

**Graveley Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 18th July 2017 at 8pm
Held at Graveley Village Hall**

Present: Chair Jack Rigg (JR) Vice Chair Cheryl Norgan (CN) Hilary Napier (HN) Financial Officer Steve Firth (SF) and Tony Bracey (TB)

Members of the public were also present

Apologies – Cllr Cathryn Henry (CH) and PCSO Phoebe Coates (PC)

Declarations of interest-none

Approval of minutes - The Minutes of the 20th June 2017 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising – None

1. Highways Report

Jack Rigg

a) Stevenage Borough Local Plan: the consultation closes on the 24th July 2017

b)NHDC Local Plan- no further information at this stage.

c) Travellers Site – The deadline for submissions to the Stevenage Plan Main Modification closes 24th July. It was agreed by councillors to request our solicitors instruct the barrister advising GPC to prepare a response to the consultation regarding Stevenage's proposal to included wording to permit the use of a Compulsory Purchase Order by Stevenage if needs be to make the HO12 site available.

JR to action.

d) Graveley High Street: Retaining Wall in front of 2 & 4 High Street- Email from Derek Jerrard (Ringway representing NHDC) *The order for these works has been revamped from 2015 and issued to our specialist contractors. We are currently awaiting their program date. Should you feel that the wall is now dangerous, please raise this as a fault report on the Hertfordshire.gov.uk website where it will be triaged by our inspectors and the appropriate safety measures taken.*

2. Planning Report

Tony Bracey

a) 1a High Street- 17/00792/1EUD | Certificate of Lawful Development: Continued existing use as B8 (storage and distribution). **This Application was withdrawn**

b) 1a High Street- Outline Application: Erection of 3 x 3 bed detached dwellings and 4 x 2 bed semi-detached dwellings (all matters reserved except access). - Case Ref No: 17/01132/1- **This application was withdrawn.**

c) Cars For Sale Problems – On land adjacent to the junction of the B197/ Church Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk should send to the Enforcement Officer at NHDC the necessary paper work plus a photograph as GPC understand that it is an offence under Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 for a person or company to place two or more vehicles advertised for sale within 500 metres of each other on highways land. We also understand that it is offence to park unregistered cars on highways land.

3. Financial Report*Steve Firth*

a) Bank Account- Our current and savings account total £10,300.78.

4. Playground*Cheryl Norgan*

a) Playground Report- CPM pointed out that a rope on a piece of equipment had broken. This has now been repaired.

5. Correspondence Received

a) Hertfordshire Police and Fire Governance Options -noted no action necessary.

6. Matters Arising

a) Dog Mess Bin- At Grinders End has now been repaired.

b) Dead Tree- On the corner of Ashwell Close/Common This has now been removed by Ringway on behalf of NHDC.

c) Culvert Railings- In Church Lane by the Garage have now been repaired.

d) Fallen Trees Back Lane- HN has requested that the Clerk contact Trevor Ward as she has not received replies to emails she sent in 2016 and chased up in July 2017 about fallen trees as they may be a hazard at Back Lane.

JT

e) Vandalism-The litter bin by the pond was vandalised, the outer cover had been removed and thrown into the pond. A local resident managed to get it out and put back on the bin. Anyone who see such mindless action should report it to our local PCSO Phoebe Coates at Stevenage Police Station or by email Phoebe.coates@herts.pnn.police.uk

f) Church Lane Overgrown Hedge-A member of the public pointed out that the hedge in Church Lane is overhanging the footpath and needs trimming back. Clerk to contact the landowner.

JT

g) Litter – A member of the public raised concerns about the amount of litter outside the garages in Turf Lane. TB to ask our litter picker to clear up.

TB

7. Any Other Business

a) Request for support from Save our Green Belt in North Herts- The latter is seeking to put together a coalition of interested groups (Parish Councils and Action Groups) to coordinated a response to the NHDC Local Plan, employing professional expertise as appropriate to support their objections to the plan. To finance this initiative they are seeking donations from Parish Councils. It was agreed by councillors that further information as to how the pooling of resources and support for particular issues specific to an individual council might work, was needed before a decision on this request was taken. It was however clear that absent a major fund raising initiative GPC would

not be able to make a contribution anywhere near the initial £10,000 requested. JR to contact Adrian Hawkins in conjunction with another councillor in respect of the above.

JR

b) Facebook- It was discussed if it would be helpful if we had a facebook listing with items regarding activities in the Village and information on issues facing the village/residents. This would be in addition to the Village Web site which provides villagers with useful contact information and on groups in the village and their activities. Pending.

c) Open Day/ Fund Raising- It was discussed by GPC and local residents as to the best way forward to raise additional funds for fighting the SBC/NHDC Local Plan and the proposed Travellers site. It was suggested a leaflet be circulated round the village asking villagers for their views as to their priorities in opposing such items as Traffic congestion, the Green Belt and coalescence with Stevenage etc., It was also proposed that we investigate Crowd Funding and other means which to be used to raise funding. All GPC members were asked to think about ways of achieving these aims.

All Councillors.

8.Cheques Issued

- a) Jim Devereux repair dog mess bin £80.00 (Grinders End)
- b) NHDC Playground Rent £100.00 (one year)
- c) CPM Rope repair playground £135.00 +VAT
- d) Clerks Petty cash £99.57
- e) CPRE subscription £36.00 (one year)
- f) Finedata website maintenance £280.00 incl vat

The meeting closed at 9.52 pm

**The next GPC meeting will be at Graveley Village Hall
On Tuesday 15th August 2017**

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PRESS RELEASE

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Help shape the future of your waste and recycling service

Residents in North and East Hertfordshire are being invited to take part in a survey to help shape the future of their waste and recycling services.

North Hertfordshire District Council (NHDC) and East Hertfordshire Council (EDC) are both working together on a new joint contract for waste and recycling services to reduce the cost of providing these services to residents. Before a new contract is awarded, both Councils are offering residents the opportunity to give their views on some of the options that are being considered.

One of the potential options includes introducing weekly collections of food waste alongside a chargeable garden waste service. Also on the table is whether to continue with a recycling service whereby one material e.g. glass or paper is collected separately, or to put all

recycling in one bin.

Cllr Lynda Needham, Leader of NHDC said: “We know that the majority of residents feel that waste, recycling and street cleansing are the most important services that the Council provides. That’s why it’s really important that we seek your views now to help Councillors make a decision on which contract options to go for.

“As Councils are under severe financial pressure, there will clearly be some difficult decisions ahead, but both North and East Hertfordshire Councils are committed to continuing to provide a high quality waste, recycling and street cleansing service.”

East Herts Council leader Linda Haysey said: “Waste collection and recycling are hugely important to residents in East and North Herts, which is why we are asking for their views on the future of these services.

“With the current contract coming to an end, we have a real opportunity to make a difference, and our residents have the chance to influence the decisions being made to ensure they get the right service for their needs, so I would encourage all residents in East and North Herts to take a few moments to complete this short survey.”

To take part in the survey please go to: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NHDCWaste. The survey should only take a few minutes to complete. If you require a paper copy of the survey please contact us on 01462 474000, or call into the Council offices. The survey closes on 31 August 2017.

The results will be used to help Councillors in both Councils to decide which contract options to go for. The joint contract is due to be awarded in October and will commence in May 2018.

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