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**Graveley Parish Council Meeting Minutes
of the Full Parish Council taken on Tuesday 16th February 2021 at 8pm via video
conferencing**

Council members present:	Cllr Martin Griffin – Chair Cllr Helen Lumley Cllr John (Johnie) Thorpe
In attendance	Danielle Galvan (Clerk/RFO to the Council) Cllr Steve Jarvis
Agenda Item and minute number	Summary
21/001	Apologies Cllr R Millard, Cllr G Shenoy, Cllr T Tyler
21/002	Interests To receive declarations of Interest from Councillors on items on the Agenda and to consider any requests for dispensation. None.
21/003	Minutes a) To confirm the Minutes of the Extraordinary Graveley Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10 th December 2020 as a true and accurate record of proceedings. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded by Cllr Lumley. One abstention. Majority approved, motion carried.
21/004	Public Issues No members of the public present.
21/005	Reports from County & District Councillors, Police and others HCC will be patching the roads from the High Street to North Road and from High Street to Church Lane to Botany Bay. Surface dressing will follow on in 2022. A question was raised regarding the potholes on cycle route 12 up by Grinders End. Cllr Jarvis to find out who maintains it. Cllr Jarvis to follow up regarding the sign for the Church.
21/006	Finance – To authorise payments to: a) NHDC (Emptying of the dog bins 04/2020-31/03/2021). £396.04. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded by Cllr Lumley. Unanimously agreed. b) Paul Baltruschat – (Litter picking) (Nov 2020 – Feb 2021) - £204.00 Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded by Cllr Thorpe. Unanimously

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	<p>agreed.</p> <p>c) To consider an additional cheque signatory for the GPC. After a discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Thorpe would apply to become a cheque signatory. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin, seconded by Cllr Lumley. Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the Bank balance from December 2020 statement (last statement received) was £11,344.79.</p>
21/007	<p>Planning To consider planning applications received.</p> <p>a) 21/00059/FPH - Erection of teak stained wooden summerhouse L7m W4m H2.4 with associated planting of fruit trees, shrubs and construction of a 5m X 3m wildlife pond. Hillside, Church Lane, Graveley SG4 7LS. GPC has no objection to this planning application. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Lumley, seconded by Cllr Griffin. Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>b) To consider planning applications received during the period (Wednesday 10th February and Tuesday 16th February 2021). None.</p>
21/008	<p>Clerks report – Information only. Correspondence received and outstanding action points.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1a High Street. (SK Metals). Two set of residents have complained that the site does not have permissions for the activities that were being carried out there. This has been followed up with the Environment Agency (last visit was in September 2020). They have not been back for a follow up visit due to a combination of Covid19 restrictions and the site being of low risk to them. They are aware of the site and will keep an eye on it (i.e. drive-by). The site does have registered exemptions to store certain waste types. They have advised that if residents think that the site is getting worse and or waste is escaping their exempted area, then this should be notified via the Environment agency incident line. • Rubbish outside the George & Dragon Public House. A resident complained about the number of cigarette ends and plastic beer cups on the pavement outside the pub. The matter was looked into and the pub was informed. This area has since been tidied up. (Dec 2020). • 2 Ashwell Common. The home owner was due to appeal against the enforcement notice but did not do so because of the pandemic. NHDC last visited in October 2020, and saw an improvement (car was removed and works were in progress) The NHDC will be paying a follow up visit to the property. They will take a view and if necessary ask for certain improvements to be made within a timeframe. • Boulders for Oak Lane and corner of Ashwell Close/Common: – Awaiting quotes back and sent a note to the local farmer to see if he could help. Bring forward to March meeting. • Gritting salt in the village – new supplies are located behind the Graveley Village Hall. Other salt bins are located in the village. To be used for roads in Graveley.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local plan examination meeting continued on 1st & 2nd February 2021. Local resident and a previous Chair to the GPC, Jack Rigg has given feedback from his attendance via Zoom at November/December's 2020 meetings via an emailed note. 'Despite mounting evidence of a significantly reduced housing need reflected in the most recent 2018 ONS Population projections of around 7,500/8,500 NHDC continues to argue that its original OAN (objectively assessed need) of 14,000 for North Herts and 1,595 for East of Luton houses are still required. Given the time the Inspection has taken NHDC does not believe the level of housing it originally proposed can be built by 2031 and has therefore proposed that the OAN number approved under the Plan be reduced to 13,000 (NH 11,600 and East of Luton 1,400), with the balance to be built after the Plan period ends. (The lead time for initiating development of strategic sites will mean that building will not start until 2025/26). NHDC actually expects delivery of 14,650 houses within the Plan period, with difference of 13% (14,650/13,000) representing a buffer to ensure NHDC meets its OAN target. Similarly NHDC does not consider it appropriate that any sites be removed from the Plan arguing that to do so would reduce much needed flexibility within the Plan should unforeseen problems arise on any of the proposed sites. In reality developers will seek planning permission on all site approved by the Inspector and once given it will be very difficult to rescind. However it is not all plain sailing for NHDC Planners, opposition groups have raised serious doubts over the East of Luton sites (see Examination Document ED 227). No new news I am afraid regarding NS1. Going forward I understand that there will be a Consultation on NHDC's Main modifications which NHDC has been required to make, and on the "homework" the Inspector has set the Council., following which the Inspector will produce his report. Timing on the report is uncertain but he will try to get it our as early as possible.' [End of note]. The Clerk received an email to say that if the GPC ever received any monies from the NHDC/developers from the new housing, they suggested that there be a village green North end of Long Meadow. Highways will be storing some street lighting equipment in the yard by the entrance to the fruit farm. This is on a temporary basis, for approx. twelve weeks. This is to provide temporary storage nearby whilst they are doing some repair work to the traffic lights at the A1M between Junction 7and 8. One of the residents set up some time ago a Village Youth Club and now that she is moving out of Graveley, she is arranging to close down the bank account and would like to donate the money to the GPC, something in the order of £100.00. GPC bank details have been supplied.
21/009	<p>Items for consideration at next meeting</p> <p>To suggest agenda items for the next meeting of the Graveley Parish Council on Tuesday 16th March 2021.</p>

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Meeting ended at 8.32pm.

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