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**Graveley Parish Council Meeting Minutes
of the Full Parish Council taken on Tuesday 19th July 2022 outside Graveley Village Hall,
High Street, Graveley, Hertfordshire, SG4 7LB at 8.00pm**

Council members present:	Cllr Martin Griffin – Chair Cllr Rob Millard – Vice Chair Cllr Johnie Thorpe
In attendance:	Danielle Galvan (Clerk & RFO to the Council) Cllr Steve Jarvis (HCC)
22/060	Apologies Cllr Helen Lumley, Cllr George Davies (NHDC), Cllr Terry Tyler (NHDC)
22/061	Interests To receive declarations of Interest from Councillors on items on the Agenda and to consider any requests for dispensation. None received.
22/062	Minutes a) To confirm the Minutes of the Graveley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21 st June 2022 as a true and accurate record of proceedings. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Thorpe. Unanimously agreed.
22/063	Finance To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget. a) To authorise the payment schedule for July 2022. Authorised. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Millard. Unanimously agreed.
22/064	Planning To consider planning applications received. a) PL/0272/22 - Land adjacent to the B197, North of Graveley, Hertfordshire. Application for the variation of condition 8 to vary vehicle movements from 80 (40 in, 40 out) to 200 (100 in, 100 out) on Monday to Friday and from 40 (20 in, 20 out) to 100 (50 in, 50 out) on Saturdays at Land adjacent to the B197, North of Graveley, Hertfordshire. Objection. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Thorpe. Unanimously agreed. It was agreed that the additional comment be added that GPC felt it is very important that the current restriction on access the site via Junction 9 of the A1M, must continue and be a stipulation of the permission. <i>Action: The Clerk to add this</i>

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	<p><i>and send a copy of the 2014 Traffic Management Plan to the NHDC Planning office. (Completed (20/07/2022).</i></p> <p>b) To consider planning applications received during the period (Wednesday 13th July to Tuesday 19th July 2022). None.</p>
	8.07pm. Cllr Millard left the meeting as arranged with the GPC.
22/065	Public Issues - None raised.
22/066	<p>Reports from County & District Councillors, Police and others</p> <p>Written report received from Cllr George Davies, in summary: 1a High Street. Shortly after the last GPC meeting this application was determined under delegated authority, before he could make any enquires. In retrospect, whilst he does not think it would necessarily have changed the outcome, he felt a call in would have been warranted, so the process of the decision could have been more transparently made in public. He apologises for not doing so at the time. Boundary review: the draft proposals for the new boundaries have now been published and discussed by the council. Under the current plans, Chesfield will be divided, with Great Ashby (and the future GA1 site) forming its own two member ward. Graveley and Wymondley parishes will be grouped with St Ippolyts into a new, separate two member ward. The consultation is still open should the Council or any individuals wish to make their own submissions.</p> <p>Cllr Steve Jarvis reported that HCC will be carrying out a traffic survey in the autumn as a previous one carried out by the applicants of 1a High Street found that 80% of cars were travelling at over 35mph. HertsLynx bus service for travel with no fixed routes on this service to designated locations in Key hub Towns: Stevenage, Baldock, Hitchin and Letchworth. It is not replacing the 55 bus service.</p>
22/067	<p>Clerks report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the public reported that the small pond has turned black and smells bad and all the ducks have left it. Two of the Graveley Environment Group members have had a look at the small pond and they have said that this has happened before, a couple of years ago. They have said that all ponds are suffering with the hot dry weather and once there is a bit of rain it will be fine. All the plants are OK. There are not many ducks at the moment but there were 5 ducks and 5 babies when they looked earlier. • A member of the public emailed to ask if the Parish Council had read the Ecology report for 1a High Street. This was raised with the GPC and confirmed that two separate surveys were undertaken on the village ponds and one of these identified the presence of Great Crested Newts (GCN) in the big and not the small pond. Cllr Lumley believes that this is most likely a false positive as there was no evidence in either survey for GCN in the small pond and that the ponds are well away from the proposed site and cannot see how it can have any impact on the decision that has been taken.

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22/067 (cont.d)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Swan Sanctuary and the RSPCA visited the culvert on Pondsides to try and fish three domestic ducks that have been put there, but with no success. Cllr Griffin spoke to them and reported back to the GPC. Cllr Lumley looked at the ducks herself and although they were a bit dirty, reported that their wings looked fine and they were dabbling in the muddy water seemingly fine. She phoned the RSPCA representative and was told they looked healthy, and would be impossible to catch anyway. They are being fed there, are cool and probably feel safe, they might be bullied on the big pond, as ducks can be quite nasty with each other. So, the ducks have been checked and should be able to find their own way out. Cllr Millard has made contact with another local rescue organisation that may be able to help. • Boundary review – Cllr Griffin and the Clerk attended a Zoom presentation by the Boundary commission. A copy of the presentation has been sent out to the GPC councillors who were not able to attend. • Received a call from HCC following up the request to find out plans regarding the potholes up at Ashwell Common. They are going to visit and take some photos and report back to the Clerk with regards to any potential patch repairs.
22/068	<p>Items for consideration at next meeting To suggest agenda items for the next meeting of the Graveley Parish Council on Tuesday 20th September 2022. None.</p>
	Meeting closed at 8.17pm.

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