

Graveley Parish Council's Meeting
Tuesday 19th July 2016 at 8pm
Held at Graveley Village Hall

Present: Chair Jack Rigg (JR) Vice Chair Cheryl Norgan (CN), Financial Officer Steve Firth (SF) Hilary Napier (HN) Tony Bracey (TB) and NHDC Terry Tyler. (TT)

Members of the public were also present

Apologies – HCC Tony Hunter (TH) and NHDC Cathryn Henry (CH)

Declarations of interest-none

Approval of minutes - The Minutes of the 21st June 2016 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising - none

1. Highways Report

Jack Rigg

a) Solar Panel Speeding Signs- . JR sent the following email to TH-*From previous conversations I understand that your discretionary budget to support traffic calming measures for this year has already been allocated. GPC believes that the above will reduce inadvertent speeding by responsible drivers, while at the same time generating data over time to clarify traffic volumes, speed and peak usage. This should improve road safety within the village and hopefully improve driver attitudes and driving practice. Please would you therefore consider supporting Graveley in financing the cost of the above in the next financial year.* GPC members feel that this was a scheme that all support and it is hoped to have the signs up during next year.

JR

b) Road Works at Junction of B197/North Road- HCC (Martin Wright. Engineering Assistant) emailed a letter with plans for the proposed new Road markings in Graveley High Street. JR has drafted a letter, emailed to all GPC members, the final version was sent by the Clerk and Martin Wright replied, it seems as if the proposal will go ahead later next month. The GPC were concerned that this issue would still be a problem.

c) Overhanging Trees off Turf Lane- JR spoke to Trevor Ward who will review level of work involved to cut back the trees. Clerk to see what progress is being made.

JT

d) Road Passing Place Chesfield-Peter Bracey raised a problem of the collapse of the road verge at a passing point masked by long grass resulting in a number of cars needing to be pulled out of the field. PB has reported the problem but will let JR have the job number so that he can follow up with TW.

JR

e) Traffic Calming E mail to Guy McCallan from Peter Bracey-*I hope this email finds you healthy and well. Although I am no longer of the Parish Council I do help out on a number of items. They have asked me to contact you to explore the possibility of carrying out a traffic survey on the B197 High Street Graveley. The belief is that the traffic volumes and speeds have increased over the past couple of years. Is it possible that this location could be considered for data collection?*

Reply from Guy McCallan Traffic Management Office *Thank you for your message. I will add your request to my waiting list and provide summary details in due course.*

2. Planning.

Tony Bracey

a) 1a High Street- JR has chased up with TH. Who emailed-*Have spoken to enforcement to take action to stop parking on the highway. Will report back as advised.*

JR

b) Roundwood-Land At Roundwood, Back Lane, Graveley - Case Ref No: 16/01713/1 residential development of up to 360 dwellings Phase 1: full application for 108 dwellings.

A lively discussion took place GPC's main concern is the possible increase in the traffic coming down Church Lane and through the Village. JR to compile a letter for the Clerk to send with our observations.

JR/JT

3. Financial Report

Steve Firth

a) Bank Account- Current Account and Deposit Account £16,273.24

b) Transparency Fund- TB and the Clerk applied for a grant under this scheme. With the help of Sue Campbell at HAPTC and were successful in getting a grant of £530.00 (£250.00 for setting up and £280.00 for maintenance) for the Graveley website. The cheque has been received and we are hopeful that we can in the next year be able to apply for the maintenance grant.

4. Playground

Cheryl Norgan

a) Playground Report-CN reported that CPM's report was received and it was pointed out that the 'Bird Strips' on two pieces of equipment needed replacing. Clerk to contact CPM to find out if it was possible to have a more secure fixing for new 'Bird Strips' and at what cost

JT

5) Correspondence Received- none

6. Matters Arising-none

7. Any Other Business

a) Pond Signs- SF will organise a new sign to go on the Notice board in the pond. (Cost in the region of £30.00) Clerk to ask GEG for the wording and size of the proposed notice. Clerk to action.

JT

b) Screening for Bus Shelter- Clerk chased up Mercer Leyton (Building) Ltd who hopes to start work in w/c 1st August this year.

c) GEC Planting- Conclusive confirmation awaited from Highways that no License to Cultivate in respect of the land exists; in the meantime all work has been halted. Clerk to see if there are any

further developments

JT

d) Grinders End Fallen Tree -PB took photographs of the fallen tree on the Cycle/footpath leading down to the roundabout. Clerk has spoken to Trevor Ward who will have to raise an order for a tree surgeon to remove it. It seems that Ringway employees for 'Health and Safety' reasons cannot carry out this work. Clerk to chase up if necessary.

JT

e) Grinders End Anti-Social Behaviour Problem- Clerk to contact our CPO Michelle Trussell to ascertain the current situation.

JT

f) S106 Money-Clerk to have a word with Stuart Izzard to see if the £1,175.00 could be released for use by the GCC for work at the ground and received an email on 1st June *Re the s106 / UU Planning Funds, we would need to get sounding from our Planning Section re possible use of the £1,175 under the Leisure category re the electrical supply works up at the Cricket Club. I'll run it past my colleagues in Planning and let you know.* Clerk to chase up.

JT

8. Cheques Issued

- a) NHDC Playground rent £89.23 no vat
- b) Plants Galore work on corner plot £100.00 no vat
- c) CPM Playground Inspection £60.00 incl vat
- d) Eaton Grass Cutting Playground £270.00 no vat

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm

**The next GPC meeting will be at Graveley Village Hall
On Tuesday 16th August 2016**