

**Graveley Parish Council Meeting Minutes
of the Full Parish Council taken on Wednesday 22nd April 2026 at Graveley Village Hall,
High Street, Graveley, Hertfordshire, SG4 7LB at 8.00pm**

Council members present:	Cllr J Atkinson Cllr M Griffin – Chair Cllr H Lumley Cllr J Risbridger
In attendance:	D Galvan (Clerk & RFO to the Council) Member of the public
26/032	Apologies Cllr C McDonnell
26/033	Interests Cllr Griffin declared an interest in Agenda item 26/037 and left the meeting during consideration of the item and took no part in the discussion or vote.
26/034	Minutes (a) To confirm the Minutes of the Graveley Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18 th March 2026 as a true and accurate record of proceedings. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Risbridger, that these Minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and to be duly signed by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.
26/035	Public Issues A member of the public stated that trees and bushes needed cutting back along Ashwell Common by the school. Also that cars parked up on the pavement by parents and residents were creating a risk to children. Hedges at Grinders End need cutting back too. Traffic concerns were also raised, cars travelling at speed up at Ashwell Common either early in the morning, around 6.30am, and after work around 5pm - member of the public asked if there was any action the GPC could take. George & Dragon licence application was raised and the affects that this could have on the village. GPC to draft a response although they are not consulted with on this.

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26/036	Reports from County & District Councillors, Police and others – None provided.
26/037	<p>Finance To authorise the payment schedule in accordance with the budget for April 2026. 8.25pm Cllr Griffin left the meeting room. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Lumley. Seconded by Cllr Atkinson. April payment schedule was authorised. Unanimously approved. 8.28pm Cllr Griffin re-joined the meeting.</p>
26/038	<p>Planning a). Planning Application No 26/00708/LBC Manor Farm, Chesfield, Graveley Removal of expanded metal lath and cement render and its replacement with vapour open materials. Remove timber panels in the Living Room to allow a full structural assessment of the brickwork behind prior to reinstatement. Cllr Lumley stated that Manor Farm is not visible from the road, and from the Heritage Statement included as part of this planning application it is apparent that the applicant is trying to restore the building in a sensitive manner. It was felt that the specifics of the work were a matter for the Planning Officer/Listed Building Officer and therefore a vote of no objection was proposed. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Lumley. Seconded by Cllr Griffin. No objection to this planning application. Unanimously approved. a) To consider planning applications received during the period (Wednesday 15th April to Tuesday 21st April 2026). a. 26/00701/FP at The Office, The Old Forge, Church Lane, Graveley b. 26/00818/FPH at 10 Oak Lane, Graveley. <i>Action: Clerk to b/f to May meeting.</i></p>

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26/039	<p>Clerks report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Damage to village sign (South) The Graveley Village sign outside the new housing development was recently damaged and the Clerk has been in touch with Abbey Mills Homes regarding this. Whilst there has been a temporary repair to the sign, they have agreed to replace the sign on completion of the works, once they have constructed a footpath down this section of the road. • The Clerk has received a housing needs survey on behalf of the CDA, dated September 2020 from the CDA. They CDA would like to discuss the findings and outline the potential next steps, which might include reviewing identified local housing need, considering site identification (if applicable) and to discuss how GPC might wish to proceed. • George & Dragon Residents have been sent a letter of introduction from the George and Dragon public house about their reopening and their licence application. Deadline for comments is 20th May. • The Repair Shop On The Road, they are travelling across the UK helping restore items that are at the heart of local communities and their shared history. Ayrton.McGurgan@ricochet.co.uk. • Crime Statistics – Graveley To view crimes those have been reported to Hitchin Rural police. https://www.police.uk/pu/your-area/hertfordshire-constabulary/hitchin-rural/?yourlocalpolicingteam=about-us&tab=crimemap • The Hornbeam Tree - Adjacent to Playground in Ashwell Close, Graveley – will undergo a crown lift and reduction work on 26th May 2026.
26/040	<p>Items for consideration at next meeting</p> <p>To suggest agenda items for the next meeting of the Graveley Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 20th May 2026. None.</p>
	Meeting closed at 8.35pm

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