Granborough Parish Council

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

Attendees: Cllr Anderson, Cllr Ellerton, Cllr Fenwick (Chair), Cllr Oakland, Cllr Smedley, Cllr Watson, Clerk Tors Firth, Buckinghamshire's Cllr Chilver and 1 member of the public

91. **Apologies**; Council accepted apologies from Cllr de Niese due to a work commitment. Buckinghamshire's Cllr Stanier also sent apologies.

92. **Open Forum for Parishioners;** The following comments were made;
Thank you for the recent meeting. Rough timescales for Granborough Parish Council's submission of comments to the planners on the Statera amendments were requested. Could we please clarify why Winslow Town Council's Development Committee agenda references Granborough?

93. **Interests:** No declarations of interest were made.

Item 97 was brought forward at this point, then 99e, after which the agenda order resumed.

94. **Minutes; *Resolved:*** To accept the Minutes from the 23rd July 2024 and from 3rd September 2024 as true records.

95. **Finance;**

- **a.** ***Resolved:*** To accept the accounts for July and August 2024,
- **b.** ***Ratified:*** Delegated expenditure of £39 for the snapped fence rail,
- **c.** ***Confirmed:*** The external audit is complete, no issues were found,
- **d.** ***Ratified:*** Payments 45 to 58 inclusive were ratified, please see Appendix A,

96. **Planning:**

- **a.** ***Resolved;*** To agree a response of no objection to application 24/02546/APP at 12a Denham View,
- **b.** ***Confirmed;*** A status update on current planning applications was obtained from the planning portal, please see Appendix B,
- **c.** Planning Actions including enforcement issues; Appeal APP/J0405/W/22/3312086 will be heard on 1st October 2024. The Parish Council requested an update on Enforcement case NC/24/00186/OPDEV: site access has not been achieved, the owners are not communicating, the soil heaps were seen however it is considered that they may fall within the scope of an operational agricultural farm.
- **d.** The Parish Council submitted comments to the Inspectorate regarding the above appeal and should have received notification from Buckinghamshire Council of the appeal's start date. However, this notification was not received. Upon investigation, it

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was found that a technical issue affected the email addresses of numerous respondents, including the Parish Council.

97. Bess, Rosefield, National Grid and Statkraft Updates;

a. A response to the amended Statera Application has been circulated to all Councillors ***Resolved:*** The Clerk will submit the response and publish it on the website.
Cllr Chilver confirmed that the call-in request still stands.

b. Statkraft have sent a letter of introduction to the Parish Council, regarding a Greener Grid Park scoping request at East Claydon. This is displayed on our website, alongside the scoping request to Buckinghamshire Council and a site plan,

c. The NBPPC group is holding an additional webinar aimed at providing subscribers with useful information regarding Solar Farm planning requests. Cllrs Fenwick and Smedley will both attend,

d. Rosefield have sent an invitation for Parish Councillors to the next stage of their consultation. Cllrs Watson, Ellerton and Smedley have confirmed they will attend.
An invitation from Buckinghamshire Council to attend a DCO briefing meeting has also been extended. Cllr Fenwick will attend.

98. Buckinghamshire Council Updates;

Cllr Chilver gave a brief update which included mention of the Money Matters Consultation for next year's budget, and the Draft Local Walking and Infrastructure Plan Consultation. Both surveys are available for public response via "Your Voice". The cycleway infrastructure plan does propose a cycleway between Winslow and North Marston but will be dependent on landowner co-operation and securing external funding. It is encouraged that all those in favour, should respond to the consultation.
The new structure of the wards and the resulting change to the community boards was discussed. Wards have been reduced from 147 to 98, with Granborough moving into the Quainton Ward and it is proposed that Granborough joins the West Bucks community board. ***Resolved:*** Community Board boundaries to be added to the agenda for the next meeting. It was suggested that Callum Anderson should be lobbied for securing funding the Winslow to North Marston cycleway.

99. Councillors/Clerk/Administration;

a. ***Resolved:*** Cllr Ellerton will ask John Piddington for more information about the requirements of the Trustee role.

b. ***Resolved:*** Cllr Fenwick provided an update regarding recruitment and confirmed an interview will take place via Teams on 18th September at 7.30pm.

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c. ***Resolved:*** Cllr Fenwick will speak to Cllr de Niese regarding alternative payment methods for Microsoft, Smarty, Eset and Reg-123,

d. The following admin updates are required prior to the Clerk's retirement; Unity Bank, all website contact references, all word templates, SLCC, PAYE and HMRC, RTM, Bucks Council billing department and standard documents.

e. ***Resolved:*** A public meeting will take place with Callum Anderson MP on 26th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The agenda will be as follows;
Time for introductions (15 mins)
Talk about the village to include community spirit and the Neighbourood Plan (Cllr Oakland – 10 mins)
Talk about projects to include the play area and achievements/aspirations for Coronation Meadow (Cllr Ellerton – 10 mins)
Challenges: Statera, Rosefield, National Grid, Statkraft (Cllr Smedley – 20 mins)
Planning Concerns: Oxford/Cambridge ARC and Expressway, the lack of Green Belt or an AONB designation, the lack of a Bucks Council 5-year land supply. How to avoid the area becoming a target for increased growth allocation (Cllr Fenwick – 10 mins)
Residents questions: Previously requested and collated questions from residents via the Chair, follow up questions from Councillors only.
Resolved: The clerk will submit the proposed agenda to Callum Anderson, then ask for residents' questions on Facebook and the website. Questions will not be anonymous.

