

Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council

Held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Attendees: Cllr Barclay, Cllr Oakland (Chair), Cllr Smedley, Cllr B Watson, Cllr L Watson, Clerk Tors Firth, and 1 members of the public.

1. **Apologies;** Council accepted apologies from Cllr Marchant due to a personal commitment, District Councillor Raven and County Councillor Chilver.
 2. **Open Forum for Parishioners;** Richard Turner attended the meeting to provide information and answer questions, about the proposed Solar Farm.
 3. **Interests:** Cllr Smedley and Cllr Oakland expressed an interest in item 5c due to their role as Village Hall Trustees.
 4. **Minutes;**
Resolved: To accept the Minutes from the meeting on 5th March 2019 as a true record
 5. **Finance**
 - a. **Resolved:** To accept the accounts for February 2019
 - b. **Ratified:** The following payments were raised online;
 - 085 £***.** V Firth, Clerks Pay for February, No VAT included
 - 086 £122.54 E.on, Street Lights for February, £5.84 VAT included
 - 087 £66.98 V Firth, Expenses for February, No VAT included
 - 088 £124 V Firth, Neighbourhood Plan Admin, No VAT included
 - 089 £135 Roy Randles, Restoring public bench, No VAT included
 - 090 £90 Robert Kemp, Ground repairs play area, £15 VAT included
 - 091 £240 AJ North, Noticeboard fitting & paving, £40 VAT included
 - 092 £45 Village Hall, Parish Council Hall Hire, No VAT included
 - 092 £45 Village Hall, Neighbourhood Plan Hire, No VAT included
 - 093 £95.90 V Firth, Clerks Expenses March, No VAT included
 - 094 £***.** V Firth, Clerks Pay March, No VAT included
 - 095 £18 Unity Bank, Bank Quarterly Fees, No VAT included
 - c. Requests this year outweighed the budgeted amount meaning the Parish Council were unable to fulfil all requests. **Resolved;** To award the budget £2,500 as follows; Crew £100, Junior Crew £100, Senior Citizens £150, Charter Fayre £200, Village Hall £1000, Sportsfield £950.
The application from North Marston Parish Council towards magazine printing costs was reluctantly declined, since they receive funds via subscribers and advertisers.
 - d. **Resolved;** To appoint Gus Orchard as internal auditor.
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- e. **Resolved;** The council agreed to renew their insurance with Inspire, via Came & Company, and to take advantage of the three year price reduction offer.

6. Planning

- a. **Resolved;** To record a response of no objection to 19/00887/APP for garage alterations at 6 march Orchard. However it was suggested that an offset door would look out of place with the symmetry of the surroundings.
- b. **Confirmed;** Application 19/00590 may trigger S106 contributions depending on square footage calculations. The Village Hall will be the recipient.
- c. **Confirmed;** The following update was obtained from AVDC:
18/04496/APP 17 Dwellings land south of Hogshaw Road – Awaiting Decision
19/00590/APP Amendment to 2 Dwellings, Winslow Rd – Awaiting Decision
19/00520/APP Double Garage at 24d Green End – Awaiting Decision

7. Councillors/Clerk;

- a. **Confirmed;** Cllr Wright has decided to retire from the Parish Council after more than 12 years' service. The Council are very grateful to Peter for his contribution. A Vacancy Notice has been issued, co-option can take place after 11th April 2019.
- b. **Resolved;** It was agreed that the Clerk will be paid at SCP 29 this financial year.

8. County Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways

- a. **Issues raised since the last meeting;** None
- b. **Updates;**
 - i. **The Bridge;** On the 5th March the Local Area Technician promised minor signage amendments and line painting. As yet no date has been set.
 - ii. **The Tree;** On the 23rd March a tree surgeon with the Local Area Technician, identified a number of branches for removal. As yet no date has been set.
 - iii. **Parking on The Green;** On 5th March the Local Area Technician confirmed that only Highways approved bollards may be installed. Work has been agreed but no date set.
 - iv. **White Lines;** On 1st April County Cllr John Chilver chased this work with TfB.
 - v. **20 in plenty signs;** On 5th March the Local Area Technician confirmed that use of these signs is illegal but suggested we raise the provision of "poster signs" at the Winslow Local Area Forum.

