

Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council

Held by Zoom on Thursday 22nd April 2021

Attendees: Cllr de Niese, 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 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies;** None.
2. **Open Forum for Parishioners;** Objections were raised to planning application 21/00976/APP.
3. **Interests:** Cllr de Niese declared an interest in item 6 as he shares a border with all three properties.
4. **Minutes;**
Resolved: To accept the Minutes from the 17th March 2021 as a true record.
5. **Finance;**
 - a. **Resolved:** To accept the accounts for March 2021.
 - b. **Confirmed:** The internal audit was completed today, paperwork will be signed off at the meeting on 25th May 2021.
 - c. **Confirmed:** Audit Bank Reconciliation, Variances and Fixed Asset forms have been circulated and verified by internal audit. Paperwork will be signed on 25th May 2021.
 - d. **Confirmed:** Cllr Ellerton is now a signatory on the Council's online bank account.
 - e. **Ratified:** Payments 97 to 110 and 1 to 3 were ratified, please see Appendix A
 - f. **Confirmed:** The Small Grants Scheme is now accepting applications as advertised on the website, in the North Marston and Granborough Magazine, and on the noticeboard. Closing date for applications is 12th June.
 - g. **Confirmed:** Pre-renewal insurance information has been confirmed, the renewal quote from Came & Company is awaited.
6. **Planning;**
Note: Cllr de Niese did not participate in discussions on these items.
 - a. **Resolved;** To agree a response of no objections to application 21/00987/APP at 9 Marston Road for various external alterations.
 - b. **Resolved;** To agree a response of no objections to application 21/00971/APP at Jersey Farm for an extension to an existing garage.
 - c. **Resolved;** To agree a response of Object to application 21/00976/APP at Land Off Green End for equestrian barns and arenas, based on the access proposal. The

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Parish Council does not object in principle to the provision of equestrian barns and arenas but would request that access is via the entrance to the associated barn conversion on Green End, and not on the temporary farm track. The Parish Council also supports the request of a resident to turn equestrian barn B through 90 degrees to minimise the impact to the properties backing onto the field. Should the Planning Authority be minded to approve the application the Parish Council would also wish to see a non-commercial clause associated with this application, along with appropriate associated restrictions on lighting, smells and noise as detailed in the Parish Council's full response, which can be seen on Public Access.

- d. **Confirmed;** A status update on current planning applications was obtained from the planning portal, please see Appendix B.

7. Councillors/Clerk:

- a. **Resolved;** To agree the Clerks progression to SCP 26.
- b. **Confirmed;** To confirm Cllr de Niese, Cllr Elerton, Cllr Oakland, Cllr Smedley and Cllr B Watson will be returned uncontested as Councillors in the May elections, there will be two vacant seats.
- c. The covid advice at this time for Village Halls is to remain closed and the Village Hall Trustees would prefer to follow this advice, however the Government has not extended legislation allowing Councillors to use virtual meeting platforms in place of actual meetings. There is a judicial review to consider whether attendance at a virtual meeting can be interpreted as "present" at a meeting. **Resolved;** to await the outcome of the Judicial Review before deciding how to hold meeting on 25th May.

8. Buckinghamshire Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways

- a. North Marston Road was closed at very short notice which caused disruption to the school buses.
- b. Updates on outstanding issues;
 - i. Flooding on Winslow Road; ditch clearance is outstanding.
Resolved; Cllr Ellerton will follow this up with the land owner.
 - ii. The Park Road name sign remains broken. The Clerk has chased the matter with Buckinghamshire Council and has been assured this will be addressed soon. Cllr Chilver offered help.

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- iii. Street Sweeping, was carried out in March and included Green End, to the end village boundary only.
 - c. Cycle Path; Cllr Ellerton met with Clive Harris (Buckinghamshire Council Leisure & Sport). The existing verge between Granborough and North Marston has utilities below it and is not considered wide enough by the authorities, for a cycle path. It was suggested that Green End could be restricted to local access only, to promote cycling, walking and equestrian use, with a possible link to Swans Way to continue into Swanborne. This would need further investigation with residents, and it was felt that the link to North Marston would be of greater interest. **Resolved;** Cllr Ellerton will continue investigating possibilities.
- 9. Play Area;**
- a. Inspection Reports indicate no further action is required at this time.
 - b. The Bench and Picnic Table have been rubbed down and painted.
 - c. The RoSPA Inspection will take place in May.
 - d. Glebe Land; Andrew Robson has forwarded a proposal on behalf of the Oxford Diocese. **Resolved;** Cllr Smedley will provide further information for the meeting in May.
- 10. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets**
- a. A resident has reported many incidents of dog fouling on the green opposite The Crown where there is a dog waste bin, and on the cut through to Sovereign Close. **Resolved;** Cllr Oakland will attempt to identify the dog owner.
 - b. To receive an update on outstanding issues;
 - i. Cleaning of external assets will be starting imminently
 - ii. Relocation of the Dog Waste Bin by the Village Hall, Buckinghamshire Council have been chased again, we await a date.
 - iii. Footpath opposite The Crown; an overhanging branch has been removed and the path is now dry enough to use. The field owner could not be found through the Rights of Way team **Resolved;** To pay for a land registry search.
 - iv. The MVAS Sign batteries have been changed.
- 11. Devolved Services;** The first cuts have taken place, no issues have been raised.
- 12. Website;** There are no issues requiring attention at this time.

