

**Graveley Parish Council's Meeting  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 8pm  
Held at Graveley Village Hall**

**Present:** Chair Jack Rigg (JR) Vice Chair Cheryl Norgan (CN), Financial Officer Steve Firth (SF) Hilary Napier (HN) Tony Bracey(TB ) NHDC Terry Tyler (TT) HCC Tony Hunter (TH) and NHDC Cathryn Henry (CH)

Members of the public were also present

**Apologies** – none

**Declarations of interest**-none

**Approval of minutes** - The Minutes of the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were approved and signed.

**Matters Arising** - none

**1. Highways Report**

*Jack Rigg*

**a) Road Works at Junction of B197/North Road-** HCC (Martin Wright. Engineering Assistant) emailed a letter with plans for the proposed new Road markings in Graveley High Street. JR drafted a letter with GPC's observations which was sent by the Clerk, Martin Wright replied, it seems as if the proposal will go ahead later this month The GPC were concerned that this issue would still be a problem.

**b) Fallen Tree on the cycle/footpath-** Clerk has emailed Trevor Ward to inform him that a local resident has managed to pull the tree into the wood at Grinders End, no action is now required.

**c) Proposed Travellers Site opposite the Garden Centre** - Clerk has sent a recorded letter to Chief Inspector Perk at Stevenage Police Station, as no reply was received to a previous communication, asking if Police policy in not opposing a further expansion of the Dyers Lane site in Stevenage had changed following her appointment as the Senior Officer for Stevenage.

**JR**

**2. Planning.**

*Tony Bracey*

**a) 1a High Street-** JR has followed up with TH regarding the parking of cars for sale on the road verge. TH advised-*Have spoken to enforcement to take action to stop parking on the highway who are currently completing their review of applicable law in determine the most appropriate course of action.* TH to send Clerk details of the Enforcement officer responsible.

Chris Braybrook to be chased by TB regarding when a planning application regarding the change of use will be submitted by Stevenage Cars.

**TH/TB**

**b) Roundwood-Land** At Roundwood, Back Lane, Graveley - Case Ref No: 16/01713/1 residential development of up to 360 dwellings. Phase1: full application for 108 dwellings. A lively discussion took place. GPC's main concern is the possible increase in the traffic coming down

Church Lane and through the Village. JR compiled a letter for the Clerk to send with our observations.

The proposals by Croudace are being strongly opposed by local residents and by ourselves in Graveley and Weston. As a result Simon Ellis from NHDC has agreed with Robert Logan, Chairman of Great Ashby Community Council to hold a public meeting at Round Diamond School in Great Ashby from 7pm to 9pm on Tuesday 13th September 2016 to discuss the application. Members of GPC will attend. It was also reported that the Consultation Period has been extended to the end of this year. TH stated that Highways had registered an objection to the proposal on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2016 regarding poor access to the site because of the current road network.

In responding to the above proposal Cathryn Henry said that given the law stated a clear presumption in favour of development, wholly negative responses did not help planners to respond to concerns/issues raised by members of the public about a particular application, much better to frame responses in a reasonable and positive manner suggesting solutions/alternatives where possible.

### **3. Financial Report**

*Steve Firth*

**a) Bank Account-** Current Account and Deposit Account £16,444.25

### **4. Playground**

*Cheryl Norgan*

**a) Playground Report-**CN reported that CPM's report was received and it was pointed out that the 'Bird Strips' on two pieces of equipment needed replacing. Clerk has contacted CPM to find out if it was possible to have a more secure fixing for new 'Bird Strips' and at what cost. Alan Eaton may be able to fix the problem-CN to speak to him and get a price.

CN

**b) Fallen Tree-** TB has spoken to the Land Owner who will attempt to remove the tree if this is not possible a tree surgeon will need to be asked to do so as it is a possible hazard and needs to be dealt with as a matter of urgency. TB to monitor progress.

TB

**c) Hedge cutting-**Clerk to get a price from Plants Galore who carried out the work in 2014.

JT

**5) Correspondence Received-** none

**6. Matters Arising-**none

### **7. Any Other Business**

**a) Pond Signs-** SF will organise a new sign to go on the Notice board in the pond. (Cost in the region of £30.00) Clerk to ask GEG for the wording and size of the proposed notice. Clerk to action.

JT

**b) Screening for Bus Shelter-** Clerk chased up Mercer Leyton (Building) Ltd `who emailed-*We have had a really busy spell just lately and are heavily committed so it is quite difficult to give you a*

*date but we will definitely do it before the bad weather. As said previously, the materials are still in our workshop!* Clerk to keep an eye on progress.

**JT**

**c) GEC Planting-** No action to be taken at this time.

**d) Overhanging Trees** – on the roadway leading to the garages off Turf Lane, Clerk has spoken to Trevor Ward who has contacted the Land Owner but so far has not received a reply, It may be possible to get the 'Payback Team' to undertake this work-Clerk to seek advice from Trevor Ward.

**JT**

**e) Grinders End Anti-Social Behaviour Problem-** Clerk contacted our CPO Michelle Trussell to ascertain the current situation. Who emailed “*We have completed spot checks in the area but have never come across anyone there. We will continue to monitor this*”. Continued problems with litter would suggest that there continues to be a problem.

**f) NHDC Local Plan-** With the final consultation on the Emerging Local Plan scheduled for the end of September JR has asked all GPC members to think about our response to the plan so that ideas can be discussed at the next meeting.

**All**

## **8. Cheques Issued**

- a)** Finedata website maintenance £280.00
- b)** Aj's Mowers Repairs to Playground Mower £89.65 no vat
- c)** CPRE Annual subscription £36.00
- d)** Paul Baltruschatt Litter Picker £216.00

**The meeting closed at 9.52 pm**

**The next GPC meeting will be at Graveley Village Hall  
On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016**