

Graveley Parish Council's Meeting
Tuesday 17th March 2015 at 8pm
Held at Graveley Village Hall

Present: .Chairman- Peter Bracey (PB) Vice Chair- Steve Firth (SF) Cheryl Peers (CP) Tony Bracey (TB) HCC Cllr Tony Hunter (TH)

Members of the public were also present

Apologies – Hilary Napier (HN) NHDC Cllrs Cathryn Henry (CH) Sal Jarvis (SJ) and PCSO Heather Burrows.

Declarations of interest-none

Approval of minutes - The Minutes of the 17th February 2015 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, David Scholes Chief Executive NHDC has asked Simon Ellis to investigate, it was thought that until the Local Plan and its impact is decided no decision can be made. A local resident expressed the view that the larger 4 x 4 cars were responsible for speeding. Whilst a traffic census took place some time ago PB will look into the previous details and report at the next meeting.

PB

b) Accidents – PB has written to Robert Gordon (Leader HCC), Terry Douris (Cabinet Member for Highways and Waste Management) and HCC Cllr Tony Hunter regarding yet another accident at the North Road and Graveley High Street Junction. He has received replies from Robert Gordon and Terry Douris who have suggested that Tony Hunter is the person to deal with this ongoing problem. TH reported that the data is being analyzed by the Police and although it is thought that the accidents were caused by undue care and attention by the car drivers involved the investigation continues.

PB/TH

c) Street Lights-It has been reported that two street lights in Ashwell Close and one outside the Wagon & Horses are not working. TB to give Clerk the relevant numbers who will report to TH

TB/JT/TH

d) Overgrown hedges in the High Street- They have been cut back but were unable to cut back the hedge by the Bus Shelter owing to the equipment used PB has contacted Trevor Ward (Ringway) requesting that the work is completed an order has been raised and will be carried out in due course. PB to contact Andrew Mills to get the debris from the last cutting cleared up on the High Street.

PB

e) Flooding on the Road outside the George & Dragon-Trevor Ward is on the case, but with the recent heavy rainfall the problem still exists PB to report. The consensus of opinion is that almost every avenue has been explored but it is still a problem.

PB

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f) 'No Parking' Post- outside the Old School House in Church Lane could be considered a hazard PB has reported to Herts. Highways.

PB

g) Retaining Wall-in the High Street by 4 High Street, the following has been received from Ringway 'the wall is waiting for a plan to confirm who is responsible for its maintenance'. PB to chase.

PB

2 Planning

Tony Bracey

a) **1a High Street-** TB has drafted a letter for the Clerk to send to Senior Traffic Commissioner's Secretariat requesting that *Under the freedom of information act, to provide the following information.-...a scaffolding company have recently moved in and operate ten plus lorries overnight at the address. Can you please confirm that the address has an Operator Centre Licence and the lorries using the site have Operators Licences to operate from the address?*

JT

b) **Caravan (Grinders End)** - NHDC Senior Planning Compliance Officer contacted TB and informed him that it will be moved and the sign overlooking the A1M as it flouts planning laws the owner has to comply with this order within 28 days of it being served..TB to chase.

TB

3 Financial Report

Steve Firth

a) **Bank Account-** Our current and reserve accounts now stand at £16,159.75p

4) Playground

Cheryl Peers

a) **Rent Increase-** Solicitors (Hamilton & Davies the Old Town Stevenage) have sent the new lease to the Land Registry and it has been returned to Suffolk Legal. Clerk has a copy of the Registered Lease.

b) **Playground Update:** - CPM have inspected the Playground and issued a report all is in order.

5) Any Other Business

a) **Dog Fouling-** A local resident has complained at the amount of Dog Mess left on the footpath from Grinders End towards the Roundabout. Apart from being a hazard to the health of children and adults it is an offence which could result in a large fine. The GPC fund a bin where waste can be put. TB has drafted a letter and Clerk to add the Health Risks and in due course a letter will be distributed throughout the village

JT

6) Matters Arising

a) **A New PCSO-Elaine** Cuozzo is leaving the constabulary this month - we wish her well, our new

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contact will be Heather Burrows her email address is:-

Heather.burrows@herts.pnn.police.uk

b) **Parish and General Elections Thursday 7th May 2015-**Clerk has received a time table and

forms from Catherine Cole NHDC Electoral Services Officer which were distributed to all current GPC members to fill in. Clerk pointed out that the Proposer and Seconder must not be a current GPC member but must live in the Parish and be on the Electoral Role, which the Clerk has collected from Catherine. The completed forms must be taken in, after making an appointment, to Gernon Road to be checked by no later than 4.00pm on 9th April.

All

7) Correspondence received

- a) HDC Parish Election Forms (see 6b above)
- b) NCPRE Protect Our Green Belt Meeting on notice board
- c) Herts CC Walks information poster on notice board

8) Cheques Issued

- a) NHDC Playground rent one year £100.00 no vat
- b) CPM Playground Inspection £48.00 incl vat

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

**The next GPC meeting will be at Graveley Village Hall
On Tuesday 15th April 2015 at 8 pm.**

