

MINUTES
Graveley Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 20th April 2010 8pm
held at Great Ashby Community Centre

Present: Chairman -Mr Alan Lines, Vice Chair Mr Peter Bracey, Mr Derek Allen, Mr Martin Hardwidge, Cllr. Sal Jarvis.

Members of the public were also present.

Apologies – Mr A Bracey, Cllr. Lee Downie and Ex Officio member Mrs Evelyn Goldwater (GACC Chair)

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Derek Allen - regarding the proposed development at Roundwood by Croudace and took no part in the discussion.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - The minutes of the 16th March 2010 were approved with the following amendment to item **1d)** and signed at the start of the meeting.

The Clerk to draft a letter and forward to the Chair and Vice chair for approval before sending it to Nigel Schofield (with copy to CEO J. Campbell) urging action on GPC's previous request for a review of speed limits in and around Crow End, Graveley. This has to be put before the Southern Rural Committee we understand.

GPC also request that this Committee look into the provision of a Pedestrian Crossing on Great Ashby Way in the vicinity of the shops.

JT

1 Highways Report.

a) Speed Monitoring Devices- We have received a reply from Weston PC regarding a joint effort, they will consider it at their next meeting. Clerk to contact.

JT

b) Speeding in Graveley High Street- PB supplied members with the recent analysis of the speeding both Northbound and Southbound in Graveley High Street. Under the Highways and Speed Management Strategy November 2009 we are eligible for Access Funding for Speed compliance, improved gateways perhaps or invite their suggestions. PB to look into.

PB

c) HH Gravel Yard- PB to draft a letter in reply to Vince Gilberts letter with copies to Richard Jones, Roger Flowerday and Cllr Tony Hunter

PB, JT

d) Suggested Pedestrian crossing on Great Ashby Way- Clerk to chase up and find out what progress has been made with Southern Rural.

JT

e) Road Repairs-The very necessary road repairs to Graveley High Street will be carried out hopefully when the village signs are erected.

f) PC Bridget Jones- Clerk to send her details of all GPC meetings

JT

g) Unauthorised parking spaces- Church Lane. Clerk to chase Herts., Highways about getting them grassed over.

JT, PB

2) Planning Issues and Applications.

a) Car Sales at The Old Forge- a new enforcement notice has been served on the 25th March 2010 on the owners, which comes into effect on 25th April 2010 and the period of compliance is one month so that the use must cease by 25th May 2010. There is a right of appeal against the notice and if this happens the course of action will be determined by an inspector appointed by central government. Clerk to keep an eye on developments.

JT

b) NHDC planning application 32 Mendip Way Great Ashby, Stevenage-rear conservatory was approved. Clerk to inform NHDC.

JT (sent 21/04/10)

c) Cygnet Hospital, Graveley Road, Stevenage, Herts., No further action but clerk to reply to Martin Fitch at Stevenage Borough Council to inform him that the GPC will also be monitoring this.

JT

d) Roundwood Development by Croudace - Clerk to return form to Simon Ellis with the appropriate boxes ticked.

AL to draft a letter of objection to Mary Caldwell, all Planning committee members and HCC with the GPC's concerns.

Clerk to reply to the letter received by Manjinder Sehmi at HCC.

JT, AL

e) Jacks Hill Graveley- The clerk has been in email correspondence with Matthew Lawman of GRS after the GPC's concerns were emailed to him. He replied to our concerns regarding the Green Belt aspect.

JT

3) Financial Report.

a) MH supplied a summary sheet of the accounts for discussion. The red figure was correcting item to include a previous overpayment to Playdale. It was agreed that Chris Nathan would be requested to again be the appointed the GPC Internal Auditor. PB will deliver the relevant files and cheque book to him.

JT

b) GPC have to display on the village notice board 'the accounts are ready for public inspection'. Done by the Clerk (12th- 26th April 2010).

JT

4) Great Ashby Report and Traffic Report

a) Salt Bins in Great Ashby- This an ongoing issue and because of the economic climate may take some time to get a resolution.

b) Great Ashby Way Crossing- see 1f above.

c) Dog Bins - There is still some confusion regarding the one bin that might be still owed. Ten at Great Ashby have been recorded and three at Graveley.

GACG have now requested a further bin in Botany Bay Lane. Clerk to contact EG asking where it is to be sited. Clerk to contact Andrew Mills at NHDC to get clarification on this issue. Cllr Lee Downey's allowance may have paid for 1 or 2.

JT

d) GACC Play Store Shed- This was funded by GPC and Clerk is to contact EG to find out if GACC have it insured. If so GPC will give it to the centre.

JT

5) Any Other Business

a) Additional Notice board- Clerk has been in touch with Offley and Ickleford Parish Councils to get their information on the supply of noticeboards, he will contact the suppliers that they used and get quotes. He has the forms to complete for Comma to apply for a grant to include the notice board and possibility of new lidded waste bins for around the pond.

JT

b) Garages. At Ashwell Close The clerk is to contact (letter to AL for his input) Michelle Radley at HH pointing out that that access to the garages is over the footpath and request that a surveyor comes to have a look and report on the situation, (the allotment land is North Herts Council land the Garage land is North

Hertfordshire Homes) AL willing to attend a meeting with their surveyor. Members of the public, who were present, voiced their disquiet at any changes. The GPC informed them that any further developments would be discussed with the garage owners and full local consultation would take place.

JT, AL

c) Possible purchase of the Woodland at Grinders End- This still an ongoing issue. Tony Bradford of CMS has been asked to survey it and has advised he hopes to have a look at the site in the next few weeks and will report back.

JT

d) GASP- Had a very successful meeting which was well attended with local TV coverage and local prospective MPs and Councillors attended.

e) Clerks Contract of Employment- has been signed.

f) Laptop Computer- MH to look into the possibility of a dedicated laptop for the Clerk's sole use on GPC business.

MH

g) Insurance- Our insurers Allianz are now being presented by Aon Clerk has contacted Came and Company of Odiham, Hampshire and is getting a quote from them based on the present arrangement with Allianz/Aon.

JT

h) Bark for Playground - Karen Harding of the Probation Service (01438 747074 ext 227) contacted the clerk regarding a work party to lay the bark. As this has not yet been sourced, DA and AL will look into the cost of replacing the polythene sheeting and supplying new bark. If the cost is less than £600.00 they will progress. It was felt that a member of the GPC should be present when the Probation Service working party was at the site for the work

AL, DA, JT

i) Invitation from NHCVCS to join- to MH for his evaluation

MH

6) Correspondence Received

a) CPRE newsletter for April'

b) Policing Policy leaflets for 2010/13

c) Planning Inspectorate notice on footpath Graveley 20 modification order with forms to return and Notice to be posted up.

MH, JT

7) Cheques Issued

- a)** Clerks remuneration £183.33.
- b)** Jack Rigg printing of GASP leaflet £35.00
- c)** Thomas Dryer-Beers Litter collection £212.50
- d)** NHDC Trade Refuse Collection £68.74 (incl vat)
- e)** Michael Fry Playground Inspection £45.00

**The place and time of the next Annual General meeting will be at
8pm on the 18th May 2010 at Graveley Village Hall.**