

**Graveley Parish Council Meeting Minutes
of the Full Parish Council taken on Wednesday 18th February 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) Cllr Griffiths (NHC) Cllr Jarvis (HCC)
26/010	Apologies – None received. 8.05pm Cllr Risbridger joined the meeting.
26/011	Interests – None received.
26/012	Minutes (a) To confirm the Minutes of the Graveley Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 21 st January 2026 as a true and accurate record of proceedings. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Atkinson, that these Minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and to be duly signed by the Chair. Unanimously agreed.
26/013	Public Issues – None raised.
26/014	Reports from County & District Councillors, Police and others Cllr Jarvis spoke about the potholes that were previously raised by a resident of Graveley. These potholes (corner of Oak Lane and the High Street) are not deep enough to be deemed an emergency and therefore they are under review. The flooding at the A507 – Rain water drains into a balancing/Heritage pond and after 20 years it has now filled up with silt.

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26/015	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) To authorise the payment schedule in accordance with the budget for February 2026.</p> <p>Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Atkinson, February payment schedule was authorised. Unanimously approved.</p> <p>b) To consider a grant application from S^t Marys Church towards grass cutting. The GPC reviewed the application/accounts and discussed the request. It was agreed that a grant donation of £1,000 be given toward the grass cutting at St Marys Church.</p> <p>Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Lumley. Unanimously approved. The Clerk to raise a grant donation cheque for £1,000 for authorised signatories to sign.</p>
26/016	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) Planning Consultation 25/03080/HYA at GA2, Land North-East Of Great Ashby, Stevenage.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley presented the background to this application. There were concerns on the number of vehicles using Back Lane to access the village and surrounding areas and therefore in line with the GA2 Environmental statement there must be a gate/bollards to prevent unauthorised vehicular use.</p> <p>Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Lumley. Seconded by Cllr Griffin. To object to this planning application with reasons. Clerk to send out response to NHC Planning Office. Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>b) Planning Consultation 26/00101/S73 at Land Rear Of Gothic House, Oak Lane.</p> <p>Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Lumley. Seconded by Cllr Risbridger. No objection to this planning application, but the GPC asked the Clerk to enquire about the maintaining the vegetation. Clerk to send out response to NHC Planning Office. Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>c) To consider planning applications received during the period (Friday 13th February 2026 to Tuesday 17th February 2026). None received.</p>
26/017	<p>Yellow Lines in Graveley</p> <p>To discuss and agree any required yellow lines in Graveley village. Discussion took place between the GPC and NHC and HCC councillors. There is a question where the responsibility lies. But there is an obstruction to the Highway by some vehicles in that area that are parked or awaiting access to the depot. It was agreed that the Clerk will make a request to NHC for yellow lines in order to start this process.</p> <p>Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Atkinson. Unanimously agreed.</p>
26/018	<p>Comments on road name suggestion for Land north of the depot, High Street, Graveley - 9 dwellings.</p> <p>The developers of this site have proposed name of Turnpike Close for this road. The GPC were not adverse to the proposed name of Turnpike Close, they suggested the road name of The Paddocks, which would be a 'nod' to the history of the site.</p> <p>Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Lumley. Seconded by Cllr Griffin. Unanimously agreed.</p>

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26/019	<p>GPC Trade refuse bin To review the trade waste arrangement and management. The GPC discussed the issue that the GPC refuse bin is sometimes filled up with refuse from Village Hall events which in turn means that the litter picker is not able to use the GPC refuse bin. This matter has been raised with the GVH trustees. After discussion it was agreed that the way forward would be to label the GPC to say that ‘GPC only, No village hall waste’. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Lumley. Unanimously agreed.</p>
26/020	<p>Clerks report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Consultation 23/02935/OP at Land To The East Of High Street Name of the Chair for the Graveley Cricket Club (North Road) – North Herts and Cricket Club representatives met via Zoom and NH have since followed up on the meeting with an email. The Clerk will distribute this to the GPC. • Yellow Salt bins on Church Lane Ringway have not found the missing salt bin, They have now marked this as missing and will be added to the list of salt bins to be replaced. They have refilled the second salt bin and will shortly revise their list with the bins that need replacing. • Maple Tree in Ashwell Close Resident has requested it be cut back. The Clerk has contacted North Herts and Settle to find out who is responsible for the tree. Awaiting Settle to go out to have a look. Awaiting reply. • Bus Shelter at Jack’s Hill This has been reported to Highways for the repair of the bus shelter and the removal of rubbish/fly tipping.
26/021	<p>Items for consideration at next meeting To suggest agenda items for the next meeting of the Graveley Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 18th March 2026. None.</p>
	<p style="text-align: right;">Meeting closed at 8.45pm</p>

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