

Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council

Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 11th December 2018

Attendees: Cllr Oakland (Chair), Cllr Smedley, Cllr B Watson, Clerk Tors Firth, and 0 members of the public.

122. Apologies; Council accepted apologies from Cllr Barclay and Cllr Marchant due to illness and from Cllr L Watson due to bereavement. Cllr Wright and County Cllr Chilver were absent. District Cllr Raven had other commitments.

123. Open Forum for Parishioners; No items were raised by members of the public

124. Interests: No declarations of interests were made

125. Minutes;

Resolved: To accept the Minutes from the 6th November 2018 as a true record.

126. Finance

a. **Ratified:** The following payments were raised online;

54 £456.00 to RTM Landscapes for grass cutting, £76 VAT included

55 £109.88 to E.on for Street lighting electricity, £5.23 VAT included

56 £**. ** to Mrs Firth Clerks Expenses for October, no VAT included

57 £68.33 to Village Hall for 6 months meeting hire, no VAT included

58 £45 to Stretton Services for 3 months web hosting, no VAT included

59 £1,140 to The Parish Notice Board Company, £190 VAT included

60 £150 to RTM Landscapes for hedge cutting, £25 VAT included

61 £210 to PRA Randles for painting the bus shelter, no VAT included

62 £***. ** to Mrs Firth, Clerks Pay for November, no VAT included

b. **Resolved:** To request a precept of £22,700.

c. **Resolved:** To sign a letter authorising the change of address and the addition of Cllrs Watson, Oakland and Marchant as signatories on the Council bank account.

127. Planning

a. **Confirmed;** The following update was obtained from AVDC:

18/03034/APP at Longacre Stables – approved with conditions

18/03294/APP at 20D Green End – awaiting decision

18/01713/APP at the Old Vicarage – awaiting decision

18/03454/COUAR, barn on Winslow Road – awaiting decision

18/03505/APP, Ley Farm Swimming Pool – awaiting decision

18/03740/COUAR at Green End Farm – refused

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- b. **Resolved:** The Parish Council do not have any problem with the planning authority no longer printing paperwork except on a request basis, but would like to see a confirmed request process.

128. County Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways

- a. The following issues have been raised;
- i. Flooding outside The Crown on Winslow Road;
Resolved: blocked drains reported via Fixmystreet, ref number 40090817.
 - ii. Damage to the verge due to construction vehicles obstructing the road at 24D Green End. **Resolved:** The Parish Council will write a letter requesting the verge is restored.
 - iii. Footpath GRA/6/1 the stile and fencing into the fields beyond the houses, has collapsed leaving barbed wire to negotiate. **Resolved:** The Clerk to report via the online system.
 - iv. The oak tree on the green opposite The Crown has been shedding branches.
Resolved: This will be flagged to Highways, the tree may need inspecting.
- b. Rights of Way issues were acknowledged for action by the County Council,
- i. Ref: 40088913 Dangerous Stile; added to programme
 - ii. Ref: 40088916 Issue with footpath sign; added to programme
 - iii. There was no response from the team regarding the maintenance of footpaths through crops. Other sources confirm that whilst it is a legal requirement to clear the footpath, spraying is left to the farmers discretion based on the state of crop germination (so it isn't necessary to do twice) and weather conditions.
- c. **Bridge on Winslow Road;** Priority Signs have been requested again but Highways think the road is unsuitable because vision splays are good in both directions but the Local Area Technician has promised to take a look and give official advice. We await a response.

129. Recreation Ground;

- a. **Resolved:** Inspection Reports indicate a depression in the goal area. **Resolved:** Cllr Oakland will speak to Robert Kempt about filling this.
The Bin opening mechanism seems to be jammed. **Resolved:** Cllr Oakland will take a look.
No further action is required at this time.

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- b. **Confirmed;** Robert Kemp will address the brambles and fence posts as soon as he has time available.
- c. **Resolved;** It was agreed that Cllr Oakland will show Cllrs Watson how to carry out a playground inspection. The Clerk will issue a new rota before the next meeting.

130. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

a. New Issues;

Light No. 7 near 33a Green End is not working, the Clerk will report it to E.on.

The bench under the oak tree on the green opposite The Crown may need attention.

