

**Graveley Parish Council Meeting  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 8pm  
Held at Graveley Village Hall**

**Present:** Acting Chair Cheryl Norgan (CN) Financial Officer Steve Firth (SF) Tony Bracey (TB) Rob Millard (RM) and NHDC Terry Tyler (TT)

Members of the public were also present

**Apologies** – Paul Munton (PM), PCSO Heather Burrows and PC David Hine

**Declarations of interest**-none

**Approval of minutes** - The Minutes of the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were approved and signed.

**Matters Arising**

- a) **Two new members of GPC**- CN welcomed Rob and Paul (who was unable to attend) to GPC.
- b) **Register of Members Interest forms**- Clerk has distributed the forms for all members to complete and return to him at the next meeting. Clerk will send on to Kiren Kalirai Monitoring Officer Technical Support and PA to Corporate Legal Manager at NHDC.

**1. Highways Report**

a) **Stevenage Local Plan** -On 13 November 2017 the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government issued a direction under section 21A of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (inserted by section 145(5) of the Housing and Planning Act 2016) to Stevenage Borough Council not to take any step in connection with the adoption of the Local Plan. This direction will remain in force until he withdraws it or gives a direction under section 21 of the 2004 Act requiring modification of the Plan.

b) **NHDC Local Plan**-CN reported on the NHDC Local Plan Examination hearing session which related to Graveley and Great Ashby, held on 26th February 2018. Jack Rigg representing Graveley Parish Council objected strongly to the developments proposed which will affect Graveley. Other groups supporting Graveley in orally objecting to the NHDC Local Plan were Council for the Protection of Rural England, The Friends of Forster Country, Ramblers' Association, Save Our World's First Garden City Group, Herts & Middlesex Badger Group, Certs Against The Badger Cull, Weston Parish Council and residents, District Cllr Steve Jarvis plus Graveley residents objecting in their own right. Every concern listed by Graveley villagers in the Survey distributed to all households was covered in minute detail plus Biodiversity, represented by The Real Environment Group. Both Hertfordshire County Council and Stevenage Borough Council were unhappy about the educational provision in the NHDC Local Plan – high level discussions took place on this subject 14 objectors, and 40 supporters attended the Hearing Session. Supporters included major developers involved in the proposed developments, their barristers/legal teams/experts, NHDC and Stevenage Borough Council Senior Planning Staff and their barristers plus Fairview Hotels. Q.C. agreed that all the objections raised were valid ones.

CN reported the concerns received from a Gt Ashby resident and environmental bodies represented at the NHDC Local Plan Examination over whether the scale of so many developments could have a detrimental effect on local household water supply and the environment in the event of a drought. Checks are being made in Gt Ashby by Affinity Water. CN has made enquiries about Air Quality measurement in Graveley and there is a device situated in Graveley High Street which monitors Air Pollution, looked after by NHDC.

## **2. Planning Report**

**Tony Bracey**

**a) Full Planning Permission:** Single storey rear extension. 3And 4 Barn Cottages, Manor Farm, Church Lane, Graveley, ref: 17/04226/FPH  
GPC have no objection to this application.

**JT**

## **3. Financial Report**

**Steve Firth**

**a) Bank Account-** Our current and savings account total is £1,232.30.

**b) Precept 2018/19-** Confirmation has been received that the amount of the GPC Precept is £6,642.40 and will be paid in two equal instalments on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2018 and 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

## **4. Playground Report**

**Cheryl Norgan**

**a) 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 now been repaired and is now back on site, CN to thank the equipment supplier.

**CN**

**b) CN** gave the last report from CPM to see if any of the problems they raised to Alan Eaton to see if he could resolve some of the issues

**CN**

**5. Correspondence Receive-** none

**6. Matters Arising -** none

## **7. Any Other Business**

**a) Damaged Bench-** the bench outside the school in Ashwell Common has been vandalised one of the slats need to be replaced Alan Eaton has looked at it and he cannot repair it. RM has volunteered to remove the bolts so that a new slat can be put in place

**b) Smiley Face Camera-** GPC has received from SJ's Locality Budget £1,500 towards the cost of this project. SJ will be looking after this project.

**JT**

**c) Bin stickers** Suggestion by resident re speeding through the Village that Stickers could be placed on the rubbish bins ' 30mph Limit' GPC decided that as the bins are only put out for a short space of time that this was not a feasible option.

**d) Planning Review** three months £48.75 query it was agreed that we would not renew our subscription. CN to action  
CN

**e) Cycle Route repairs-update-** Clerk has contacted Derek Jerrard and whilst the works order has been raised owing to more urgent commitments this is of a low priority, but will be carried out in due course. Clerk to keep an eye on progress.  
JT

**f) Fly Tipping-** CN reported that fly tipped rubbish which had been reported to Stevenage Borough Council as long ago as August 2017 has finally been dealt with, plus an amount of debris left on the grass verge following a motoring accident at the notorious junction. There is also fly tipping still not dealt with due to health and safety problems on an embankment - TB to pursue  
TB

### **8. Cheques Issued**

a) G V H Rent 5 months £90.00

**The meeting closed at 9.45 pm**

**The next GPC meeting will be at Graveley Village Hall  
On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

