

# Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council

Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019

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**Attendees:** Cllr Barclay, Cllr Marchant, Cllr Oakland (Chair), Cllr Smedley,  
Cllrs B & L Watson, Clerk Tors Firth and 3 members of the public.

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**162. Apologies;** Council accepted apologies from Cllr Wright due to a personal commitment, From District Cllr Raven and from County Cllr Chilver.

**163. Open Forum for Parishioners;** Members of the public attended the meeting to ask for assistance as horses are damaging their garden fences and plants. Whilst the Parish believes that the responsibility for containing the horses adequately, lies with the owner of the field, this is a legal matter and the Parish Council are unable to intervene. It was suggested that the residents might try Citizens Advice or NFU for free legal advice on the matter.

**164. Interests:** No declarations of interests were made

**165. Minutes;**

**Resolved:** Minutes from the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January '19 were accepted as a true record.

**166. Finance**

**a. Resolved:** To accept the accounts for January 2019

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

75 £45.55 to Mr Scholes for leaflet printing reimbursement £7.60 VAT included

76 £40.00 to ICO for annual subscription fee, no VAT included

77 £48.96 to Mr Philip Oakland Neighbourhood Plan expenses, no VAT included

78 £\*\*\*.\*\* to Mrs V Firth, Clerks Pay January, no VAT included

79 £\*\*.\*\* to Mrs V Firth, Clerks Expenses January, no VAT included

80 £45.00 to Stretton Services #1100 for web hosting, no VAT included

81 £264.00 to SWARCO for annual maintenance contract, £44 VAT included

82 £119.03 to E.on January's electricity, £5.67 VAT included

83 £1,140.00 to Signs of Cheshire, balance for the Noticeboard, £190 VAT included

**c. Confirmed:** Small Grant applications are now being accepted, the scheme is advertised in the NM&G Magazine and on the website and noticeboard.

**d. Resolved:** To accept the small amendments to distribution of sums within the Budget for 2019/20. The Budget will now be published on the website along with the latest precept comparison chart.

**e. Resolved:** The Village Hall Trustees are investigating the use of the New Homes Bonus to raise funds for refurbishment. To be eligible however, it is necessary to

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prove the Parish Council owns the Village Hall. Cllr Smedley is trying to track ownership through the archives, this is ongoing.

**Confirmed:** The Clerk has submitted a VAT refund claim for £1662.08.

## 167. Planning

- a. **Resolved;** To record a response of no objections to application 19/00590/APP on the Winslow Road Development. The Clerk will contact Joe Houston to enquire about S106 contributions.
- b. **Resolved;** To record no further response to the Secretary of State regarding appeal 18/00101/REF at Green End Farm.
- c. **Confirmed;** The following planning book update was obtained from AVDC;  
19/00520/APP Double Garage at 24D Green End, Awaiting Decision  
18/04496/APP 17 Dwellings on Land to the south of Hogshaw Rd, Awaiting Decision  
18/01713/APP at Old Vicarage, Green End, Approved  
18/00916/ALB at 19 Winslow Road, Granted  
**Action;** The Parish Council are aware of a new application at 24D Green End for a Double Garage but have not received official notification from AVDC. The Clerk will investigate. The Clerk will also enquire again about the Certificate B notification to AVDC for the application to develop next to Sovereign Close.
- d. **Confirmed;** Planning Enforcement at the District Council, is the department responsible for investigating possible breaches in planning permission. Whilst the Parish Council (and the public) may raise suspected breaches with Enforcement, it has no influence over the outcome and no right to disagree. The Parish Council is not a Consultee in this procedure.

## 168. Councillors/Clerk;

- a. **Resolved;** The proposed meeting schedule for 2019/20 was agreed and will be displayed on the website and noticeboard and circulated to the District and County Council representatives.
- b. **Resolved;** The play area inspection rota for 2019/20 was agreed and the new inspection template circulated.

## 169. County Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways

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- a. **Issues raised since the last meeting;** another accident on the bridge between Granborough and Winslow.
- b. **Resolved;** Safetybuyer.com sell "No Parking" signs which could be purchased for the Green opposite The Crown to deter parking, however permission to install the signs must be obtained from TfB and there is no response as yet.
- c. **Resolved;** TfB have been asked if the Parish Council may obtain and erect "20 is plenty" signs on Green End. Permission is required and as yet there is no response.
- d. **Updates;** The Local Area Technician has been asked for an update regarding the Bridge between Granborough and Winslow, and the safety of the tree on the green area opposite The Crown, no response has been received. **Resolved;** The Clerk will raise the lack of response from TfB with County Councillor John Chilver, to be escalated further should this not resolve the issue.