9. Recreation Ground;

- a. **Resolved:** Inspection Reports indicate no further action is required at this time
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- b. **Confirmed:** RoSPA inspection will take place in May 2019.
 - c. **Confirmed;** Robert Kemp has repaired the ground by the goal mouth and the bench, though the tape to protect the new turf whilst it establishes, has been broken down.
- 10. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets**
- a. **New Issues;** None
 - b. **Confirmed;** South Central Ambulance Service have requested a call ahead number for the Defibrillator. Contact details for Cllr Oakland have been given.
 - c. **Confirmed;** Cllr Smedley will build notice boards inside the brick bus shelters. It was agreed a housekeeping notice will be included with each board.
 - d. **Resolved;** The Council accepted the quote of £350 for village spring cleaning.
 - e. **Confirmed;** All Street Lights are believed to be working properly at present.
 - f. **Confirmed;** The bench on the green has been rubbed down and painted.
 - g. **Resolved;** Parking Issues; other than the bollards on The Green, the Parish Council is unable to do anything to prevent cars from parking along kerbs.
 - h. **Resolved;** To send in the entry forms for Best Kept Village.
- 11. Devolved Services;**
- Confirmed;** The rota has been received, the first cut has been carried out, and a bramble cut will be requested for the play area.
- 12. Neighbourhood Plan;** Cllr Oakland confirmed the appointment of Sally Chapman as Consultant. Cllr Smedley is applying for a grant to cover the cost which will be approximately £7k, but over at least two years. The questionnaire is being designed with a target of mid-June for circulation to the village.
- 13. Outside Bodies;** Cllrs B Watson and D Smedley attended the Winslow Local Area Forum and provided an update including the appointment of a new PCSO, and issues with the Winslow Centre and Cycle Path between Winslow and Buckingham.
- Resolved;** Invite the PCSO to the Annual Village Meeting.
- 14. Plans & Structures;**
- a. **Expressway Confirmed;** A response has been received from Highways England acknowledging the six points raised by the Council and confirming that the heritage and environmental features are known and referring the public to their website for updates; <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway/>
 - b. **Gigaclear Response;** *"At present we don't have a date for works to start on extending the existing inherited AVB areas. We are still working though what will*
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needed to completed or re-built to bring this the network live. From what I am able to gather from our projects team is that they are hoping to be able to have crews back in the area later in the year, although they cannot give me any further detail at present."

The Parish Council also asked about the service promised to the Village Hall; the Sales Operations team are aware.

- 15. District and County Updates;** None. Cllr Scott Raven and Cllr John Chilver were unavailable and did not send updates for this meeting. The Council expressed their disappointment that with so much happening at present, we have no access to updates from our key contacts. With the exception of the urgently held planning meeting in January, neither has attended a meeting at Granborough in more than six months.
- 16. Post and Consultations;**
- a. Parish Liaison Meeting 27th March
 - b. Household Recycling Centre changes, Bucks CC
 - c. NBPPC Affordable Housing various communications
 - d. Notification of a "No Expressway" conference from No Expressway Alliance
 - e. Winslow LAF Meeting notification
 - f. New Rights of Way Reporting system with Link via Bucks CC
 - g. Came & Company Pre-Renewal Insurance invitation
 - h. SLCC Membership Renewal Notice
- 17. Items for the Next Agenda;** Household Recycling Centre Charges at Buckingham.
- 18. To confirm the date of the next meeting;** Annual Meeting 21st May at 7.30pm
- The meeting closed at 21:50

Signed: _____

Date: _____