

**Graveley Parish Council Meeting Minutes
of the Full Parish Council taken on Tuesday 21st February 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 R Millard – Vice Chair Cllr J Thorpe
In attendance:	D Galvan (Clerk & RFO to the Council) 1 member of the public
23/011	Apologies - None received.
23/012	Interests Cllr Millard made a declaration that he had objected to Agenda Item 23/017 (a) via the NHDC planning portal. Cllr Lumley declared that she had supported the same agenda item. Cllr Griffin made a declaration of interest for agenda item 23/016.
23/013	Minutes a) To confirm the Minutes of the Graveley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 th January 2023 as a true and accurate record of proceedings and be duly signed by the Chairman. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Atkinson. Unanimously agreed.
23/014	Public Issues Cllr Lumley raised a concern from a member of the public regarding the outside lighting at the George and Dragon. Cllr Lumley to look into this.
23/015	Reports from County & District Councillors, Police and others Report from Cllr Jarvis. HCC will be reconditioning the surface of the footpath from Milksey Lane to Wymondley Road (High Street side/Graveley Lane) in the next financial year and resurfacing the cycle path at Ashwell common. The drainage works that were carried out in January showed that the gully's were not connected to anything, but has not been fixed yet.
	8.10pm Cllr Griffin left the meeting room.

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23/016	<p>Finance</p> <p>a) To authorise the payment schedule for February 2023 made in accordance with the budget. The payment schedule was agreed. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Millard. Seconded by Cllr Atkinson. Unanimously agreed.</p>
	<p>8.13pm Cllr Griffin re-joined the meeting.</p>
23/017	<p>Planning</p> <p>The Clerk commenced this agenda item by explaining that the GPC councillors do not have any formal interest in 23/017(a) and therefore should come to the meeting with an open mind, adopting the principles of public life, listen to the debate and come to their own conclusion. A relative of the applicant who normally participates in the GPC planning working party (informal party with no voting rights) has not been involved on this occasion.</p> <p>a) To consider planning applications received. 22/03299/FP at Land Rear Of Gothic House, Oak Lane, Graveley. Erection of 5 detached dwellings (3 x 3-bed and 2 x 4-bed) including parking, landscaping and creation of vehicular access off Ashwell Common.</p> <p>There was some discussion relating to the access to the site and concern regarding the site traffic on blind bend from Oak Lane and Ashwell Common.</p> <p>Resolved. That a comment of ‘no objection’ and four comments/conditions be submitted to the NHDC Planning office. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Lumley. Agreed by a majority vote with one objection.</p> <p>Four comments/conditions:- If the application is approved restrictions should be make on (1) access times for the site vehicles during construction avoiding school drop off and pick up time, rush hour times (early/late in the day). (2) Conditions should be made re Design of house nearest Hillsbank House (House 4) to maintain privacy. (3) A condition should be made that no more than 5 houses can be built on this site. (4) A recommendation that the blind bend should be reconsidered and the restriction on parking on the side of Ashwell Common should be made more apparent to motorists.</p> <p>b) 23/00186/FP at Land Off, Milksey Lane, Graveley.</p> <p>Resolved. That a comment of ‘no objection’ and four conditions and an additional concern be submitted to the NHDC Planning office. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Lumley. Agreed by a majority vote with one abstention.</p> <p>Four conditions:- (1) No more than 26 houses can be built on this site (2) The number of affordable houses cannot be reduced below 10 (3) No windows should directly overlook Graveley House to allow privacy for residents of same and (4) Some restrictions on times of day that construction work can be carried out /lorries can access the site out.</p>
23/017	<p>Planning/Cont.d</p> <p>An additional concern was raised regarding an attenuation basin and sewage and it was suggested that provisions should be made to ensure any overflow does not flood existing housing.</p> <p>C) To consider planning applications received during the period (Wednesday 15th February to Tuesday 21st February 2023). None.</p>

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23/018	<p>Grant application from St Mary's Church for grass cutting (2022-2023). St Mary's Church, Graveley have asked for a grant to help with their grass cutting. The Clerk presented their application and audited accounts and suggested an amount of £1,000.00 be granted as this figure had been budgeted last year. This amount of £1,000.00 was agreed. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Atkinson. Unanimously agreed.</p>
23/019	<p>Litter picking The GPC discussed the schedule and identified areas where less litter is dispersed that could be off set against the increased ad hoc litter picking so that the litter picking costs remain in the 2023-2024 budget. <i>Action: Schedule to be updated and b/f for voting at April meeting.</i></p>
23/020	<p>Clerks report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A brand new road sign has been attached to the wall (back of 31 High Street) for Oak Lane leading to Turf Lane. • Corner of Church Lane – Several complaints about the adoption of land on Church Lane and in particular the state of the corner of Church Lane, obstructions to the pavement, two parking spaces with permanent cars parked there and the adoption of the piece of land outside The Old Forge with three wheelie bins positioned there. NHDC/PCSO have been out and served a notice and also reported to the Licence & Enforcement department of HCC. • PL/0272/22 - The application withdrawn for Stevenage Skip Hire. (Application to vary vehicle movements). • Complaints regarding a skip hire lorry driving through the village and the storage of skips and number of them on 'Barking Mad dogs' land. New owner of Stevenage skip hire has been in touch and he has been informed that the lorries are not to travel through the village, an NHDC planning condition. It was agreed by the owner that he will make sure his drivers know of this. • The NHDC are aware of the storage of skips on 'Barking Mad dogs' land. Enquiring on timescales, possible breach of planning control.
23/021	<p>Items for consideration at next meeting To suggest agenda items for the next meeting of the Graveley Parish Council on Tuesday 21st March 2023.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 9.00pm</p>

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