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Graveley Parish Council Meeting Minutes
of the Full Parish Council taken on Tuesday 29th August 2023 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 Thorpe
In attendance:	D Galvan (Clerk & RFO to the Council) One member of the public.
23/062	Apologies Cllr Steve Jarvis
23/063	Interests To receive declarations of Interest from Councillors on items on the Agenda and to consider any requests for dispensation. Cllr Griffin made a declaration of interest in Agenda Item 067 (a).
23/064	Minutes To confirm the Minutes of the Graveley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6 th June 2023 as a true and accurate record of proceedings. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Lumley, that these Minutes be agreed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings and be duly signed by the Chairman. Unanimously agreed.
23/065	Public Issues. None.

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23/066	<p>Reports from County & District Councillors, Police and others</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis submitted a written report that the Clerk read out. In summary: There have been discussions regarding HCC - Highways; they wish to install street lights between the North Road junction and the village.</p> <p>Graveley (along with Wymondley) has been selected as one of the locations to include in this year's 20mph speed limit program. It will be introduced after a consultation on introducing a 20 limit in the entire village (except the High Street). There are still discussions about how far along Church Lane the limit would extend. Subject to public support, the limit should be introduced early next year. Following on from the Clerk's report in June 2023, Cllr Jarvis is arranging for some 'beware of horses' signs to be installed in Church Lane.</p>
	8.10pm – Cllr Griffin left the meeting and Cllr Atkinson chaired Agenda Item 23/067.
23/067	<p>Finance</p> <p>To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget.</p> <p>a) To authorise the payment schedule for August 2023.</p> <p>Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Atkinson. Seconded by Cllr Lumley. August 2023 payment schedule was authorised. Unanimously approved.</p>
	8.12pm – Cllr Griffin re-joined the meeting.
23/068	<p>Planning</p> <p>To consider planning applications received.</p> <p>(a) 23/01372/FPH - Hakgalla, 2 High Street, Graveley.</p> <p>First floor rear extension, ground floor rear and side extension and front porch following demolition of existing side conservatory.</p> <p>It was agreed that a comment of 'no objection' be made to the NHDC Planning office. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Lumley. Seconded by Cllr Thorpe. Unanimously agreed. The Clerk to advise the Planning office of an error on the proposed floor plans and elevations drawings as they show two south views.</p> <p>(b) Planning updates from Cllr Lumley.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping opinion request for GA2, land north of Great Ashby Way where have GPC submitted comments. The NHDC has sent the developers a letter asking for additional topics to be included. NHDC have confirmed that the area included in the location plan submitted contains land NOT within the Local Plan. • Application to build 4 houses behind 33 High Street and provide access off Turf Lane. As the GPC did not have sufficient councillors available to hold a meeting in July, the Clerk nevertheless did send in comments recommended by the GPC Working Planning Group objecting to this development. Cllr Griffin has requested that this application should be taken to the full Planning Committee if the Planners are thinking of approving it. • Dog exercise field behind George and Dragon pub where work has started without planning permission. The Clerk has kept the GPC informed about this work being stopped and a Planning Application will be submitted.

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	(c) To consider planning applications received during the period (Wednesday 23 rd August to Tuesday 29 th August 2023). None.
23/69	<p>Odour from small pond.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley has spoken to a couple of the residents that live by the pond about the strong and pretty foul odour that for the last 3 years has appeared for approx. 2 weeks in June. They met with a Countryside Management Services representative from HCC on August 2nd to get his view on what is happening in the small pond and what could be done to prevent/reduce the odour. HCC have followed up with some thoughts and suggestions for a way forward. Graveley Environment Group will meet with those residents to come up with a plan. Cllr Lumley will present a summary of this in a future GPC meeting and discuss if some funding/grant be needed.</p>
23/070	<p>Benches in the village</p> <p>The Clerk presented two quotes received with regards to repair/maintenance of the benches. It was agreed that GBK to repair/redecorate the two benches on Pondsides in September and quote for the repair of others, to be carried out next Spring.</p> <p>The cost of this repair will be £460.00 for the two benches.</p> <p>Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Lumley. It was agreed for the expenditure of £460.00 for the repair of the two Pondsides benches. Unanimously approved.</p>
23/071	<p>Clerks report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Parish Council has to be quorate in order to hold a meeting (three or more councillors) and should hold at least 4 meetings per year (which includes the Annual meeting). • Drive safe – The volunteers for Drive Safe have tried to meet, but there have been problems with the equipment (battery for the camera) but this has now been replaced, so they will be going out again soon on the High Street. • The Clerk has received another complaint regarding the skips being stored up at Barking Mad dogs’ area. It was reported in February to the NHDC to the Planning office as a possible breach of planning. This has been raised again, now with the NHDC Enforcement team.
23/072	<p>Items for consideration at next meeting</p> <p>To suggest agenda items for the next meeting of the Graveley Parish Council on Tuesday 19th September 2023. None.</p>
	Meeting closed at 8.25pm

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