Resolved; Councillors to take a look before the next meeting.

- b. **Confirmed;** The new noticeboard has been ordered, a 50% deposit has been paid and delivery is expected in January 2019.
- c. **Confirmed;** The bus shelter by the Church has been painted with preservative.
- d. A request was received to change the angle of the street light outside 13 Bates Close, and to address the rusted column. E.on confirmed that to disconnect, turn and reconnect would cost approx. £500 or a replacement light will be £1030.
Resolved: The Council discussed this at length and would like to help but the expense which is unbudgeted is prohibitive. It was decided that the Clerk would ask E.on to suggest alternative solutions.
- e. **Resolved:** To reimburse Cllr Smedley for the poppy wreath laid on the War Memorial in the churchyard for the remembrance service, and to add this to the budget as an annual cost.

131. Devolved Services;

- a. **Confirmed;** RTM have now completed scheduled cutting for the year.
- b. **Confirmed;** RTM cut back the hedge along Church Lane and behind the play area.
- c. **Confirmed;** Bucks County Council has shortened the length of the devolved services contract and removed the new option for Street Repairs, due to the reorganisation of the local authorities into one Unitary Authority. The contract will continue for 2019/20 under the same conditions as for 2018/19 and Granborough Parish Council have opted in. We await a decision on the longer term availability of a contract.

132. Neighbourhood Plan;

- a. **Update:** The open village meeting will take place on 19th January for village feedback, groups and individuals are being approached to encourage attendance.

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b. Financial requests; The Council agreed a budget of £300 for White Boards and Post-It Notes. Notice was given that paid administrative support will be required at some point in the New Year.

c. The Council and Neighbourhood Plan group are aware of the field that is currently Under Offer on Winslow Road for which a planning application may be submitted in the future. It is believed that at present any building on this field would contravene the National Planning Policy Framework.

133. Outside Bodies; Cllr Smedley attended the Winslow LAF and gave an update including an intention to renew the central white lines on the village roads and to complete the pavement resurfacing in Bates Close. It was noted that Bucks County Council claim to be giving regular expressway updates which the local Parish Councils are not receiving. It was also noted that MVAS data can no longer be submitted as evidence against planning applications and that the latest delay in adopting the VALP is due to the inspector not responding within agreed timeframes. There is a new homes bonus scheme which the Council needs to be aware of, and updates to HS2 through Buckinghamshire are being published on a website called "Commonplace".

134. Plans & Structures

a. Expressway; Cllrs Oakland and Barclay attended the meeting held for Parish Council's and raised many issues including the historically important Biggin Earthworks just outside Granborough. These concerns have been collected and taken away for analysis, a public consultation will take place in the early part of 2019.

BBONT have launched a legal challenge because the necessary environmental studies have not been carried out prior to the corridor being chosen, funds are required and a link to the giving page is listed on our website, along with any information we receive about the expressway progress.

b. Solar Farm; Cllr Smedley attended an information meeting regarding the proposed Solar Installation covering several fields belonging to Tuckey Farm, on both sides of the road near the substation on East Claydon Road. The panels will absorb rather than reflect light and will be ideally situated to supply the substation, which has the capacity to take the energy generated. At this point planning permission is yet to be sought.

135. District and County Updates; Neither Cllr Raven or Cllr Chilver attended the meeting or sent updates.

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136. Post and Consultations not mentioned above;

- a. Unitary Decision and various communications
- b. Letter regarding an issue with rats in Bates Close and the surrounding area; this is not a Parish Council concern, but help is being given to clarify the situation.
- c. Cllr Renshaw sing-a-long invitation
- d. Music in quiet places booking information; the Council do not wish to book.
- e. Winslow LAF Priorities Refresh
- f. Home Choice Draft Allocations Policy Consultation (by 7th January)
- g. Waddesdon Schools Admission Policy second consultation (by 25th January)

137. Items for the next Agenda;

Proposed spring cleaning of road and street signs and bus shelters.

Options for the bench opposite The Crown

MVAS relocation and use.

138. To confirm the date of the next meeting; 29th January 2019 at 8pm in the Village Hall.
The meeting closed at 21:44.

Signed: _____

Date: _____