

Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council

Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 17th October 2017

Attendees: Cllr Barclay, Cllr Marchant, Cllr Oakland, Cllr Smedley, Cllr Wattam, Cllr Wright (Chair), Clerk Tors Firth, District Cllr Hewson and 32 members of the public.

87. **Apologies;** County Councillor John Chilver sent apologies
88. **Open Forum for Parishioners;** The Council made revised plans available for the application on the field adjacent to Sovereign Close and invited the 32 members of the public present to comment. The Parish Council and Cllr Hewson, answered a number of questions. Concerns were raised about wildlife, archaeological matters, sewage, over development, lack of infrastructure, the footpath and extending the village beyond the current footprint. A member of the working party and resident of Sovereign Close spoke at length about the impact the development would have on the entire village, and offered to help residents respond to the application. The forum was used to gauge the resident's opinions now that a revised application is to hand; everyone present expressed the wish that the Parish Council object to the application. This reflected the same level of opposition that had been demonstrated at the meeting in May.
89. **Interests:** No declarations of interest were made
90. **Minutes;**
Resolved: to accept the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September as a true record.
At this point in the meeting items 92 and 99 were brought forward
91. **Finance**
- a. *Resolved:* To accept the accounts for September 2017
- b. *Ratified:* The following payments were raised online;
- 56 £79.80 to Wicksteed for replacement playground part, £13.30 VAT included
- 57 £1,710 to Outdoor Play South West for basketball deposit, £285 VAT included
- 58 £***.** to Mrs V Firth, Clerks Pay for September, no VAT included
- 60 £18.00 to Unity Bank as payment for bank charges @£6/month, no VAT included
- 61 £454.00 to RTM for village and play area grass cutting, £76 VAT included
- 62 £10.20 to Wicksteed for replacement playground parts, £10.70 VAT included
- 63 £**.** to Mrs V Firth, Clerks Expenses for September, no VAT included
- Credits;
- 59 £11,000 to Granborough Parish Council from AVDC, second Precept instalment.
- c. *Resolved;* To accept the Budget Review for 2017/18
- d. *Resolved;* Budget setting will be carried out as part of the next meeting on 5th December, the Agenda will be kept as clear as possible.

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92. Planning

- a. **Resolved;** based on public response and the working party recommendation that the application contravenes National Planning Policy, the Council decided to object to application 17/03624/AOP. A member of the working party has created a detailed study which the Council agreed to use as their Consultee Response, with a covering letter. A link to the study will be published on the website. Cllr Smedley has volunteered to speak against the application at the DMC if necessary. The Council also agreed to pay for the printing of a Flyer created by Mark Scholes, to help villagers object. Relevant objection points will also be published on the website.
- b. **Confirmed;** The following update was obtained from AVDC:
Application 17/03176/APP at 7 Sovereign Close has been approved
Application 17/02901/APP at 10 Marks Orchard has been approved
Application 17/03081/APP at Lathwells Farm has yet to be decided

93. County Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways

- a. **Resolved:** To raise with Highways, a deep tyre impression in the pavement in front of the church on Marston Road which presents a hazard to pedestrians.
- b. **Confirmed;** The bridge on Winslow Road and the handrail on Hogshaw Road have been repaired since the last meeting. Locations for equestrian signs are being agreed with a view to signs being installed in late November.

94. Recreation Ground;

- a. **Confirmed;** Outdoor Play South West have received a 50% deposit and are expecting to install the basketball kit late November/early December depending on weather. James Tattam has confirmed that he will purchase the necessary equipment for the gate and advise of an installation date.
- b. **Resolved;** The Council agreed to pay a bill of £150 for powder coating the horse. Cllr Wattam has stripped the paint, the shroud and replacement rubber foot and hand peg covers have been received, further repainting is required before the horse is reinstated.
- c. **Resolved:** Inspection Reports indicate no further action is required at this time
- d. **Resolved;** Cllr Oakland will ask RTM to provide a quote for trimming the lower branches on the tree.

95. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

- a. Streetlights have been repaired on Winslow Road and Bates Close, Park Road and Green End.
- b. It has been reported that the light outside 1 Winsow Road is not working, an engineer will be called.

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- c. It was suggested that the wooden slats serving as a seat in the Bus Shelter by the village hall, may need replacing. Both shelters will be inspected before the next meeting so that a decision can be made. **Action:** Councillors
 - d. **Resolved;** It was decided not to join Parishes looking to group purchase sentinel equipment as the Winslow LAF have made a purchase which Great Horwood will lend to other villages.
 - e. **Resolved;** Npower FIT bill adjustments from 2015, of £2.99 will be paid.
96. **Devolved Services;**
- a. **Resolved;** There is some concern that the village grass cut is not being carried out thoroughly, Cllr Oakland will discuss the matter with RTM. The final village cut took place on 9th October but as grass is still growing, another cut was agreed. Remaining funds in the devolved services budget will need to be boosted; £500 will be transferred from the Neighbourhood Plan budget as this is not likely to be required before year end.
 - b. **Resolved;** Cllr Oakland will discuss trimming the tree in the play area with RTM.
 - c. **Resolved;** Hedgerows on Hogshaw Road on the proposed building site and Winslow Road leaving the village, need cutting back as they are causing problems for horse riders.
97. **Neighbourhood Plan;** The working party will reconsider plans in light of new information. This will be raised at the next meeting.
98. **Outside Bodies;**
- a. Winslow LAF Update was provided to the meeting.
 - b. VALP Parishes Seminar update was provided.
99. **District and County Updates;**
- Cllr Hewson (District Council) provided an update to the meeting, including that the VALP consultation starts on 7th November and runs for 6 weeks. New Government proposals for calculating housing need will apply if VALP misses the end of March, which could result in a 55% increase. Concern was also expressed over the opening up of North Bucks for housing, resulting from the Oxford to Cambridge expressway.
- Cllr Chilver (County Council), not present.
100. **Post and Consultations;** The following communications were received;
- Information about funded PCSOs from Bucks County Council
 - AVDC Parish Liaison Officers update
 - B&MKALC Weekly Updates
 - AVALC Annual General Meeting notification and Newsletter
 - Notification of Winter Schedule for Dog Waste Bins

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AVDC Parish Newsletter – October 2017

Agenda for NBPPC Meeting

VALP Presentation Slides from 4th October meeting

BCC Chairman's Reception Invitation

Winslow TC response to the draft Wycombe Local Plan Consultation

Notification of Resilience Training on 12th December

LAF Minutes

Police and Crime Plan summary 2017 – 2021

101. Items for the next Agenda; Budget and Neighbourhood Plan.

102. To confirm the date of the next meeting; 5th December 2017

The meeting closed at 21:43

Signed: _____

Date: _____