

**Graveley Parish Council's Meeting
Tuesday 18th October 2016 at 8pm
Held at Graveley Village Hall**

Present: Chair Jack Rigg (JR) Vice Chair Cheryl Norgan (CN), Financial Officer Steve Firth (SF)
Tony Bracey(TB)

Members of the public were also present

Apologies – Hilary Napier (HN). NHDC Clls Cathryn Henry (CH) and Terry Tyler (TT)

Declarations of interest-none

Approval of minutes - The Minutes of the 20th September 2016 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising - none

1. Highways Report

Jack Rigg

a) Road Works at Junction of B197/North Road- We are awaiting a start date from Martin Wright Engineering Assistant, Clerk to chase

JT

b) Overhanging trees Turf Lane-Clerk received an email from Trevor Ward-*I may have to get a tree surgeon to do it but it won't be until next year. !!!*

JT

c) Proposed Travellers Site opposite the Garden Centre – Following a comment on the Stevenage Local Plan to the effect that the police had no objection to the locating of a Travellers site near Graveley JR contacted Chief Inspector Perk at Stevenage Police Station, to clarify the nature of their response. To date no response has been received.

2. Planning.

Tony Bracey

a) 1a High Street- Chris Braybrook emailed 17/10/16-- *I can confirm that the council has not received any planning applications to regularise the car sales at the site. I will now seek officer opinion as to whether enforcement action would be expedient under the circumstances given the change of use or if the car sales are acceptable from this site. I will come back to you on this later this week. I am not sure I will have this in time for the meeting tomorrow night.*

In respect of cars being sold on the highway verge, this is still an issue for the County Council to address, as are any adverts placed on their land. TB to keep an eye on progress but it does seem to be that no cars for sale are being displayed on the highway verge at the moment.

TB

b) Planning Permission : A request for a variation of condition 7 on permission 1/0849-14 to change the number of vehicle movements from 80 movements (40 in, 40 out) Monday - Friday and

40 movements (20 in, 20 out) Saturday to 160 movements (80 in, 80 out) Monday - Friday and 60 movements (30 in, 30 out) Saturday at Envirowaste Recycling Centre, Jacks Hill, Graveley, SG4 7EQ (Land adjacent to the B197) is being sought. GPC robustly oppose this application. Contrary to the existing Planning Approval, from time to time skip lorries from the waste site continue to travel through the village, increasing the permitted number of journeys will only increase the problem - see Graveley website for the full transcript of GPC's objection. Clerk to action

JT (done 20/10/16)

c) Roundwood TT arranged for JR and CN met with a resident of Great Ashby who is involved in the Planning Industry to get understand how he viewed the current Roundwood application and going forward the Local Plan. On Roundwood he felt that the application would fail because of issues relating to access to the site, proposed changes in the local road network and a reduction in residential parking which was already a problem. For both Roundwood and the Local Plan he emphasised the need to back any objection with evidence substantiating the reason for your objection.

3. Financial Report

Steve Firth

a) Bank Account- Current Account and Deposit Account £19,403.66

b) Precept Requirements 2017/18 - It was agreed that our requirement for this next period would be the same as previous years - £6,000.00 Clerk to send a copy of these minutes to Antonio Ciampa Accountancy Manager at NHDC with our request.

JT

4. Playground

Cheryl Norgan

a) Playground Report- CN reported that all was in order.

b) Fallen Tree - The fence has been damaged, it will need to be repaired, CN to get Jarrets (who erected the new fence) to quote for a suitable repair
CN

c) Hedge cutting-Alan Eaton has a local contact who may be willing to trim the top of the hedge and remove the cuttings, he will get a quote and Clerk will raise the necessary order.

JT

5, Correspondence Received

a) St Mary's request for a grant towards grass cutting. It was agreed to give a grant of £1,000.00, Clerk to get the necessary paper work in order.

JT

b) Local residents concerns re parking problems outside the Garage in Church Lane and dangerous conditions of the culvert railings. JR to speak to the Garage owners regarding the parking problem and Clerk to draft a letter for JR's approval before sending to Trevor Ward regarding the Railings problem.

JR/JT

c)NHDC Proposal for Local Plan- the complete file given to JR for his consideration.

d) Church Lane speeding problem- a local resident has complained about the speeding problems,

JR has replied. No further action, at this stage is required.

e) Members Register of Interest Forms- Kiren Kaliria Monitoring Officer at NHDC has requested that CN and JR complete the necessary forms which Clerk has supplied for them to complete and return to him at the November meeting for clerk to send.

CN/JR

6. Matters Arising-none

7. Any Other Business

a) Pond Signs- GEG reported that the new signs for both ponds have been received and the small pond now has a brand new notice. The notice for the large pond will be sited shortly.

b) Screening for Bus Shelter- Mercer Leyton (Building) Ltd have completed the work on the splash screen.

JT

c) GEC Planting- Clerk contacted Stephen Murphy at Herts Highways to get a definitive answer regarding a “License to Plant” on the waste land at the corner of the High Street and Church Lane. He emailed a reply that there is only the one granted to GPC otherwise no other person has the right to Plant on this site. It is clear that the land belongs to Herts Highways. Following a robust discussion on this issue it was left that GPC will consider what action to take going forward.

d) NHDC Local Plan - A six week consultation on the Local Plan to be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination starts on 19th October, ending 30th November. In response to this consultation the possibility of getting professional help in opposing various aspects of the Local Plan (LP) were discussed. HN provided a Royal Town Planning Institute brochure of possible local contacts which JR will investigate. CN suggested it might be useful to subscribe to Planning Resource, a Planning trade magazine to help keep us informed of the latest developments regarding local plan of other local authorities. JR to investigate.

Also JR is to meet with Great Ashby Community Council and Weston PC representatives on 20th October to identify how we might work together in opposing the LP.

It was also discussed how best GPC might inform local residents that the consultation was now open. JR will produce a piece for Graveley Matters and a leaflet for distribution to all households in the Parish.

JR

8. Cheques Issued

a) Alan Eaton – Grass cutting and Bird Spikes £230.00

The meeting closed at 9.52 pm

**The next GPC meeting will be at Graveley Village Hall
On Tuesday 15th November 2016**