

**Graveley Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 16th January 2018 at 8pm
Held at Graveley Village Hall**

Present: Acting Chair Cheryl Norgan (CN) 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 21st November 2017 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising – There was no meeting in December 2017 as there was not a quorum of members to conduct business.

1. Highways Report

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

b) SBC Plan / Travellers Site – We asked for advice from our solicitors, Richard Buxton, if there were any grounds that we could use to appeal against SBC decision, and they advised that it was not in GPC's interest to continue. The meaning of the Holding Direction applied to the Stevenage Local Plan Examination by Mr Stephen McPartland M.P. was discussed.

c) Retaining wall 2 & 4 High Street-The necessary work on the wall has been carried out. Clerk to thank Derek Jerrard for carrying out this job to such a high standard.

JT

2. Planning Report

Tony Bracey

a) Full Planning Permission : Residential development comprising of 10 detached dwellings with detached garages and provision of new vehicular and pedestrian access of the High Street land At Milksey Lane, Graveley, 17/04017/FP

Graveley Parish Council robustly oppose this application. Reasons:-This application refers to land that is outside Graveley settlement area, is partly in the Graveley conservation area and wholly within the Green Belt. Paras 87 and 89 of the NPPF state that building on the Green Belt is inappropriate except in very special circumstances, special circumstances do not exist on this site. In view of the above Graveley Parish Council request that NHDC refuse permission for the development

JT (done 17/01/18)

b) Full Planning Permission: Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.11 Ashwell Common, Graveley, 17/04347/FPH

Graveley Parish Council has no objections to this application.

JT (done 17/01/18)

c) Outline planning 800 Residential/new local centre/primary school etc. on land North of Stevenage

ref 17/00862/OPM CN to let Clerk have a note with GPC's comments to send to SBC
CN

d) 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 it seems that the site is being cleared but TB to keep an eye on progress.

TB

3. Financial Report

Steve Firth

a) Bank Account- Our current and savings account total is £6,982.36 plus vat refund of £1,115.61

b) Precept for 2018/9 — It was agreed that our requirement for this next period would be the same as previous years - £6,000.00 plus the CTSR Grant (total £6,642.40) Clerk to send a copy of these minutes to Antonio Ciampa Accountancy Manager at NHDC with our request.

4. 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) 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 removed by them and is being repaired CN to keep an eye on progress.

CN

5. Correspondence Received - HCC Consultation on the draft minerals local plan - to CN

6. Matters Arising

a) Resignations- Both Jack Rigg and Hilary Napier have resigned from the Graveley Parish Council the members of the Council would like it put on record that all the work over the years has been appreciated and we wish them well for the future. Jack will continue to represent GPC on the SBC/NHDC plans and report to the GPC any developments.

Clerk has displayed on the notice board the NHDC notices as we are required to advertise the vacancies. When they expire (12th January 2018) if there are no replies to NHDC then the Clerk will display a notice, so that new members can be co-opted. This runs out at the end of January and the GPC, will in the February meeting make their selection.

7. Any Other Business

a) Dangerous Dogs- there have been problems with two large dogs out of control in the village our local PCSO Heather Burrows contacted the original complainant:- *A formal warning was issued to the owner of the two dogs. The warning states that she must keep her dogs under control and make the garden and property secure so that they cannot get out. Failure to do so could result in a Community Protection Notice being issued which would be a criminal matter. The owner was aware of the incident and that some steps had already been made to make the garden more secure.*

8.Cheques Issued

- a)** St Mary's grant for grass cutting £1,000.00
- b)** NHDC Emptying Dog Mess bins (one year) £300.75 + vat
- c)** Clerks Petty Cash £105.40
- d)** Paul Baltruschat Litter Picking £35.00
- e)** Richard Buxton Solicitors advice re Travellers Site £1,515.54 incl vat.

The meeting closed at 10 pm

**The next GPC meeting will be at Graveley Village Hall
On Tuesday 20th February 2018**