

**Graveley Parish Council's Meeting**  
**Tuesday 21<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 8pm**  
**Held at Graveley Village Hall**

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

Members of the public were also present

**Apologies** – Hilary Napier (HN) PCSO Michelle Tressell (MT) and HCC Cllr Tony Hunter (TH)

**Declarations of interest**-none

**Approval of minutes** - The Minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> March 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, it was thought that until the Local Plan and its impact is decided no decision can be made.

**b) Accidents** – Whilst some landscaping has been carried out at the High Street and North Road junction the road markings to help with the accident problem will be carried out this financial year.

**c) Street Lights**-It has been reported that two street lights in Ashwell Close are still not working. Clerk to chase up with TH.

**JT/TH**

**d) Overgrown hedges in the High Street and Wall**-PB received an email update from Trevor Ward (Ringway) *the wall has been inspected and is not in any immediate danger of collapse but is being monitored regularly. The hedge by the bus stop I have given to the Community Payback Team (CPT) who will attend to it shortly.*

**e) Bollard outside the George & Dragon**-a car swerved into a bollard and caused significant damage PB to speak to Highways regarding a repair.

**PB**

**2 Planning**

*Tony Bracey*

**a) 1a High Street- Clerk** has received a reply in response to GGPC's request ( from the Senior Traffic Commissioner's Secretariat) that under the freedom of information act, they 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?* The GPC cannot make any representation; it is up to any local residents to pursue if they wish. The relevant paperwork was passed over to CP.

**b) Caravan (Grinders End)** - NHDC Senior Planning Compliance Officer contacted TB and informed him that it will be moved and the sign overlooking the AIM as it flouts planning laws the

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owner has to comply with this order within 28 days of it being served no action has been taken so far. TB to follow up.

**TB**

**c) Planning Application 6 Ashwell Common**- it was not possible to look at this application as two GPC members have a vested interest and there was not a quorum Clerk to ask for an extension for GPC observations

**JT (done 23/04/15)**

### **3 Financial Report**

*Steve Firth*

**a) Bank Account-** Our current and reserve accounts now stand at £17,012.01

**b) End of Year Accounts-** SF to contact BDO regarding the date for submission of the 2014/2015 accounts. Mrs Thompson to be contacted asking if she is prepared to carry out the internal audit of the accounts.

**SF**

**c) Grant-**the grant for hedge and grass cutting of £1,000.00 from NHDC's Rural Grant Fund has been received.

### **4) Playground**

*Cheryl Peers*

**a) CP** said all was in order and she has removed the plastic netting, used to protect the new grass, as it was in shreds.

### **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. Clerk has added the Health Risks and will print out a notice to go in a suitable place at Grinders End. After getting the approval of GPC members...

**JT**

### **6) Matters Arising**

**a) A New PCSO-** Our new contact is now Michelle Tressell who is responsible for Gravely email address is [Michelle.TRESSELL@Herts.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Michelle.TRESSELL@Herts.pnn.police.uk) she emailed to say she is unable to make this GPC meeting but will come to the May one.

**b) Parish and General Elections Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015-**The current council relinquish control on 11<sup>th</sup> May. Three nominations have been accepted by NHDC for the new Parish Council a fourth was rejected because of a mistake with the date. The new Parish Council will have thirty five days to co-opt two further members without having to involve NHDC. Clerk to ask Alan Lines, Editor of GM, to include a note that there is vacancy for a new GPC member and any enquiries should be directed to the Clerk

**c) Resignation**-PB has resigned as Chairman and Parish Councillor Peter's achievement in bringing about the separation of Graveley parish from Gt Ashby- a mammoth task carried through with the determination to master the new legislation which allowed this to happen. Also his very valuable contribution as Parish Councilor and latterly as Chairman to all aspects of the work carried out on behalf of the Parish. He will be missed but all GPC members wish to put on record their thanks and wish him well for the future,

**d) Local Plan** – PB received the following email in reply to his request for information from *Richard Kelly Principal Strategic Planning Officer We hope to publish it all in the summer, but it is not yet ready for publication.*

## **7) Correspondence received**

a) HDC Parish Election Forms (see 6b above)

## **8) Cheques Issued**

a) Clerks Petty Cash £49.81

**The meeting closed at 9.00 pm**

**The next GPC meeting will be at Graveley Village Hall  
On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 8 pm.**