100. Buckinghamshire Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways

a. The following new issues were raised; None

b. Updates on outstanding issues;

i. 10 Marston Road Grass Cutting: RTM will cut the grass regardless of whether local people have already done so, **closed.**

ii. 6-10 Marston Road handrail to steps: ***Resolved:*** To ask Roy Randles to quote for replacing the handrails. A budget was agreed in advance.

iii. 6-10 Marston Road pavement: Fairhive own the pavement outside 6 – 10 Marston Road, and should be contacted regarding maintenance, **closed.**

iv. 6-10 Marston Road parking bay: The clerk has put residents in touch with the Highways Local Area Technician, **closed.**

v. Marston Road pavement obstruction (Church Hedge): The Church has cut back the hedge, **closed.**

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vi. Vision splays onto A413 from Christmas Gorse Lane: Highways dispute any significant obstruction, **closed.**

vii. Salt Bin, Bates Close – On hold until November when a new salt bin should be delivered.

101. Play Area;

a. The following new issues were raised;

i. Branches overhanging the stepping posts. ***Resolved:*** Cllr Oakland will look at removing the lowest hanging branch,

ii. The Picnic bench needs attention; ***Resolved:*** to be discussed at the budget meeting in November,

b. Updates on outstanding issues;

i. Surface matting: Roy Randles was unable to mend the matting ***Resolved:*** to be discussed at the budget meeting in November.

ii. Log walk loose screw: repaired, item **closed**,

iii. Levelling of the ground around the swings: repaired, item **closed**,

iv. Repainting of the benches: complete, item **closed**,

v. Snapped fence rail: repaired, item **closed**.

102. Biodiversity/Coronation Meadow;

a. The following updates were received for ongoing matters;

i. Pond liner: The lower pond liner will be fitted this week,

ii. Pond water levels: The upper pond is still leaking, to be discussed at the next meeting,

iii. Barn owl box, ***Resolved:*** If a suitable site can be identified, Cllr Ellerton will look at obtaining a box next Spring.

b. The following new matters were reported;

i. Pond signage needs replacing, ***Resolved:*** Cllr Ellerton will replace the signage.

ii. Rails are required around the bottom pond after the liner has been fitted. ***Resolved:*** the Clerk will ask Robert Kemp to provide a quote.

iii. The sown meadow needs maintenance. ***Resolved:*** Cllr Ellerton will arrange another volunteer day to cut back brambles, the meadow may need topping.

103. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

a. The following new issues were raised;

i. The Granborough Map on the closed noticeboard needs replacing. ***Resolved:*** Cllr Oakland will find a replacement.

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ii. Partially obscured defibrillator location code, ***Resolved:*** Welmedical have confirmed the code is obsolete, Cllr Oakland will cover it.

b. Phone Box Proposal; A group of residents has proposed that a red telephone box is purchased to replace the destroyed BT kiosk. A slot has been requested at the October meeting to put a proposal in front of the Council. Fundraising events are being planned.

c. Updates on outstanding issues; None.

104. Devolved Services; No issues were raised.

105. Resilience Planning; Buckinghamshire Council have yet to respond to a meeting request.

106. Website/Technology;

a. The following new issues were raised:

Resolved: Cllr Fenwick will discuss these issues with Cllr de Niese

i. GNP Steering Access: denied on the Clerks laptop.

ii. Planning page updates: The Statera Amendment did not appear on the planning page. Older applications have been removed.

iii. Google analytics may not work with the new WCAG2.2AA updates according to Aubergine.

iv. Microsoft have sent a recurring billing notification, the Clerk needs to change billing methods before agreeing this.

b. Updates on outstanding issues; None.

107. Outside Bodies;

a. Meetings attended; None

b. Upcoming meetings and matters for discussion;

i. NBPPC Solar Farm Webinar 11/9/24 (Cllrs Fenwick & Smedley)

ii. NPPF Webinar 12/9/24 (Cllr Fenwick)

iii. NBPPC Meeting 18/09/24 (Cllr Smedley),

iv. Buckinghamshire Council Rosefield Planners DCO briefing 24/9/24 (Cllr Fenwick)

v. Callum Anderson MP 26/09/24 (All Councillors)

vi. Winslow Community Board 26/9/24 (apologies sent as this meeting clashes)

vii. Rosefield Solar consultation 03/10/24 (Cllrs Ellerton, Smedley & Watson)

viii. Parish Liaison Meeting 16/10/24 (Cllr Anderson)

108. Plans, Structures and Consultations;

Resolved: Cllrs will respond to all consultations as individuals:

a. Bucks Council Money Matters - Council Tax Consultation: (Closing 13/10)

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b. Bucks Council Draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan: (closing 13/10)

c. NPPF consultation (closing 24/09).

109. Items for the Next Agenda; Budget Review, Telephone Box, Recruitment, Projects for the next budget.

110. To confirm the date of the next meeting; 22nd October 2024

The meeting closed at 20:52

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
45	£11.47	Employers NI Contribution June-July	£0.00
46	+ £21.20	Microsoft Overpayment	£0.00
47	£***.**	Clerks Salary July	£0.00
48	£60.20	Clerks Expenses July	£0.00
49	£24.98	Reimburse V Firth for ESET renewal	£4.16
50	£788.16	RTM #4822	£131.36
51	£252.00	PKF Littlejohn LLP external audit	£42.00
52	£11.47	Employers NI Contribution July-Aug	£0.00
53	£39.00	A.C.Kemp #1133 Fence Rail Replacement	£6.50
54	£200.00	P.R.A. Randles Benches and Play Area	£0.00
55	£5.00	Reimburse V Firth Smarty Monthly Plan	£0.00
56	£***.**	Clerks Salary August	£0.00
57	£1061.21	RTM Grass Cutting	£176.8789
58	£50.00	NBPPC Solar Webinar	£0.00

Appendix B – Planning Update

Application	Where	Decision
24/02546/APP	12A Denham View	Awaiting Decision
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

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