

**Graveley Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 8pm
Held at Graveley Village Hall**

Present: Acting Chair Cheryl Norgan (CN) Paul Munton (PM) Tony Bracey (TB) and Rob Millard (RM)

Members of the public were also present

Apologies – Steve Firth (SF), PCSO Heather Burrows, PC David Hine and NHDC Terry Tyler (TT)

Declarations of interest-none

Approval of minutes - The Minutes of the 20th March 2018 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising

a) Responsible Financial Officer- all members agreed that PM will take over from SF this position and CN requested that it is recorded in these minutes that a big thank you is due to Steve for all his work over the years.

b) Register of Members Interest forms- The forms have been completed and PM will complete his and send them all on to Kiren Kalirai Monitoring Officer Technical Support and PA to Corporate Legal Manager at NHDC.

PM

1. Highways Report

Cheryl Norgan

a) Stevenage Local Plan- no further information at this stage.

b) NHDC Local Plan- CN circulated an email re Inspector's Note to all GPC members-from North Hertfordshire Local Plan EiP- The actions and the completed responses, as they become available, can all be viewed on the website through the link below.

<https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/localplan/>

2. Planning Report

Tony Bracey

a) Full Planning Permission: Change of use of land from Car Boot Sale to Crazy Golf Course Graveley Hall Farm, Church Lane, Graveley. Ref: 18/00709/FP

GPC's comments-*Are concerned at the possible increase in traffic through the village and the entrance and exit from the site onto a very busy road. Also concerns were raised on the impact on the Green Belt and the negative biodiversity in this development*

JT

3. Financial Report

Paul Munton

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

4. Playground Report

Cheryl Norgan

a) CN reported that all was in order.

b) CN gave the last report from CPM to see if any of the problems they raised to Alan Eaton who has looked at CPM's last report and as far as he was concerned all the problems have been resolved.

5. Correspondence Receive - Hitchin Police report confirmed that our contacts are the same as listed on the GPC website. In North Herts there has been an increase in reported crime from 6,371 to 7,357 a 15.8% rise.

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. RM has removed the bolts so that a new slat can be put in place. Peter Bracey has received a quote for replacing all the slats-*I have spoken to a supplier he recommends using Sapele hardwood the cost of replacing all rails would be £160 +vat, you will also require coach bolts for fixing and wood treatment. Dependant on treatment used I would estimate the total cost of materials in the order of £220-230 + vat* It was agreed to go ahead with this quote. Clerk to raise an order for Peter who has kindly agreed to undertake the labour involved.

JT

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 Bus shelter '30mph Limit' GPC decided that owing to the location of the shelter and the overhanging trees that this was not a feasible option.

d) **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

e) **Fly Tipping** - on the B197, Graveley Road, opposite the entrance to Stevenage Garden Centre Email received by TB from Giovanna Silverio Waste Services Officer (01462474000) '*I have just had a call from our contractors Veolia. They have cleared the site of the waste. They have also obtained and taken photos of the evidence and have some paperwork with a name and address.*'

f) **Fly Tipping (2)** A local resident informed the Clerk that a sofa had been dumped on the approach to the garages off Turf Lane. TB arranged for it to be removed – this has been done.

g) **Damaged Bollards**- one of the bollards at the entrance to the cycle path leading from the Corey's Mill roundabout up to the village, Ashwell Common (Cycle Network number 12) has been damaged. Clerk to report to NHDC and on receipt of a work number to report to Derek Jerrard.

JT

8. Cheques Issued

- a) Clerks Petty Cash £132.60
- b) HAPTC subscription £207.14 (one year)

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

**The next GPC meeting will be at Graveley Village Hall
On Tuesday 15th May 2018**

