

Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council

Held via Zoom at 19.30pm on Tuesday 16th June 2020

Attendees: Cllr Marchant, Cllr Oakland (Chair), Cllr Smedley, Cllr B Watson, Cllr L Watson, Clerk Tors Firth, Buckinghamshire's Cllr Chilver, Cllr Monger, Cllr Raven, Cllr Renshell, Cllr Stanier, Leone Dale and 1 member of the public.

- 35. Apologies;** None
- 36. Open Forum for Parishioners;** No items were raised.
- 37. Interests:** Cllrs Smedley and Oakland are Trustees of the Village Hall, but having no personal financial interest they did not leave the meeting during discussion of item 39f.
- 38. Minutes; Resolved:** To accept the Minutes from the 19th May 2020 as a true record.
- 39. Finance;**
- a. **Resolved:** To accept the accounts for May 2020
 - b. **Ratified:** Payments 14 to 23 inclusive were ratified, please see Appendix A.
 - c. **Confirmed:** The annual insurance has been renewed with Came & Company
 - d. **Confirmed;** external audit paperwork has been submitted, receipt confirmed
 - e. **Ratified;** To extend zoom membership for a further month at £14.39
 - f. **Resolved:** It is too early to re-open the small grants scheme as groups are currently suspended however the Village Hall refurbishment project is incurring costs so the budgeted amount of £2,500 will be released.
 - g. **Confirmed;** Groundwork UK have given the Parish Council a grant for work on the Neighbourhood Plan totalling £7,195 to be used before April 2021.
- 40. Planning**
- a. **Resolved;** To agree to support application 20/01631/APP at Green End Barns to demolish one barn and replace with two detached dwellings. Cllr Smedley will draft council comments.
 - b. **Resolved;** To agree a Consultee response of no objections to application 20/01675/APP at 19 Winslow Road for an annex extension.
 - c. **Confirmed;** A status update obtained from the planning portal is included in Appendix B
 - d. **Resolved;** The Parish Council is disappointed at the decision of Buckinghamshire Council to change the planning call-in process, without consultation. Cllr Monger has entered into correspondence on the matter with Service Director Steve Bambrick and has requested a legal opinion. Whilst the Parish Council will still be able to request a

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call-in and Cllr Chilver has offered his assistance, material planning considerations and officer approval will be required to justify any request. The Council will put their concerns in writing, Cllr Monger will forward appropriate contact details.

41. Councillors/Clerk;

- a. Granborough Parish Council should have 7 Councillors but has been managing with 5 for the last six months, efforts to recruit new Councillors must be stepped up.
- b. A number of complaints have been raised regarding Noise/Disturbance. The Clerk reminded Councillors that the Parish Council is not authorised to investigate such matters. All complaints must be raised by individuals with Buckinghamshire Councils Environment team; [website address is www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/enironment/](http://www.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/enironment/)

42. Buckinghamshire Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways

- a. A new request for a cycle path has been received in response to the Governments promise to make funding available for such schemes. Cllr Renshell contacted Nick Naylor (BC's Cabinet Member for Transport). Granborough's request may be eligible for funding in the second phase for permanent installations but requirements are yet to be established. Interest from all Counties is high and funding is limited. A Granborough resident is speaking with MP Greg Smith later this week on the matter.
Resolved: Feedback from the meeting with Greg Smith will be requested, to be forwarded to Cllr Renshell in the first instance.
- b. **New Issues;** No new Highways/footpath issues were raised.
- c. **Updates on outstanding issues from Highways;**
 - i. **Ref: 200493131** broken footbridge – no progress
 - ii. **Ref: 40129983** verge damage Winslow Road, the contractors have been asked to repair the verge but still have not done so.
 - iii. **Ref: 40130505 & 40130506** damaged horse warning signs; the team that repair signs has returned to work but have a large backlog, so a time estimate for this work is not yet available.
 - iv. **Ref: 40132565** dropped kerb installation on Winslow Road, Development Management ascertained that commercial specification access would be required. There has been no further communication.

43. Play Area;

- a. **Confirmed:** In line with Government advice, the Play Area remains closed.

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b. *Confirmed:* The Parish Council have been informed by Sidley's of a rent increase for the Play Area. The rent continues to be paid by the play area benefactor.

c. The following updates were reported;

- i. Basketball back board and surface; Roy Randles has painted the back board.
- ii. Trip hazard at the gate; Robert Kemp has replaced the rotten gate post and levelled the ground.
- iii. Zip wire – RoSPA found nothing wrong with the Zip Wire but recommended dismantling to check for wear. Kompan quoted £571.20 to isolate parts, but not dismantle. RoSPA have been asked to advise who might perform the recommended dismantle but have not yet responded.
- iv. Rocker Seesaw; the handle has been split where it joins the body, Wicksteed have been contacted but require us to return the See-Saw to them.

