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**Graveley Parish Council Meeting Minutes**  
**of the Full Parish Council taken on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at Graveley Village Hall,**  
**High Street, Graveley, Hertfordshire, SG4 7LB at 8.00pm**

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| <b>Council members present:</b> | Cllr J Atkinson<br>Cllr M Griffin – Chair<br>Cllr J Lumley                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>In attendance:</b>           | D Galvan (Clerk & RFO to the Council)<br>Cllr S Jarvis (HCC)<br>Cllr C McDonnell (NHC)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 25/001                          | <b>Apologies</b><br>Cllr D Griffiths (NHC).<br>Cllr Griffin announced that Cllr Thorpe has written to him to inform his of wish to retire from the GPC. He expressed his thanks to Johnie for not only his previous work as a Clerk and more recently as a Councillor and this was endorsed by the whole Council present.                                                                       |
| 25/002                          | <b>Interests</b><br>Cllr Griffin made a declaration of interest for agenda item 25/007, with limited dispensation granted (agenda item 21/068) and so that the meeting will not become inquorate he will participate in the discussion/vote.                                                                                                                                                    |
| 25/003                          | <b>Minutes</b><br>(a) To confirm the Minutes of the Graveley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 as a true and accurate record of proceedings.<br><b>Resolved.</b> 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. |

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| 25/004 | <b>Representative from Gade Homes to discuss a future planning application and their proposals - Land north of Milksey Lane, Graveley</b> – Dan Skinner, Project Director of Gade Homes based in Berkhamsted addressed the GPC. Planning application for 24 new homes to be submitted to North Herts Planning office but wished to share the plans with the GPC firstly. The GPC made comments with regards to the road access/traffic and current traffic speed into the village from the B197 along with the proposed street lighting of the new site.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 25/005 | <b>Public Issues.</b> None discussed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 25/006 | <b>Reports from County &amp; District Councillors, Police and others</b><br>Cllr McDonnell spoke about the recent review of Community Governance Review (CGR) which has proposed an increase in Councillors (for Graveley) from 5 to 7 Councillors. The 2 <sup>nd</sup> round of consultation will be coming up. Solar Together Scheme in North Herts, residents can register on line their interest. The scheme “is able to leverage the collective buying power of residents to negotiate better rates from trusted providers.”<br>[ <a href="https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/news/another-chance-cheaper-solar-panels-through-bulk-buy-scheme">https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/news/another-chance-cheaper-solar-panels-through-bulk-buy-scheme</a> ]. Environmental Cabinet meeting to take place via Zoom. Information to be sent the Clerk for those interested.<br>VE Day celebrations to take place on 8 <sup>th</sup> May.<br>Cllr Jarvis mentioned the footway between Milksey and Graveley Lane will be carried out this April. Drains will be cleared out in Church Lane in April. No date for the resurfacing works between Ashwell Common and Coreys Mill. No date on 20mph speed limit. SID camera in 2026/27 budget monies (bus side by BT boxes). |
| 25/007 | <b>Finance</b><br>a) To authorise the payment schedule in accordance with the budget for January 2025.<br><b>Resolved.</b> Proposed by Cllr Lumley. Seconded by Cllr Atkinson. January 2025 payment schedule was authorised. Unanimously approved.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

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| 25/008 | <p><b>Planning</b><br/> 24/02889/FP - Land At Roundwood, Back Lane, Graveley.<br/> Residential development of 281 dwellings and associated roads, parking, realignment of Back Lane, drainage, landscaping, open space, servicing facilities and associated works.<br/> Cllr Lumley read out the response from the GPC Planning working party and it was stated as an objection to this application.<br/> <b>Resolved.</b> Proposed by Cllr Lumley. Seconded by Cllr Griffin. Clerk to send out response to NHC Planning Office. Unanimously agreed.<br/> Cllr Jarvis to arrange a meeting for Highways to help GPC to advise on the potential costs of passing place on Church Lane/Back Lane.<br/> <b>a)</b> To consider planning applications received during the period (Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January to Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025). None.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 25/009 | <p><b>Clerks report</b><br/> Richard Gibbs – Hedge cutter and gardener and good all-rounder who worked in the village for the GPC and residents, sadly passed away at the end of December 2024. On behalf of Graveley Parish Council, the Clerk has sent their deepest condolences/sympathies to his family.</p> <p><b>Traffic data from HCC.</b><br/> Traffic levels in 2023 have shown a recovery with just <b>2.6%</b> below pre-pandemic 2019 levels<br/> <u>Highlights:</u><br/> <b>Traffic increase:</b> Hertfordshire’s roads saw a 2.4% increase in traffic in 2023 compared to the previous year.<br/> <b>Recovery from pandemic:</b> Traffic levels in 2023 are just 2.6% below pre-pandemic 2019 levels, with major roads (motorways and A roads) nearly back to normal, showing only a 0.1% decrease.<br/> <b>Fewer vans and lorries:</b> The number of vans and lorries on the roads in 2023 decreased by 0.8% and 12.4% respectively, compared to pre-pandemic 2019.<br/> <b>Cycling:</b> 10.8% of Hertfordshire residents cycled at least once per week in 2023, higher than the England average of 10.1%.<br/> <b>Walking:</b> 32.5% of Hertfordshire residents walked at least five times per week in 2023, surpassing the England average of 31.8%.<br/> <b>Traffic concerns:</b> A 2023 survey revealed that 75% of people want to see less traffic in their area.<br/> <b>Bus usage up:</b> Bus passenger journeys in Hertfordshire increased by 19% in 2022/23 compared to the previous year.<br/> <b>Rail travel rise:</b> Rail passenger journeys in Hertfordshire rose by 33% in 2022/23 compared to the previous year.<br/> <b>Petrol car registrations:</b> New petrol car registrations increased by 9% in 2023, reversing the previous downward trend.</p> |

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|        | <p><b>Electric cars:</b> In Hertfordshire, 2.3% of licensed cars are fully electric, below the UK average of 2.8%.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NHC briefing for District Councillors on S106 Obligations and Planning Enforcement took place on Monday 13 January 2025. Two of the GPC Councillors and the Clerk attended the remote meeting.</li> <li>• Salt bin on Church Lane that was reported in October as being damaged has been replaced in the last week or so.</li> <li>• Parking Enforcement regarding the parking situation at 2 and 4 High Street in Graveley has been followed up.</li> </ul> |
| 25/010 | <p><b>Items for consideration at next meeting</b></p> <p>None.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|        | Meeting closed at 9.00pm                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

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