a further investigation be carried out;

**PB/JT**

**c) Parking outside GPS –** Clerk to write to PCSO Elaine Cuozzo and PC Chris Suckling for an update on this problem.

**JT**

**d) NHAPTCC Annual General Meeting-** PB attended this meeting and the NHDC plan is running late but the plan is still to be completed by April 2015. A 'family tree of NHDC officers is to be sent to Parish Councils. The low cost audit plans will be discussed at a later meeting.

**e) Railings around the culvert in Pondsides-** Clerk to get quotes, in due course, from JDL Construction and Barry Crouch, we suggest the work is carried out in the spring. As there is some confusion over ownership/responsibility of the culvert it been established that under the 2010 Flood & Management Act that Hertfordshire County Council are the relevant authority. They have been contacted and have committed to give a finite answer by our April meeting.

**PB**

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**2) Planning**

*Tony Bracey*

**a) Weekly Car Boot Sales The Fruit Farm Jacks Hill –** Application for 60 car boot sales in any one year with a maximum of two sales per week .GPC have made the following observations:-

*The Graveley Parish Council opposes the above planning application reason as follows:-*

*The increase in the requested number of car boot sales is excessive (150%) and that will have a negative effect on village life with the potential of car boot sales taking place throughout the year.*

*If the planners/NHDC are minded to grant the application The Graveley Parish Council request that the following conditions are attached to the planning document:-*

- 1) That the car boot sales are restricted to a maximum of two sales days per week during months April-September inclusive, sales not to be permitted on a Sunday or Bank Holidays.*
- 2) The permitted rights to be removed from the site.*

**JT to action.**

**b) Single storey side extension to Coach House, Oak Lane,** form ensuite bathroom and replacement of rear garden room/conservatory. GPC have no objection to this application.

**JT to action**

**c) Proposed upgrade for existing base station installation at Graveley Lane-**GPC have no objection.

**JT to action**

**d) Cars For Sale outside The Old Forge-** TB is still pursuing this with Chris Braybrooke as there is still confusing as to who owns the land.

**TB**

### **3) Financial Report**

*Steve Firth*

**a) Bank Account-** our current and reserve account now stands at £19,954.70

### **4) Playground**

*Joyce Andrews*

**a) JA** reported that all is in order and that the leaves on the new surfaces have been swept or blown away by the recent heavy winds.

### **5) Any Other Business**

**a) Road Repairs Ashwell Close in front of new parking spaces** – Sarah Paxton emailed a reply from *Chris Rowley Capital Works Manager* believe they are commenting on the tarmac area in front of the new parking spaces, this was never part of our works. I have asked my contractor for a price and if there is sufficient budget left and David agrees I will get area resurfaced. I am not sure how quickly this will happen. Clerk to follow up in due course.

**JT**

### **6) Matters Arising,**

**a) Herts Travel Plan Business/Residential Development-HN** to complete the forms and send in

by the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**HN**

**c) No Cars for Sale Sign-** Andy Goodman at North Herts emailed with details of the acts that appertain to this problem but on his visit no cars for sale were in the lay-by he emailed:-

*So, I would suggest that the next time a vehicle appears in this lay-by for sale that a note is made of its registration number, colour, make, model, etc. and this information is forwarded to me. I will ensure that the registered keeper is written to reminding them of the above legislation. This normally does the trick. If it doesn't then signage can be considered.*

*In the meantime I have tasked the Enforcement Officer with visiting the nearby garage/car sales forecourt to discuss the issue. This may resolve the problem if the cars are associated with them.*

Clerk to keep an eye out and take relevant photographs/details. GPC would like to thank CH for all her help in this matter.

**JT**

#### **7) Correspondence received**

**a)** None received

**8) Cheques Issued** Litter Picker £104.00 no vat

**The meeting closed at 9.30 pm**

**The next GPC meeting will be at Graveley Village Hall**

**On**

**Tuesday 18th March 2014 at 8 pm.**

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