Resolved: To find a local welder with use of a generator

- v. Strimmer damage; RTM have been asked to ensure further strimmer damage does not occur to the wooden trail.

44. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

a. *New Issues;* the dog waste bin on Green End was not being emptied. Street Scene have ensured it is included on their rounds.

b. *Updates on outstanding issues;*

- i. Lights near the Village Hall on at odd hours; E.on maintenance had an engineer attend, but the issue has not been fixed.
- ii. The faulty light on Green End has been fixed.
- iii. The faulty light on Park Road has been fixed.

c. *To receive an updated on street furniture issues;*

- i. Wooden Play Area sign – Shelley signs have now re-opened and will have the sign ready for shipping within the next couple of weeks.
- ii. Memorial Bench and concrete plinth – Andrew North has been approached regarding the concrete plinth, but as yet has not responded.

Resolved; Contact will be made again.

45. *Devolved Services;* A lack of strimming was raised with RTM they have addressed the issue.

46. *Website/Email;* Stretton Services servers have been unable to send mail to Hotmail.com accounts for an extended period. Requests for resolution have gone unanswered and

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questions have been raised about the suitability of the service. Currently the system is working again, but will be monitored on an ongoing basis.

47. Neighbourhood Plan; The Grant has been paid, providing funds to finish the writing of the plan by April 2021. However, completion requires a referendum which is not possible until Buckinghamshire Council elections are completed next May 2021

48. Buckinghamshire Council Updates;

John Chilver confirmed that the emergency number for planning is currently only available on bank holiday weekends but 24/7 cover will be implemented as soon as possible. John has noted the overgrowth of vegetation at the bridge is reducing visibility and has made our Local Area Technician aware. The meeting was informed of work on the A413 between Winslow and Swanbourne, Cllr Renshell will forward details.

49. Post and Consultations;

The following communications have been logged;

- a. Various Covid-19 updates
- b. 18/5 from NBPPC; RoRE submission on MK 2050 strategy
- c. 22/5 from Community Impact Bucks; Volunteers Weeks
- d. 23/5 from NBPPC; Chiltern & South Bucks Local Plan failure to comply
- e. 26/5 from Bucks Council; Parish Council's involvement in planning applications
- f. 27/4 from BALC; LCR goes digital
- g. 28/5 from NBPPC; Copy of letter to Warren Whyte regarding Planning
- h. 29/5 from NBPPC; Buckingham Town Council letter regarding Planning
- i. 2/6 from NBPPC; notice regarding AGM
- j. 2/6 from Vector Lighting; drive in cinema events
- k. 3/6 from NBPPC; offer of zoom meeting regarding Planning
- l. 4/6 from Bucks Council; removal of Anti 5G posters
- m. 6/6 from powerforpeople; Local Electricity Bill

50. Items for the next Agenda; None

51. To confirm the date of the next meeting; 7th July 2020

The meeting closed at 20:25

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Appendix A – Payments Ratified

Ref	Amount	Expenditure	VAT
14	£131.28	E.on Bill for April	£6.25
15	£107.40	RoSPA	£17.90
16	£840.52	Came & Company Insurance	£0.00
17	£14.39	Reimburse Zoom Subscription	£2.40
18	£***.**	Clerks Pay May	£0.00
19	£32.50	RTM Landscaping	£0.00
20	£**.**	Clerks Expenses May	£0.00
21	£78.00	A.C.Kemp & Sons	£13.00
22	£0.00	Groundwork UK	+ £7,195
23	£135.66	E.on bill for May	£6.46

Appendix B – Planning Update

20/01576/AGN Lathwells Farm Agricultural Building – Withdrawn

20/01444/APP Brownleys Infill Extension; Awaiting Decision

20/01309/APP 6 Hogshaw Road, amendments to previous application; Awaiting Decision

20/01275/ALB 2 Green End, repairs, roof lights, new doors; Awaiting Decision

20/01010/COUAR Barn on Winslow Rd convert to 4 dwellings; Approved

20/00884/APP site on Winslow Rd, gas tank; Approved

20/00794/APP 19 Winslow Rd, agricultural store; Awaiting Decision

20/00555/APP Green End Barns rear extension; Approved