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**Graveley Parish Council Annual Meeting Minutes
 of the Full Parish Council taken on Tuesday 9th May 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 J Thorpe
In attendance:	D Galvan (Clerk & RFO to the Council)
22/041	To elect a Chair of the Graveley Parish Council Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Thorpe to appoint Cllr Martin Griffin as Chair for the year 2023/24. Unanimously agreed. Declaration of acceptance of office form was duly signed.
22/042	Apologies Cllr Lumley
23/043	Interests To receive declarations of Interest from Councillors on items on the Agenda and to consider any requests for dispensation. None.
23/044	Minutes To confirm the Minutes of the Graveley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 th April 2023 as a true and accurate record of proceedings. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Atkinson. Unanimously agreed.
23/045	Public Issues. None.
23/046	Reports from County & District Councillors, Police and others None.
23/047	Finance To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget. Gallagher Insurance (annual renewal - £1,152.21). This payment was agreed and

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	<p>in accordance with the budget.</p> <p>Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Thorpe. Unanimously agreed.</p>
23/048	<p>Planning</p> <p>To consider planning applications received.</p> <p>(a) 23/00806/SCOP - Scoping Opinion: Ga2, Land Off, Great Ashby Way, Great Ashby, Stevenage.</p> <p>The following comments were made by GPC to be sent to the NHDC planning department.</p> <p>1. The area of the site detailed in the Scoping Report includes two large areas of land (a section to the north east, and a section to the south east of the site) which were not approved by the NHDC Local Plan for GA2. Development should not be permitted in these two areas - it is important that these are retained as Green Belt agricultural land/woodland.</p> <p>2. Site Access</p> <p>The access to the site via Mendip Way is the access agreed in the Local Plan. This should be the sole, not principal, access. The site construction traffic should be barred from accessing the site via Back Lane for any reason. Back Lane is a narrow and winding road, single track for much of it that comes eventually into Graveley.</p> <p>3. Traffic Survey</p> <p>We consider that the methodology proposed to assess traffic levels is not sufficient. Traffic congestion is a major problem around Stevenage / A1M and surrounding villages such as Graveley at peak times. More cars are using Back Lane as a through route from Great Ashby to Graveley and the A1M. The independent survey must consider traffic levels and impact on rural villages such as Graveley and Back Lane, not just within Great Ashby. It should be done over a longer period than is being proposed - an hour morning and evening is not sufficient and done outside school or national holidays.</p> <p>4. Ancient Woodland</p> <p>Part of Tilekiln Wood, ancient woodland, appears to be within the site. Assessment of ancient woodland within the site needs to be included.</p> <p>5. Climate Change scoped out</p> <p>How can the developers propose that climate change should not be part of the EIA? The construction work to build 650 houses will release CO2 in various ways. This must be scoped in.</p> <p>Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Thorpe. Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>b) To consider planning applications received during the period (Wednesday 3rd May to Tuesday 9th May 2023). None.</p>
23/049	<p>Co-option of Councillor vacancy</p> <p>The wording of the advert was agreed.</p> <p>Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Thorpe. Unanimously agreed.</p>

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23/050	<p>Clerks report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1a High Street – There has been another fire. The car sales company have relocated. • Bench outside the Village Hall. Oil & fixtures to be ordered and then Cllr Griffin/others to help fix the wooden slats in place. • 2022/2023 Accounts have been sent to the Auditors to be returned in early June. • NHDC are providing Code of Conduct training via Zoom to Parish Councillors. Tuesday 16th May at 7.30pm.
23/051	<p>Items for consideration at next meeting</p> <p>To suggest agenda items for the next meeting of the Graveley Parish Council on Tuesday 6th June 2023.</p>
	<p>Meeting closed at 8.22pm</p>

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