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Graveley Parish Council Meeting Minutes
of the Full Parish Council taken on Tuesday 27th September 2022 at Graveley Village
Hall, High Street, Graveley, Hertfordshire, SG4 7LB at 8.00pm

Council members present:	Cllr Martin Griffin – Chair Cllr Helen Lumley Cllr Rob Millard – Vice Chair Cllr Johnie Thorpe
In attendance:	Danielle Galvan (Clerk & RFO to the Council) Cllr Steve Jarvis (HCC) 2 members of the public
	Cllr Griffin preceded the meeting to say “It is with sadness that we mark the death of Queen Elizabeth II and extend once again condolences to members of the Royal Family.”
22/069	Apologies - Cllr George Davies (NHDC)
22/070	Interests To receive declarations of Interest from Councillors on items on the Agenda and to consider any requests for dispensation. Cllr Griffin made a declaration of interest for agenda item 22/074.
22/071	Minutes a) To confirm the Minutes of the Graveley Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 th July 2022 as a true and accurate record of proceedings. Cllr Griffin pointed out an anomaly in the previous minutes regarding the dispensation of his voting on financial matter. Clerk to add note regarding this item. To be duly signed by the Chairman. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Thorpe. Unanimously agreed.
22/072	Public Issues. None.

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22/073	<p>Reports from County & District Councillors, Police and others</p> <p>Cllr Jarvis: Posts on Ashwell Close have been damaged by Cadent Gas and have/will be replaced. HCC to carry out a traffic survey so as to obtain speed/volume data. There are proposals to install traffic lights at North Road. Looking at resurfacing Graveley Lane and Turf Lane next financial year.</p> <p>Written report from Cllr Davies (sent via email in advance of meeting). Local Plan: The inspector's response to the local plan has been published and expects this will come to Council towards the end of the year.</p>
Cont. 22/073	<p>I do not believe any further modifications to the plan are possible at this point, and this it will be a straight yes or no vote'. Boundary review: 'The Council has now sent its submission to the boundary commission regarding the boundary review. I do not think this was universally approved at Council and may not be the final decision reached by the commission'.</p>
	<p>8.10pm – Cllr Griffin left the meeting room. Cllr Millard chaired Agenda item 22/074.</p>
22/074	<p>Finance</p> <p>To authorise payments made in accordance with the budget.</p> <p>To authorise the payment schedule for September 2022. Authorised.</p> <p>Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Millard. Seconded by Cllr Lumley. Unanimously agreed.</p>
	<p>8.12pm – Cllr Griffin rejoined the meeting.</p>
22/075	<p>Planning</p> <p>To consider planning applications received.</p> <p>a) 22/01927/FP at Chesfield Downs Golf Club, Jacks Hill, Graveley, SG4 7EQ Erection of building to house a toilet area, lobby and ball collection area, redevelopment of six open driving range tees to provide six covered bays and formation of associated access path.</p> <p>No objection. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Lumley. Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>b) To consider planning applications received during the period (Wednesday 21st September to Tuesday 27th September 2022). None received.</p> <p>c) To discuss and consider the GPC to start the process of producing a Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>After a discussion it was decided to review this again in September 2023. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Thorpe. Unanimously agreed. [<i>Action: Clerk to b/jf.</i>]</p> <p>d) To review and consider the GPC Planning working group to continue to support the GPC for a further year. Cllr Griffin thanked the Planning Group for all of their hard work. Cllr Lumley expressed her thanks in particular to P Bracey.</p> <p>It was agreed that the GPC Planning working group to continue to support the GPC for a further year. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Thorpe. Seconded by Cllr Griffin. Unanimously agreed.</p>

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22/076	<p>Grant Application – Save our Green Belt</p> <p>To consider request for funding of £5,000 towards legal fees and costs for legal advice with regards to the process and procedure of the local plan.</p> <p>Parish Council members discussed this request at some length. All councillors expressed their opinions and were against the plans to build on the green belt and the number of houses to be built, but came to the unanimous conclusion that it was unfortunately time to accept the inevitable.</p> <p>There was also some discussion regarding GPC’s budgetary constraints. It was also discussed to offering less funding for this application, but there was no support for that at this time.</p> <p>It was agreed that no further funding could be given to Save our Green Belt. Resolved. Proposed by Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Thorpe. Unanimously agreed.</p>
22/077	<p>Culvert at Pondsides – To discuss and consider to request for the riparian owner of the Public house to clean the culvert. It was discussed that HCC had previously come to visit the culvert in 2019 and made recommendations not to clean out the culvert as pulling up the reeds would not help. It was believed that the reeds had now grown further down the culvert so it was suggested that HCC might come back to reassess. <i>Action: Clerk to arrange for this visit and to b/f.</i> No vote taken.</p>
22/078	<p>Co-option</p> <p>To consider the application for the appointment of Parish Councillor from Jeremy (Jez) Atkinson. Jez introduced himself and gave a brief summary of why he wished to join the GPC. Resolved, proposed Cllr Griffin. Seconded by Cllr Millard to appoint Jez Atkinson. Unanimously agreed. Declaration of office and Register of interest to be signed and returned to the Clerk. <i>[Fully completed on 01/10/2022].</i></p>
22/079	<p>Clerks report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1a High Street – Reports that this address is running either a waste transfer storage centre for cars or a part breaking yard. The Environment Crime Officer has visited and confirmed that the land is split into 4 plots with one plot being used as a car dealership. Any possible dumping/burning of waste should be reported to the Environment Agency. The Planning office at HCC has also been contacted to find out if the correct licences have been applied for. Awaiting a reply. • Playground – reported that the swings had bird excrement and a request for more bird repellent spikes be put up. Playground seats were cleaned and the spikes were replaced that day with the floor at the swings swept and washed that weekend. • Planning training session. Councillors were invited to attend in person/via Zoom by NHDC for a training session by the Planning Advisory Service. Cllr Griffin attended via Zoom. The Clerk has requested the presentation slides so that Cllr Griffin can present a summary at alternative GPC meeting. • HCC have followed up regarding the potholes up at Ashwell Common. They are looking into overlaying the path between Ashwell Common and Graveley Road.

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	<p>They have received one quote and will need to obtain another two.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked NHDC to repaint or replace the Road name sign on the Oak Lane facing wall of 31 High Street.
22/080	<p>Items for consideration at next meeting</p> <p>To suggest agenda items for the next meeting of the Graveley Parish Council on Tuesday 18th October 2022. Culvert at Pondsides.</p>
	Meeting closed at 8.40pm

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