Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th January 2025

Attendees: Cllr Anderson, Cllr de Niese, Cllr Fenwick (Chair), Cllr Oakland, Cllr Smedley, Cllr Watson, Clerk Lisa Prior, Buckinghamshire's Cllr Stanier, Cllr Gomm and 38 members of the public.

150. Apologies; Cllr Ellerton (Holiday).

Item 155.a was brought forward at this point, after which normal order was resumed.

151. Open Forum for Parishioners;

Residents expressed concerns that the BESS project, relating to application number 24/03262/APP (item 155a), brought forward above, would have significant adverse effects on public safety, local amenities, landscape, and the environment. They highlighted that the cumulative impact of this and other large-scale developments in the area could irreversibly alter the rural landscape and have a lasting negative effect on the local community.

Item 156. was brought forward at this point, after which normal order was resumed.

152. Interests: No declarations of interest were made.

153. Minutes; Resolved: Minutes from the 10th December 2024 accepted as a true record**.**

154. Finance;

- **a. Resolved:** The accounts for December 2024 were accepted.
- **b. Ratified:** Payments 90 to 99 inclusive were ratified, please see Appendix A.
- **c. Resolved;** Precept submitted and accepted by Bucks Council.
- **d. Ratified;** Dates agreed for Small Grants Scheme**.**

155. Planning:

- **a. Resolved;** A response of opposition to application 24/03262/APP was agreed and it was noted that a 'call-in' will be requested. **Action;** Cllr Fenwick to draft a letter to the Chief Planning Officer.
- **b. Noted;** no response required regarding the East West Rail Scoping Report.
- **c. Confirmed;** A status update on current planning applications was obtained from the planning portal, please see Appendix B,
- **d.** Planning Actions including enforcement issues; None.

156. Bess, Rosefield, National Grid & Statkraft Updates; No updates.

157. Buckinghamshire Council Updates; Cllr Stanier raised concerns about the strain on the council budget. The proposal by Bucks Council is to raise the basic rate by 4.99%, which is an extra £1.77 per week for the average householder. Regarding Artificial Intelligence (AI), Cllr Stanier highlighted concerns about AI's impact on planning, particularly the fast-tracking of permissions for data warehouses. These large facilities, which require vast amounts of land

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and a reliable electricity supply, create few local jobs and could have long-term implications for the area. Cllr Gomm provided an update on the forthcoming boundary changes, which will place Granborough under the Quainton ward, a ward he currently represents. Over the next six months, he will be working to understand how Granborough operates and prepare for this transition. Cllr Gomm, also suggested that the parish consider joining the Speed Watch consortium, this will be discussed at the next meeting.

158. Councillors/Clerk/Administration;

- **a. Ratified;** The playground inspection rota was agreed.
- **b. Ratified;** Parish Council meeting dates were agreed.
- **c. Action;** Cllr Fenwick will put together information regarding the elections, which will then be published on the website and notice board. The Clerk will remind councillors to complete their nomination papers, in early March, and to bring the completed forms to the next Parish Council meeting (if available).

159. Buckinghamshire Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways

- **a.** The following new issues were raised; none.
- **b.** Updates on outstanding issues; none.

160. Play Area;

- **a.** The following new issues were raised;
  - i. **Deferred until RoSPA report in May;** Infant swing.
- **b.** Updates on outstanding issues;
  - i. **Deferred until after the RoSPA report in May;** Equipment survey.
  - ii. **Action;** Cllrs Anderson, Watson and De Niese will submit a bid for maximum funding from the Community Board, with a contribution from the Parish as the budget allows. Clerk to check if funding is still open for this financial year.
  - iii. **Deferred until spring;** Picnic bench.

161. Biodiversity/Coronation Meadow;

- **a.** The following updates were received for ongoing matters;
  - i. **Deferred until spring;** Volunteer Day for Sown Meadow maintenance.
  - ii. **Deferred until spring;** Grass cutting in the centre of the meadow.
  - iii. **Deferred until spring;** Pond Lining.
- **b.** The following new matters were reported;
  - i. **Action;** Clerk to circulate the spend costs for Coronation Meadow for this financial year and forecasted costs for next year, to all councillors.

162. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

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a. The following new issues were raised; none.

b. Updates on outstanding issues;

i. **Resolved;** New defib installed, warranty registered, and The Circuit updated.
Action; Cllr De Niese to update the defib instructions on the inspection rota.

ii. **Deferred;** Telephone box – no representative from the local community.

163. Devolved Services; No issues were raised.

164. Resilience Planning; Cllr Anderson is arranging a meeting with Buckinghamshire Council.

165. Website/Technology;

a. The following new issues were raised; none

b. Updates on outstanding issues;

i. **Resolved;** Do not pursue the Gov.uk domain name.

166. Outside Bodies;

a. Meetings attended; none.

b. Upcoming meetings and matters for discussion; none.

167. Plans, Structures and Consultations;

a. Noted; no action required; 20MPH zones.

b. Action; Clerk to respond to Bucks Council in support; New protection Order for Winslow and Steeple Claydon open spaces.

168. Items for the Next Agenda; Action for Speed Consortium, Elections.

169. To confirm the date of the next meeting; 11th March 2025

The meeting closed at 21.05

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Appendix A – Payments Ratified

Note: Invoices over £200 are checked and signed by two councillors.

Ref	Amount	Expenditure	VAT
90	£432.00	A.C Kemp # Erection of fence	£72.00
91	£468.00	Bucks Council # Dog Waste	£78.00
92	£252.60	EON # Street Light Repair	£42.10
93	£100.00	Christmas Tree Donation # 101 Club	£0.00
94	£5.00	Smarty Monthly Plan	£0.00
95	£37.70	Clerk Expenses Dec 2024	£0.00
96	£918.00	Wel Medical Ltd # New Defibrillator	£153.00
97	£***.**	Clerk Salary December	£0.00
98	£197.77	SSE Energy November Bill	£11.35
99	£6.00	Bank Charges	£0.00

Appendix B – Planning Update

Application	Where	Decision
24/03262/APP	Land to South of Hogshaw Road	Awaiting Decision
24/03347/APP	Land off Winslow Road	Awaiting Decision
24/03223/APP	Land Adj. 4 Winslow Road	Awaiting Decision
23/03875/APP	Rookery Farm, Hogshaw Road	Refused
23/00214/APP	20D Green End	Awaiting Decision
22/01260/APP	The Crown Public House	Awaiting Decision

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