

# Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council

Held by Zoom on Tuesday 13th October 2020

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**Attendees:** Cllr Ellerton, Cllr Oakland (Chair), Cllr Smedley, Cllr B Watson, Cllr L Watson, Clerk Tors Firth, Buckinghamshire's Cllr Chilver, Cllr Monger, and Cllr Stanier and 0 members of the public

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**87. Apologies;** Council accepted apologies from Cllr Renshell

**88. Open Forum for Parishioners;** No items were raised by members of the public

**89. Interests:** No declarations of interests were made

**90. Minutes;**

**Resolved:** To accept the Minutes from the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020 as a true record, with a minor amendment to remove the Village Hall from the header.

**91. Finance;**

**a. Resolved:** To accept the accounts for September 2020

**b. Ratified:** Payments 56 to 64 inclusive were ratified, please see Appendix A.

**c. Confirmed:** The accounts were reviewed against Budget and a year-end amount forecasted for Budget Setting at the next meeting.

**92. Planning**

**a. Resolved;** To agree a consultee response of no objection to 20/03106/COUAF at barn on Winslow Road for part conversion for a business

**b. Resolved;** To agree a response of no objection to 20/03104/COUAR at barn on Winslow Road for part conversion to a dwelling.

Cllr Smedley will circulate a proposed response for agreement by email tomorrow morning, explaining that the Parish Council would prefer these two applications over permission to convert the barn to 4 dwellings, thereby maintaining the agricultural appearance from the road.

**c. Confirmed;** A status update obtained from the planning portal is included in Appendix B.

**d. Resolved;** The Parish Council does not feel qualified to comment on the Government's Planning White Paper for the current planning system, which is a highly technical document. Representation is covered by the NBPPC response. Buckinghamshire Council's response to the "Planning for the Future" paper covers the main concerns of the Parish Council and the Parish has nothing further to add. It is noted that the government's proposal would likely see North Buckinghamshire as a growth area, automatically granting outline approval to major planning schemes.

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## 93. Buckinghamshire Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways

- a. Issues raised since the last meeting;
  - i. A land owner on Hogshaw Road reported a possible case of trespass.
  - ii. A land owner on Green End has confirmed that a broken stile will be mended.
- b. To receive any updates on outstanding issues;
  - i. Ref: 40140721 & 2 Drainage Issues Green End - these are now raised as a reactive job but are not priority and unlikely to be fixed in the near future.
  - ii. Ref: 40136228 Flooding on Winslow Road – TfB work on the ditch has resolved the road flooding but there are still issues on private land which will be resolved independently.
  - iii. Ref: 200394131 Broken Footbridge - due for repair this month
  - iv. Ref: 40129983 Verge Damage – repaired by TfB, now complete
  - v. Ref: 40130505 & 40120506 Damaged Horse Warning Signs – LAT chasing the sign team.
- c. **Cycle Path;** Cllr Ellerton met Cllr Clive Harris (Cabinet member for Sports and Leisure). A further meeting will take place on Thursday this week, involving one of the land owners along the proposed route.
- d. **Tree and Wild Flower Planting;** Cllr Ellerton has received a quote from the proposed contractor. Discussion took place around the size of the area for wild flower planting and it was agreed to scale this down. Cllr Ellerton will circulate a paper explaining costs, a budget was set in order that time sensitive planting could take place before the next meeting, should agreement to the paper be reached.

## 94. Play Area;

- a. **Resolved:** Inspection Reports indicate no further action is required at this time
- b. **Confirmed:** The seesaw weld has been rubbed down and painted.

## 95. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

- a. **New Issues;** Wel Medical sent notification that new pads and a battery are required for the defibrillator. **Resolved;** Supplies have been purchased and fitted. The clerk will enquire about safe disposal of the old pads and battery.
- b. **Updates;**
  - i. Play Area Sign has been installed on the Village Hall railings
  - ii. MVAS Sign has been moved to Park Road

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- 96. Devolved Services;** No issues were raised.
- 97. Website;** The Council is required to comply with website accessibility standards. The government sets increasingly technical standards for Parish websites which are difficult to meet given a lack of IT expertise. **Resolved;** The Council will commission a new website with a support package to ensure the burden of current and future technical demands is outsourced. The Clerk will still maintain content and will need to ensure that all documentation uploaded, is re-formatted to be compliant.
- 98. Neighbourhood Plan;** The Plan is coming together and may be available for public viewing around the end of the Year. Usual Public Consultation methods are currently unavailable due to covid-19 safety measure, so thought must be given as to how this can be achieved. Buckinghamshire Council and the Ministry Inspector will be sent copies of the plan for feedback but a final referendum can't take place before May 2021 due to covid-19 restrictions.
- 99. Outside Bodies; No outside meetings have been attended.**
- a. None attended since the last meeting
  - b. It was agreed to keep a watching brief on the Community Board subgroups. The Road and Traffic subgroup is likely to be significant for the Parish due to the cycle path request, but currently the focus of other subgroups is not relevant locally.
- 100. Buckinghamshire Council Updates;**
- Cllr Chilver gave a brief update including the possibility of a dedicated website for HS2 and East West rail information/updates.
- There is no official announcement from Highways England concerning the OxCamb expressway which remains on-hold. The new Call-In process was discussed briefly.
- Resolved;** Cllr Smedley will write a short explanations for the website in order to manage public expectations.
- 101. Post and Consultations;**
- The following communications have been logged;**
- a. 14/9 ERTA Great Central Meeting 2/10
  - b. 14/9 TfB Virtual Conference 15/9
  - c. 14/9 Proud of Bucks Nominations, Bucks Council
  - d. 21/9 Web Accessibility Presentation, BALC
  - e. 21/9 Remembrance Sunday Guidance, BALC
- Resolved;** Cllr Smedley will obtain a wreath.
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- f. 21/9 Community Board Agenda, Bucks Council
- g. 22/9 Updated Coronavirus information, BALC
- h. 26/9 Community Board Information Updates, Bucks Council
- i. 29/9 Bucks Council's Response to Government Planning Consultation
- j. 30/9 NBPPC response to Government Planning Consultation

**102. Items for the Next Agenda;** Budget setting for 2021-22, road sweeping

**103. To confirm the date of the next meeting;** 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020

The meeting closed at 20:40

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Appendix A – Payments Ratified

Ref	Amount	Expenditure	VAT
56	£14.39	Zoom Subscription	£2.40
57	+£11,350.00	2 <sup>nd</sup> Precept Payment	£0.00
58	£18.00	Quarterly Bank Charge	£0.00
59	£***.**	Clerks Pay September	£0.00
60	£***.**	Clerks Expenses September	£0.00
61	£99.36	Grass Cutting – Play Area	£16.56
61	745.42	Village Grass Cutting	£124.24
62	£219.96	Wel Medical Defibrillator Consumables	£36.66
63	£131.28	E.on Electricity Bill – September	£6.25
64	£55.00	Play area seesaw repairs	£0.00

## Appendix B – Planning Update

Ref	At	For	Status
20/03106/COUAF	Barn off Winslow Rd	Conversion to 1 dwelling	Awaiting
20/03104/COUAR	Barn off Winslow Rd	Conversion for business	Awaiting
20/02222/APP	20d Green End	Outbuilding	Awaiting
20/02687/APP	6 Marks Orchard	1 <sup>st</sup> floor rear extension	Awaiting
20/02071/APP	Stately Stables	Change to residential	Awaiting
20/01631/APP	Green End Barns	Replace barn for dwellings	Awaiting
20/01675/APP	19 Winslow Road	Annex Extension	Approved