

**Graveley Parish Council's Meeting  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 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) and HCC Tony Hunter (TH)

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 18<sup>th</sup> October 2016 were approved and signed.

**Matters Arising** - none

**1. Highways Report**

*Jack Rigg*

**a) Road Works at Junction of B197/North Road-** Work has been completed on the new road markings

**2. Planning.**

*Tony Bracey*

**a) Full Planning Permission :** Erection of 1 x 2 bed and 1 x 3 bed dwellings. 35 High Street, Graveley, Hitchin, SG4 7LA - Case Ref No: 16/02603/1 GPC have no objection but have pointed out that it is in the Green Belt and in a Conservation Area. Clerk to process.

**JT (done 17/11/16)**

**b) Full Planning Permission :** Envirowaste Recycling Centre, Jacks Hill, Graveley, SG4 7EQ (Land adjacent to the B197) This application has been rejected but Planning have advised that they can resubmit at a later stage.

**c) 1a High Street-** TH pointed out that if only one car for sale is on Highways land it is permissible which at the present is the case. If more than one car is for sale we should contact the Environment Dept David Furr who we should inform ideally with a photograph.

**3. Financial Report**

*Steve Firth*

**a) Bank Account-** Current Account and Deposit Account £18645.91

**4. Playground**

*Cheryl Norgan*

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

**b) Fence Repairs-** A quote for repair of the fence has been received from Jarrett Fencing 'Remove the damaged 26.6mts of existing chainlink fencing from site Reset bent angle iron Posts Supply and install 26.6mts of new 1'8mt PVC green chain link for a total of £711.66 plus vat. The Clerk has spoken to our insurers, Came and Co, and sent them the quote, Clerk was under the impression that

we were covered as they asked for our Bank details and he had, in his email, asked specificity the question were we covered for the tree damaging the fence. Clerk has voiced his concerns at the way this request was dealt with as they have now told the Clerk we are not covered, even though the Playground is covered. Clerk has asked them to have a look at the whole matter and come back to him in due course.

**JT**

11/11/17

**c) Hedge cutting-** a local contact has quoted £150.00 to trim the top of the hedge and remove the cuttings, the work has been completed.

## **5, Correspondence Received-none**

## **6. Matters Arising**

a) **Local residents concerns** re parking problems outside the Garage in Church Lane and dangerous conditions of the culvert railings. TH has had a word with Gary Henning who is looking into the railings problem and in due course will come back to the Clerk. The Garage owner was at this meeting and said it could be a problem in some cases and they dealt with it when they could, obviously it was not possible to eliminate completely. GPC thanked him for his input.

**JR/JT**

**b) 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 and they have been completed and Clerk to send off.

**JT**

## **7. Any Other Business**

**a) Telephone Box-** The Telephone Box in the High Street has been declared redundant by BT and CN has suggested we might adopt it and use it as part of the Book Swap scheme. The Book Swap now being run at St Mary's will continue. Clerk to look into cost etc with BT to be discussed at the next meeting.

**JT**

**b) Next GPC Meeting-**it was decided that as the next meeting in December is very close to Christmas that there would be no meeting and the next one will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**c) Planting corner of High St., and Church Lane-** It was agreed at this meeting that GPC would consider going ahead with this project, GEG have made it clear they do not wish to be involved but would help by supplying details of what they originally envisaged, Clerk to contact the original contractor and ascertain if, in the Spring, they would take on the work. To be discussed at the next meeting.

**JT**

**d) NHDC Local Plan -** We have taken out a subscription to Planning Resource, a Planning trade magazine to help keep us informed of the latest developments regarding local plans of other local authorities. It will be sent to CN who will inform GPC members of anything of interest.

Also JR is to meet with Great Ashby Community Council and Weston PC representatives and it was agreed to get the services of a professional to help us formulate our objections to the Roundwood development.

**JR**

## **8. Cheques Issued**

- a) Mercer Leyton (Building) Ltd Bus Shelter screen £1,820.00
- b) Petty Cash (Bin Bags, Norton etc) £116.95
- c) Planning Magazine subscription £180.00
- d) St, Mary's Grant grass cutting £1,000 00
- e) Jim Devereux Hedge Cutting in playground £150.00
- f) Paul Baltruschatt Litter Picker £171.00

**The meeting closed at 9.52 pm**

**The next GPC meeting will be at Graveley Village Hall  
On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017**