

**Graveley Parish Council's Meeting  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2014 at 8pm  
Held at Graveley Village Hall**

**Present:** .Chairman- Peter Bracey (PB) Vice Chair- Steve Firth (SF) Cheryl Peers (CP) Tony Bracey (TB) HCC Tony Hunter (TH) and NHDC Cllr Sal Jarvis (SJ),

Members of the public were also present

**Apologies** – Cathryn Henry (CH) and Hilary Napier (HN)

**Declarations of interest**-none

**Approval of minutes** - The Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 were approved and signed

**Matters Arising** Included below.

**1) Highways Report.**

*Peter Bracey*

**a) Church Lane** – Regarding the increase and speeding of traffic in Church Lane, HN drafted a letter to David Scholes Chief Executive NHDC with a copy to John Wood (Chief Executive and Director of Environment) Clerk has sent, but so far. has not received replies – Clerk to chase.

**JT**

**b) Accidents** – Still an ongoing situation there is still the problem of funding the site work by the NHS Trust

**PB**

**c) Railings around the culvert in Ponside-** It was agreed to get a quote for painting the railings on Ponside TB to arrange. Work, it was suggested, not to be carried out until the Spring next year.

**TB**

Investigation of the smells coming from the culvert appears to fall under the NHDC umbrella for enforcement . PB has contacted Daniel Rose,, Environmental Officer who will report back in due course.

Andy Hardstaff HCC is preparing a response to our request on the build-up of silt in the culvert.

**PB**

**d) Overgrown hedges in the High Street-**A works order by HH has been raised for the work to be carried out. PB to contact to Trevor Ward to get more information as to when the work will be carried out.

**PB**

**e) Street Lights-** The light in Ashwell Close is now working but there is a faulty light in Church Lane (once again) PB will report.

**PB**

**2) Planning**

*Tony Bracey*

**a) Cars For Sale outside The Old Forge and High Street Lay-by-**.Peter Carey is our new contact

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at NHDC he is the Environmental Health Manager and is having a meeting in late November and will report back.

**TB/JT**

**b) Draft housing allocations unveiled for North Herts., Local Plan-**A Press Release has been received from NHDC regarding housing requirements for North Herts.,

*The draft housing allocations were discussed in advance of a NHDC Full Council meeting on 27 November, when Councillors will be asked to agree for consultation on a draft Local Plan - Preferred Options, for the period 2011-2031. Consultation would then be held during December and January where comments will be welcomed from the public, interest groups and potential developers. The results of the consultation will be used to prepare the final version of the Draft Local Plan to be put forward, following a further consultation, for examination by the Planning Inspectorate next year. The draft plan will include 12,100 homes for North Hertfordshire's needs over the period to 2031.*

After discussion it was decided that at this stage, that the GPC write to Cllr David Levett, NHDC's Portfolio Holder for Planning and Enterprise with the GPC's observations .PB to draft a letter for the Clerk to send. As a GASP member was also present they will also send in their thoughts.

**PB/JT**

### **3) Financial Report**

*Steve Firth*

**a) Bank Account-** Our current and reserve accounts now stand at £23,420.50

### **4) Playground**

*Cheryl Peers*

**a) Rent Increase-** Solicitors (Hamilton & Davies the Old Town Stevenage) have undertaken to register the new lease with the Land Registry. . When completed Clerk to return to Suffolk Legal.

**JT**

**b) Trees in Playground-** CP has instructed Matt Thompson Services (Clerk has raised the order) to landscape the area where the trees were felled for £300.00. Work will take place as soon as possible when the weather has improved.

**CP**

**c) New Bin for Playground-** TB has delivered the new bin to the playground and will be sited by Matt Thompson when he carries out the landscaping.

**d) Playground Hedges on the footpath –** The hedges either side on the approach to the Playground are very overgrown Clerk has contacted Hertfordshire Homes and received an email:- *I am the neighbourhood officer who now deals with Graveley. I will take some pictures next time I am in the area and speak to our Estate Manager about this issue. Loren Haley*

**JT**

**e) Mower and Strimmer-**It was agreed that both items be serviced by Deamers PB to arrange.

**PB**

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

**a) Caravan (Grinders End) -** A caravan has appeared in the woodland it has reported to Chris Braybrooke to ascertain if planning regulation has been breached. Chris Braybrooke has not, as yet. been able to visit the site.

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

**a) Bollards/Security Posts Adjacent to Grinders End-** New locks have been fitted, keys are now held by the chairman & Clerk, a key has also been passed to the Homes & Communities Agency for access to their land.

### **7) Correspondence received**

**a) St Mary's Church** request for a contribution towards grass cutting. It was agreed by all GPC members to give £1,000.

**b)Flood Risk Management Plans-** Clerk to send to the Graveley Environmental Group for their input. HN is also investigating and will report at the next GPC meeting.

**HN**

**c) Local Government Boundary Commission Review** TH informed the meeting that the number of Hertfordshire County Councillors remain the same, the current Ward that Graveley is located in has some minor changes, however Graveley is unaffected.

### **8) Cheques Issued**

- a) Clerks Petty Cash £91.33
- b) Jarrett Fencing Playground fence £2458,44 incl VAT
- c) Cruz microsystems Clerks computer check £85.00 incl VAT
- d) Alan |Eaton Grass Cutting etc. £150.00
- e) St. Mary's Church Grass cutting £1,000.00

**9) Any Other Business.**

**a) Graveley Village Hall Funding Request** The Parish council have had their request for the release the sum of £1212.04 from their S106 fund to support this project.

**b) Village Pond clearing of overgrown reeds.** Quotes have been received by the Environmental Group GPC have agreed to fund this project for the sum of £900.00 ex vat. And work will take place in the next month.

**The meeting closed at 9.30 pm**

**The next GPC meeting will be at Graveley Village Hall  
On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 8 pm.**