Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10th December 2024

Attendees: Cllr Anderson, Cllr Ellerton, Cllr Oakland (Chair), Cllr Smedley, Cllr Watson, Clerk Lisa Prior, Buckinghamshire's Cllr Stanier and 2 members of the public

131. Apologies; Cllr Fenwick sent apologies due to being on holiday and Cllr de Niese has work commitments. Buckinghamshire Cllr Chilver also sent apologies.

132. Open Forum for Parishioners;

i. A resident requested updates on the Statera application, how it will be approached, and how the village will be represented. They emphasized the importance of the two key councils working together.

133. Interests: No declarations of interest were made.

Item 137. was brought forward at this point after which the agenda order resumed.

134. Minutes; *Resolved:* To accept the minutes from the 12th November 2024 as a true record**.**

135. Finance;

a. ***Resolved:*** To accept the accounts for November 2024,

b. ***Ratified:*** Payments 82 to 89 inclusive were ratified, please see Appendix A.

c. ***Ratified:*** A budget of £48,442 and a precept of £26,475.

d. ***Ratified:*** Donation of £100 for the village Christmas tree.

136. Planning:

a. ***Resolved;*** To agree a response of no objections to application 24/03347/APP at land off Winslow Road for the erection of an agricultural building (retrospective). However, we will reiterate our original comment regarding the requirement for owl boxes.

b. ***Confirmed;*** A status update on current planning applications was obtained from the planning portal, please see Appendix B, none

c. Planning Actions including enforcement issues;

i. Long Acre Equestrian, Winslow Road; Cllr Smedley to check on the date at which the second temporary permission for onsite residential usage etc ends.

137. Bess, Rosefield, National Grid & Statkraft Updates;

i. **Statera BESS;** An email has been sent to Cllr Chilver to clarify the procedure and express concerns over the insufficient "3 Minutes Shared" speaking rule. We will coordinate with other councils, pending the Chairman's decision on speaking time, and post updates on our website and notice boards. Although we have not yet received the Officer's report or agenda, our response will align with East Claydon's, focusing on concerns like fire risk, excessive scale, environmental impact, and the cumulative effects of the developments.

32 Rectory Close, Marsh Gibbon,
Bicester, OX27 0HT
Tel: 07850 439052
Initials: _____
Email: Clerk@granborough.org

ii. **Rosefield;** No further updates.

iii. **National Grid;** Cllrs Oakland and Smedley attended the National Grid presentation on 15th November 2024. While no significant new information was gained, it was confirmed that the gas-cooled system has been ruled out due to cost. Future presentations are expected to provide more detailed information on flooding and suitability.

iv. **Statkraft;** No further updates.

138. Buckinghamshire Council Updates; Cllr Stanier gave a brief update, highlighting the financial pressures faced by the government. He raised concerns about the impact of Labour's increased housing target of 2,900 homes per year, with North Bucks potentially bearing the brunt due to the greenbelt and the area of outstanding natural beauty to the south of the county.

139. Buckinghamshire Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways;

a. The following new issues were raised; none.

b. Updates on outstanding issues;

i. Salt bin now delivered and filled with salt. **Closed**

ii. Flood marker signs at Green End. **Closed**

140. Play Area;

a. The following new issues were raised;

i. Equipment survey **Action;** Cllr Anderson will arrange a village survey to gather resident preferences for play equipment.

b. Updates on outstanding issues;

i. Replacement of surface matting. **Action:** Clerk to arrange quotations.

ii. Picnic bench – **deferred until Spring 2025.**

141. Biodiversity/Coronation Meadow;

a. The following updates were received for ongoing matters;

i. Erection of fencing around lower pond now. **Resolved and closed.**

ii. Volunteer Day for Sown Meadow maintenance; **deferred until Spring 2025.**

iii. Grass cutting in the centre of the meadow; **deferred until late Spring 2025.**

b. The following new matters were reported;

i. Pond lining; **deferred until Spring 2025.**

142. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

a. The following new issues were raised;

i. Streetlight on Park Road**. Resolved and closed.**

32 Rectory Close, Marsh Gibbon, Tel: 07850 439052
Bicester, OX27 0HT **Initials: _____** Email: Clerk@granborough.org

b. Updates on outstanding issues;

i. Defibrillator **Action:** Clerk to arrange purchase of the new unit.

ii. MVAS Maintenance Contract, not to be renewed. **Closed**

iii. Telephone box Project; **deferred until January 2025**.

143. Devolved Services;

a. 4-year agreement; response by 16th December 2024. No response required. **Closed.**

144. Resilience Planning; 20.46

i. To agree on Cllr Anderon's draft Resilience Plan**. Action**; Cllr Anderson will speak with Davina Thorogood, regarding the resilience group in the village coordinated by the church. We are also awaiting valuable input from the Bucks Council Resilience Team before we can move forward.

145. Website/Technology;

a. The following new issues were raised;

i. Gov.uk domain name. **Deferred.**

b. Updates on outstanding issues;

i. Portal login for Lisa Prior; **Resolved and closed.**

146. Outside Bodies;

a. Meetings attended;

i. East Claydon Replacement Substation briefing on 15th Nov 24; A brief update was given, see item 137iii above.

b. Upcoming meetings and matters for discussion;

i. North Bucks Planning Consortium on Wednesday 22nd January 2025.

147. Plans, Structures and Consultations;

i. Buckinghamshire Lane Rental Scheme – no comment. **Closed**

ii. East West Rail – launch of non-statutory consultations – Not relevant **Closed.**

148. Items for the Next Agenda; telephone box, playground inspection and meeting rota.

149. To confirm the date of the next meeting; 14th January 2025

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____

32 Rectory Close, Marsh Gibbon, Tel: 07850 439052
Bicester, OX27 0HT **Initials: _____** Email: Clerk@granborough.org

Appendix A – Payments Ratified

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

Expenditure	Ref:	Gross Amount	VAT
SLCC - Training - L Prior	82	£144.00	£24.00
Reimburse Smarty Monthly Plan	83	£5.00	£0.00
Monthly Bank Charges	84	£6.00	£0.00
Clerks Salary	85	£***.**	£0.00
Clerks Expenses - V Firth	86	£27.59	£0.00
SSE Energy October Bill	87	£204.33	£11.72
Aubergine Annual Subs	88	£238.80	£39.80
Clerks Expenses - L Prior	89	£55.25	£0.00

Appendix B – Planning Update

Application Ref:	Address:	Decision
24/03347/APP	Land off Winslow Road	Awaiting decision
24/03223/APP	Land Adj. 4 Winslow Road	Awaiting decision
24/03167/APP	The Old Byre, Green End	Approved
24/02546/APP	12A Denham View	Approved
23/03875/APP	Rookery Farm, Hogshaw Road (Statera)	Awaiting decision
23/00214/APP	20D Green End	Awaiting decision
22/01260/APP	The Crown Public House	Awaiting decision

32 Rectory Close, Marsh Gibbon,
Bicester, OX27 0HT

Tel: 07850 439052
Email: Clerk@granborough.org

Initials: _____