

**Graveley Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 20th February 2018 at 8pm
Held at Graveley Village Hall**

Present: Acting Chair Cheryl Norgan (CN) Financial Officer Steve Firth (SF) Tony Bracey (TB)
NHDC Terry Tyler (TT) and HCC Steve Jarvis,(SJ)

Members of the public were also present

Apologies – PCSO Heather Burrows and PC David Hine

Declarations of interest-none

Approval of minutes - The Minutes of the 16th January 2018 were approved and signed.

1. Highways Report

a) NHDC/SBC Local Plan: NHDC to find air quality monitoring data for Graveley showing the position as it is now (if there is any data) this will be discussed 26th February 2018 Jack Rigg will be presenting the case for Graveley with other residents and organisations such as CPRE (Herts) objecting on a number of different topics, including Cllr Steve Jarvis. All are welcome to attend the Examination.

2. Planning Report

Tony Bracey

a) Full Planning Permission : 1A High Street, Graveley, Hitchin, Herts, SG4 Erection of five x 3 bed and one x 2 bed detached dwellings and associated road, paths and landscaping. Landscaping 7LE reference: 17/04382/FP Gae Parry who represents the applicant gave a brief presentation on why the GPC should support this application.

GPC have made the following observations:-

- a) The area of the proposed development is within the Green Belt, as such the area is not a brownfield site, and cannot be built on except under very special circumstances Re:- NPPF para 87 & 89
- b) There is not any evidence that the site is a previously developed land.
- c) The proposed development is outside of the village core
- d) The development is contrary to Local Plan
- e) Restricted visibility for vehicles entering/leaving the site onto a busy road that has a history of numerous accidents is a real concern, The proposal to address this is to destroy trees and plants to improve the site lines and to construct the footpath into the village.
- f) Access to NS1 is proposed in close proximity to the yard on the opposite side of the road creating further confusion / congestion

Graveley Parish Council strongly object to this application for the reasons given.

b) Full Permission Householder : 11 Ashwell Common, Graveley, Hitchin, Herts, Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension. Rear dormer window and extension to driveway. reference: 17/04347/FPH

GPC have no objection to this application

JT

3. Financial Report

Steve Firth

a) **Bank Account-** Our current and savings account total is £1,172.77

4. Playground Report

Cheryl Norgan

a) **Playground Report-** CPM have carried out their report and pointed out several items that needed attention.

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.

5. **Correspondence Receive-** none

6. **Matters Arising -** none

7. Any Other Business

a) **Oak Lane Flooding-** TB and JT emailed Derek Jerrard District Service Agent at NHDC as the flooding was a continuing problem on the 14th February 2018 email from *Derek Jerrard I think the gully cleansers are in the area today. The Investigation works/ jetting is on Friday!!* They were indeed and this has now been completed Clerk has thanked Derek.

b) **Damaged Bench-** the bench outside the school in Ashwell Common has been vandalised one of the slats need to be replaced Alan Eaton will have a look and see if he could effect a repair.

c) **Fly Tipping** – There have been two incidents of Fly Tipping one in Green Lane which our Litter Picker removed The problem was that one of the posts at the entrance had been removed thereby allowing a vehicle to drive along and deposit the rubbish. Clerk has requested Derek Jerrard to replace the post. A job number has been raised and will be completed in due course. Clerk to keep an eye on progress. The other incident was in Ashwell Close/Common TB arranged for NHDC to remove. We ask anyone witnessing such anti-social behaviour to report it to the police.

JT

d) **Smiley Face Camera-** TB emailed SJ- *I see in the latest Focus leaflet that you have nearly £4000 left in your budget, your predecessor Tony Hunter had promised that he would include the funding of two Smiley Face signs to be located in Graveley High Street in his 2018/19 budget is it possible that you could fund the supply and installation of two smiley face signs to address the problem of the speeding traffic through Graveley.* SJ to send the Clerk further details how GPC can have it funded from the Highways Locality Budget. Clerk to send a request from GPC in due course.

JT

e) **Parish Elections-**The Clerk as he is an observer of GPC's actions (he has no voting rights) took over from the Acting Chair and asked the three applicants (the other was on holiday but had signalled his intentions) if they had any questions to ask of the three GPC members. There were a few questions which the GPC members answered. The applicants were then requested to retire so that the three Councillors could have a discussion. All three agreed that Paul Munton, because of his financial knowledge and Robert Millard as a young family man should be selected-Clerk to inform them of this decision. Clerk to write to those not selected and thank them for their interest and hope that they will support GPC with their specialised knowledge in fighting the proposals to build on the

Green Belt and the Travellers Site.

JT

8. Cheques Issued

a) PTB Transport Traffic Assessment £3,028.40 plus vat

b) CPM Playground Inspection £50.00 plus vat

c) Paul Baltruschat Litter picking £166.00 no vat

The meeting closed at 10 pm

The next GPC meeting will be at Graveley Village Hall

On Tuesday 20th March 2018