

**Graveley Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 21st November 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) Tony Bracey (TB) and HCC Steve Jarvis,(SJ)

Members of the public were also present

Apologies – None

Declarations of interest-none

Approval of minutes - The Minutes of the 17th October 2017 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising – None

1. Highways Report

Jack Rigg

a) NHDC Local Plan: No further information at this stage

b) SBC Plan / Travellers Site – An extract of The Inspector’s recommendations regarding the Travellers site is detailed below. The full report is available on the Graveley website under ' Village Information:-

“MM88. As set out above there is a demonstrable need for gypsy and traveller pitches within the Borough that cannot be accommodated on the existing Dyes Lane site. The Council have therefore had to look for a new site to accommodate this need. The Council have explored various alternatives, but because of the constrained nature of the Borough, with very little undeveloped non-Green Belt land remaining, no suitable, available sites were identified outside of the Green Belt.”

This was discussed and JR put forward the proposal that we should, at this stage, seek further advice from our Solicitors to understand what options are available to us regarding possible future action.. JR asked the members of the public, who were present, for their views and they all agreed (13) as did all the GPC members that GPC obtain written legal advice as to whether grounds exist to appeal the decision of the Stevenage Examination Inspector's to support the establishment of a Travellers site HO12.JR to action.

JR

c) Retaining wall 2 & 4 High Street-Derek Jerrard (Ringway representing NHDC) *The order for these works has been revamped from 2015 and issued to our specialist contractors. We are currently awaiting their program date.* Clerk to chase up.

JT

d) Traffic Survey- GPC have commissioned a survey of traffic through the village as part of their submission to the NHDC plan the full report can be found on the Graveley web site - under 'Village Information'

2. Planning Report

Tony Bracey

a) None received

b) 1a High Street-TB reported that he had contacted Steve Braybrooke but the planning application had still to be applied for and at this stage no further information was available. TB to keep an eye on progress.

TB

4. Financial Report

Steve Firth

a) Bank Account- Our current and savings account total is £7,383.58

b) Precept for 2018/9 – to be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Playground Report

Cheryl Norgan

a) Playground Report- CPM have carried out their report and pointed out several items that needed attention. Alan Eaton to have a look at this and report back to CN

b) Hedge Cutting-The hedge surrounding the playground is in need of cutting back, it was decided not to have this done at this stage but leave it until spring next year.

c) Damaged Equipment- a piece of equipment has been damaged CN has spoken to the original suppliers who have agreed, at no charge, to repair it. It has been taped up to minimise any damage to the young children using the playground

5. Correspondence Receive-none

6. Matters Arising

a) Fallen Trees Back Lane- still to be carried out, but has been scheduled by Trevor Ward

b) Overhanging Trees in Turf Lane- Clerk has been in touch with Mark Freeman- Estate Services at HH to ask him to clear the dead branches etc. after they were recently cut down by HH.

JT

7. Any Other Business

b) Open Day/ Fund Raising to fund further action on the SBC-Traveller's site -As the GPC funds are limited if it is decided to continue with our opposition to these plans it was felt that an independent fund raising group should be formed to raise funds, rather than by GPC. We await the Barristers reply (see 1b above) before any decision is made.

e) Problems in Ashwell Common/Grinders End-a local resident has raised concerns regarding parking, ant-social behaviour, speeding and other problems. The GPC can only advise residents with concerns to contact our local PCSO Phoebe Coates at Phoebe.Coates@herts.pnn.police.uk regarding parking problems and anti-social behaviour and Herts County Councillor Steve Jarvis at steve@sjarvis.cix.org.uk on speeding issues and request if speed restrictions could be put in place. No further action to be taken.

8.Cheques Issued

- a) CPM playground Inspection £50.00 plus vat
- b) Alan Eaton Grass cutting playground £170.00
- c) Haymarket Publications £48.75 (3 months) subscription. Planning Resource
- d) Paul Baltruschatt Litter Picking £171.00.

The meeting closed at 10 pm

**The next GPC meeting will be at Graveley Village Hall
On Tuesday 19th December 2017**