## 170. Recreation Ground;

- a. **Resolved:** Inspection Reports have highlighted that the concrete base around the bench is now standing proud of the ground. The Clerk will ask for it to be filled when the goal mouth is repaired.
- b. **Resolved:** The Council accepted the tentative quote of £90 to refill and seed the goal mouth and accept that it may differ slightly.

## 171. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

- a. **New Issues;** Street Light No. 1 in Denham View is not working and has been reported to Eon for repair. Street Light No. 3 on Winslow Road is also not working and will be reported to Eon immediately.
- b. **Resolved:** The cost of rubbing down and painting the bench on the green exceeded the budget set at the last meeting. It was agreed to accept the quote for £150.
- c. **Resolved;** The new noticeboard is now in situ, Patrick Barclay is considering creating a village map to display inside. Cllr Smedley has agreed to make village noticeboards for inside the two brick bus shelters and the wooden bus shelter by the Church, a budget of £150 was set for materials.
- d. **Resolved;** The MVAS contract has been renewed with SWARCO. An inspection will be carried out in June, the sign will not be moved to an alternative location in the meantime. Cllr Oakland will check the batteries as the sign is not working.
- e. **Confirmed;** The new pads have been installed in the defibrillator. Councillors were reminded that symbols must be solid to confirm equipment is functioning properly.

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- f. **Resolved;** The quote for cleaning up road signs and village assets was considered too much at £600+VAT, alternative quotes will be sourced.

## 172. Devolved Services;

- a. **Resolved;** To renew the contract for 2019/20 with RTM for 16 cuts to the play area and 10 cuts to the village, plus two weed killing treatments per year applied to Marston Road, Winslow Road, Church Lane and Green End. The total cost is £4749.12 including VAT. The contribution from Bucks County Council Devolved Service contract will cover £1237.68.
- b. **Confirmed;** Bucks County Council has received our agreement to the contract variation.
- c. **Resolved;** Attempts have been made to repair the verge outside 24D Green End, but building is still ongoing at present.

## 173. Neighbourhood Plan;

- a. **Update from the Steering Group;** A brief update on progress was delivered by Cllr Oakland including that new update leaflets are being circulated to the village, a Consultant has been approached and the questionnaire is being drafted, hopefully for circulation in May/June.
- b. **Resolved;** The Parish Council have a budget from which expenses can be drawn until a Grant can be put in place. It is likely to be May/June before an application can be submitted. For employing the Consultant part time, it is not necessary to obtain 3 quotes when using a specialist planning consultant on a recommendation.
- c. **Confirmed;** The Steering Group can now be contacted via a dedicated email address; gnpsteering@granborough.org.

## 174. Outside Bodies; None

175. **Plans and Structures; Resolved;** to accept the response to the expressway proposals prepared by the working party, and forward them to Highways England and Bucks County Council.

176. **District and County Updates;** None provided.

## 177. Post and Consultations;

- a. 30/1 Rights of Way Improvement Plan Consultation
- b. 5/2 Shadow Council Executive press release via BALC
- c. 11/2 RTM notice of obtaining the Living Wage Award accreditation
- d. 11/2 Communities Framework Survey via BALC
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- e. 11/2 Equine Enlightenment land search query
- f. 11/2 Minerals & Waste local plan modification Consultation Bucks CC
- g. 12/2 Dignity in Care Awards open for nominations via Bucks CC
- h. 18/2 Crowdfunding workshop invitation from AVDC
- i. 18/2 February "My Bucks" via Bucks CC
- j. 20/2 AVDC Chairman's Invite to her Civic Service
- k. 20/2 BBOWT High Court Hearing Press Release; Expressway
- l. 25/2 Luton Airport Expansion News
- m. 25/2 Best Kept Village Competition Open 2019, closes 30<sup>th</sup> April **Resolved:** To enter.

**178. Items for the Next Agenda;** Internal Audit, Donations, Insurance, and Gigaclear

**179. To confirm the date of the next meeting;** 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019

The meeting closed at 21:31

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_