

**Graveley Parish Council's Meeting
Tuesday 21st February 2017 at 8pm
Held at Graveley Village Hall**

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

Members of the public were also present

Apologies – NHDC Clls Cathryn Henry (CH) Terry Tyler (TT) and HCC Tony Hunter (TH)

Declarations of interest-none

Approval of minutes - The Minutes of the 15th November 2016 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising – No meetings of the GPC were held in December 2016 or in January 2017

1. Highways Report

Jack Rigg

a) SBC Plan- JR compiled letters for the Clerk to send to Rt Hon Peter Lilley MP, Rt Hon Sir Oliver Heald QC MP and Rt Hon Stephen McPartland MP. Replies were received but in all cases the replies were that the contents had been noted and will be considered. JR, CP and local residents attended several meetings at Stevenage to discuss the Plan. Information on these deliberations can be found on the Graveley website under Village Information/NHDC/SBC Local Plan.

b) NHDC Plan- GPC's submission to the NHDC Consultation was submitted on 29/11/2016, details of which can be found on the Village Web Site. NHDC Officers and planners are currently reviewing all comments received to the consultation. Cabinet is expected to review the recommendations of planners at a meeting in late March and then submit the finalised plan to a full council meeting in April.

2. Planning Report

Tony Bracey

As there was no GPC meeting in December 2016 or January 2017 the Planning Committee looked at the following two Applications and Clerk processed GPC's observations to NHDC.

a) Full Planning Permission Householder : Vehicular access from High Street 1 High Street, Graveley, 16/03008/1HH- had no problem with this application but suggest double yellow lines be laid on the B197 either side of the proposed entrance to prevent parked vehicles restricting the viewing angles of vehicles leaving the property.

b)Full Planning Permission Householder : Proposed single storey outbuilding and detached barn following demolition of existing outbuilding and pole barn. Jacks Hill Farm, Jacks Hill, Graveley, 6/03002/1H- GPC had no objection.

c) 1a High Street- GPC have received many complaints regarding the erection of a very large, high scaffold structure, including container sized office buildings on the gantries on this site. TB has been in touch with Chris Braybrooke at NHDC to ascertain if the construction is in violation of planning laws, we await his reply.

TB

3. Financial Report

Steve Firth

a) **Bank Account-** Current Account and Deposit Account £15,076.81

4. Playground

Cheryl Norgan

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

b) **Fence Repairs-** Have been completed

JT

c) **Insurance Claim-** After many emails and telephone calls, by the Clerk, an email was received from Josh Britcher of Came & Co (our insurance brokers) - *I'm pleased to say the insurer issued payment for £461.66 in settlement of the claim on 15/12/2016.* This is in regards to our claim for replacement of the damaged fence in the playground

5, Correspondence Received

a) **Herts Traffic and Transport Report 2015** to JR

6. Matters Arising

a) **Local residents concerns** regarding the silting up of the culvert grill at the corner of the High Street and Church Lane. Clerk reported it to Trevor Ward at NHDC who has had it cleared. Trevor Ward is also contacting Gary Henning of HH regarding the railings.

JT

7. Any Other Business

a) **Village Hall-**have requested a grant from GPC for work they need to carry out on the railings on the steps leading up to the entrance. It is required as it is a Health and Safety issue as a small child from the Pre School Play group could easily slip and fall onto the concrete below. The Village Hall Committee have received quotes and are seeking a grant from NHDC. It was agreed that GPC will consider their application would be reconsidered once the outcome of NHDC grant request had been determined.

JT

b) **Turf Lane problems-**An email was received from a local resident concerning continuing anti-social behaviour stemming from a particular property in Oak Lane. In addition to littering and anti-social behaviour in cars in Turf Lane near the garages, there has also been an incident with a dangerous dog requiring police involvement. The police have requested the resident install a high fence to contain the animal but the resident has failed to do so yet. The complainant also enquired as to whether it would be feasible to install a camera to monitor the frequency of this anti-social behaviour.

Following a discussion by members of the Parish Council it was agreed that the Clerk to speak to the resident and suggest that they contact our local Community Police Officer and Hertfordshire Homes. The camera option was considered.

c) **Planting corner of High St., and Church Lane-** It was agreed at this meeting that GPC would ask Plants Galore to prepare their estimate for carrying out the work on this plot with a list of suggested plants. A copy, for information only, to be given to the local resident who has voiced her concerns over this project.

JT

8. Cheques Issued

- a) CPM Playground inspection Nov 2016 £50.00 +vat
- b) Weston PC 1/3rd share towards Planning Advice £333.00
- c) Clerks PC £102.10
- d) A J's Mowers Leaf blower Playground £169.00
- e) Jarrett Fencing Playground £711.66 +vat
- f) Paul Baltruschatt Litter Picker £186.00

The meeting closed at 9.52 pm

**The next GPC meeting will be at Graveley Village Hall
On Tuesday 21st March 2017**