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- 13. Neighbourhood Plan;** Cllr Smedley gave a brief update including that the final proof read of the plan is taking place, the grant programme has reopened and a new request will be submitted. It is hoped that Consultation is imminent.
- 14. Outside Bodies;** The Clerks Forum and Community Board Reflection meetings were attended, information was found to be limited for small Council's. Cllr Smedley also attended a VALP and Buckinghamshire Plan meeting from which the main concern for this area is unmet need from neighbouring Counties and the South of Buckinghamshire, and property growth associated with any demands from the Oxford Cambridge arc.
- 15. Plans, Structures and Consultations;** The Parish Council has commented on the Winslow Neighbourhood Plan and asked to be kept in touch with developments.
- 16. Buckinghamshire Council Updates;**
Cllr John Chilver gave a brief update including that the final VALP public hearings take place this month, with the report then going before full Council for adoption this summer. Much of the work from Community Boards has gone on in the sub-groups. Cllr Stanier confirmed that the taxi licensing policy is now complete.
- 17. Post and Consultations;**
The following communications have been logged;
- a. Various Covid Update from Buckinghamshire Council
 - b. Various Online Events from NALC and BALC
 - c. Various communications from NBPPC including agendas and minutes, East West Rail support group, Affordable Housing in the VALP
 - d. Various Forth Bridge notifications and advice from Bucks Lieutenancy, Bucks Council, BALC, SLCC and TVP
 - e. 12/3 BALC Parish Charter Drop-In Sessions
 - f. 12/3 Bucks ALC Personal Development Training at Nimble
 - g. 15/3 TVP Older Driver Forum Webinars
 - h. 16/3 BALC Planning Policy Meeting
 - i. 18/3 BALC confirmation of Ox-Camb Expressway Cancellation
 - j. 19/3 BALC notification of Purdah
 - k. 24/3 Keep Britain Tidy Spring Clean notification
 - l. 26/3 BALC Remote Meetings Update
 - m. 26/3 BALC Community Board Reflections Meeting

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- n. 31/3 East West Rail Official Consultation notification
 - o. 6/4 Grow to Give Project
 - p. 9/4 Winslow & District Community Bus – no routes through Granborough
 - q. 9/4 Bucks Council, Election Notices Live
 - r. 12/4 BEAG Update Notice
 - s. 14/4 Bucks Council, Taxi & Private Hire Notice
 - t. 15/4 BALC Newsletter
- 18. Items for the Next Agenda;** Year End Accounts and Audit Sign Off
- 19. To confirm the date of the next meeting;** 25th May 2021
- The meeting closed at 21:15

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Appendix A – Payments Ratified

| Ref | Amount | Expenditure | VAT |
|-----|-----------|---|--------|
| 98 | £**.** | Clerks Expenses February | £0.00 |
| 99 | £122.54 | E.on Bill for February | £5.84 |
| 100 | £1,050.00 | Chapman Planning, Consultant costs | £0.00 |
| 101 | £4,559.00 | Groundwork uk; return of unspent grant | £0.00 |
| 102 | £14.39 | Zoom Reimbursement - V Firth | £2.40 |
| 103 | £135.36 | Reimburse Office Upgrade | £22.56 |
| 104 | £152.59 | Bucks Council, for moving dog bin | £25.43 |
| 105 | £38.00 | BALC #2382 - D de Neise Cllr Training | £0.00 |
| 106 | £16.50 | Reimburse D Smedley, Bolts for NB | £0.00 |
| 107 | £***.** | Clerks Pay March | £0.00 |
| 108 | £**.** | Clerks Expenses March | £0.00 |
| 109 | £18.00 | Bank Quarterly Charge | £0.00 |
| 110 | £100.00 | Roy Randles - Play Area Maintenance | £0.00 |
| 1 | £0.00 | Devolved Services Payment Bucks Council | £0.00 |
| 2 | £135.66 | E.on Bill for March | £6.46 |
| 3 | £20.00 | NBPPC Annual Subscription | £0.00 |

Appendix B – Planning Update

21/00987/APP at 8 Marston Road – Awaiting decision

21/00976/APP Land off Green End - Awaiting decision

21/00971 Jersey Farm - Awaiting decision

21/00774/APP at Lower End House, 21 Winslow Road - Awaiting decision

21/00685/APP at 4 Green End - Awaiting decision

21/00649/APP at 44 Winslow Road – Awaiting decision

21/00421APPat 18 Green End – Approved

20/04281/APP Barn off Winslow Road, North of Granborough – Awaiting decision

20/04137/APP at 36a Winslow Road - Approved

20/02222/APP at 20d Greed End – Awaiting decision

20/02071/APP Stately Stables – Awaiting decision