

**Graveley Parish Council's Meeting
Tuesday 16th May 2017 at 8pm
Held at Graveley Village Hall**

Present: Vice Chair Cheryl Norgan (CN) Financial Officer Steve Firth (SF) Tony Bracey (TB)
HCC Cllr Steve Jarvis and NHDC Cllr Terry Tyler.

Members of the public were also present

Apologies – Chair Jack Rigg (JR) and Hilary Napier (HN)

Declarations of interest-none

Approval of minutes - The Minutes of the 18th April 2017 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising – None

1. Highways Report

Jack Rigg

a) SBC Plan- NHDC Local Plan- Travellers Site AS JR was unable to attend this meeting he supplied all GPC members with an update, which CP read out. (Attached to these minutes)

2. Planning Report

Tony Bracey

a) 1a High Street- 17/00792/1EUD | Certificate of Lawful Development: Continued existing use as B8 (storage and distribution). TB to draft a reply for Clerk to send to Tom Allington at NHDC
TB/JT

b) 1a High Street- Outline Application: Erection of 3 x 3 bed detached dwellings and 4 x 2 bed semi-detached dwellings (all matters reserved except access). - Case Ref No: 17/01132/1
Clerk has asked, Tom Allington at NHDC, for an extension for GPC's reply until the June GPC's meeting
TB/JT

3. Financial Report

Steve Firth

a) Bank Account- Current and Savings Account £12, 611.82

b) End of Year Accounts -The GPC Examined, Agreed and Adopted the 2016-17 Financial and Audit reports together with the Governance Statement for submission to BDO, our External Auditors. Clerk to send by registered post, together with a copy of these minutes.

JT

4. Playground

Cheryl Norgan

a) Playground Report- all is in order, CPM's report indicated some minor maintenance required, Alan Eaton has repaired / replacement of some bungs.

CN

5. Correspondence Received

a) None

6. Matters Arising

a) **Street Lights**- two faulty street lights-Turf Lane and on the footpath leading up to Ashwell Close-both have been repaired and are now working

b) **Overgrown Footpath**- the footpath between the two public houses leading from Pondsides to the High Street is overgrown, Clerk contacted Trevor Ward to get it trimmed back, which has been done. Clerk has requested that this could go on Trevor Wards rolling programme of work.

JT

c) **Dead Tree**-a local resident pointed out that a dead tree on the corner of Ashwell Close/Common needs removing. Clerk has contacted Trevor Ward to arrange the removal.

JT

d) **Dog Mess Bin**- Clerk to ask Jim Devereux to give a quote for repairing the bin at Grinders End which has been hit and needs straightening up. Clerk to chase up

JT

e) **Local residents concern re access by Fire Engine's Grinders End** *“On Monday a fire engine was in Grinders End. It had difficulty passing the parked car which is often parked there the person is to do with the school.*

Clerk has contacted the local Fire Station to ask for their views, and is awaiting a reply

JT

7. Any Other Business

a) **Phone box update.** Clerk has contacted BT informing them that the GPC were not going ahead with the adoption of the redundant phone box in the High Street.

b) **Wall High Street JR emailed** *Derek Jerrard District Service Agent Before your recent secondment we raised the issue of the disrepair of the above wall and it was my understanding that the job had been put out to tender but would not be undertaken until financial year 2016-2017 for reasons of budget. Please could you let me know where we are on this please as I need to update the Parish Council. And received a reply You are correct this was to be funded in 16/17 but unfortunately higher priority works took precedence. I will resurrect the works order and see if the works can be funded this financial year. I cannot make any promises as this type of work is a low priority and other works may take precedence this year.*

c) **The Government's new Housing White Paper**-GPC responded to the Consultation on the government's new Housing White Paper, giving several proposals for strengthening the Green Belt, as the HWP appeared to some to dilute Green Belt protection. There was discussion on the importance of maintaining existing strong protections for the Green Belt. These should include clarifying that Green Belt boundaries in Local Plans should be amended only in exceptional circumstances. Local authorities must also demonstrate that they have examined fully all other reasonable options for meeting their identified housing requirements, an omission from the White Paper. CPRE is intending to highlight this deficiency and seek reassurance that the Government

