

# Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council  
held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2021

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**Attendees:** Cllr Anderson (Item 60 onwards), Cllr de Niese, Cllr Ellerton, Cllr Fenwick, Cllr Oakland (Chair) Cllr Smedley, Clerk Tors Firth and 4 members of the public.

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**56. Apologies;** Cllr Watson sent apologies as he is on holiday.

Buckinghamshire Cllrs Stanier, Chilver and Goss sent apologies.

**57. Open Forum for Parishioners;**

Two parishioners commented regarding appeal 21/00035/NONDET, objections are based on the track rather than the barns.

Stock Grove Homes made a short proposal to develop land between 9 and 15 Marston Road. The Parish Council heard the proposal, the Planning Authority would need to consider whether building would be permitted on a site which has previously failed to secure residential planning permission on appeal as, amongst other reasons, it is outside the built-up area of the village.

**58. Interests;** Cllr de Niese declared an interest in item 62c as a neighbour, Cllr Fenwick declared an interest in item 62b as the applicant. Cllrs Oakland and Smedley declared an interest in item 61e as Trustees of the Village Hall.

**59. Co-option;** Janis Anderson was co-opted to the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

**60. Minutes;**

**Resolved:** To accept the Minutes from the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 as a true record.

**61. Finance;**

a. **Resolved:** To accept the accounts for May 2021

b. **Ratified:** Payments 17 to 21 inclusive were ratified, please see Appendix A.

c. **Confirmed:** The external audit paperwork for 20/21 has been submitted.

d. **Confirmed:** The exercise of electors' rights period is 14<sup>th</sup> June to 23<sup>rd</sup> July

e. *Cllrs Oakland and Smedley did not vote on the application made by the Village Hall.*

**Resolved:** The Scouts request does not adequately meet the rules, so they will be asked to provide detailed expenses for a future trip/event. Further detail will also be requested for the Charter Fayre group request. Small grants were awarded as requested to the Village Hall, Junior Crew, Crusaders and Senior Citizens

**62. Planning:**

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- a. **Resolved;** To agree a response of no objections to application 21/01873/APP at The Old Byre Green End for a two-storey rear extension and windows.
- b. *Cllr Fenwick left the meeting for the next item and returned for item 62c onwards.*  
**Resolved;** To agree a response of no objection to application 21/01964/APP at The Old Vicarage, Green End for a rear extension and terrace.
- c. *Cllr de Niese did not comment or vote on this item.*  
21/00035/NONDET appeal has been raised against the Planning Authority for non-determination, against application 21/00976/APP. **Resolved;** To re-state all original comments and to send additional comments reinforcing and expanding the objections to the provision of the access way from Green End next to no 32. Comments will be made available on the website once agreed.
- d. **Confirmed;** A status update on current planning applications was obtained from the planning portal, please see Appendix B.
- e. The Parish Council is experiencing problems with the Planning Authority including delays in notification, incorrect responses from officers, communication in general and delays in responding, concerns are to be formally raised. **Resolved;** The Clerk and Cllr Fenwick will draft a suitable letter of complaint.

## 63. Councillors/Clerk;

The Clerk currently uses her own Laptop for Council and Personal business. For data protection and continuity reasons, it was decided that a dedicated Parish Council laptop should be purchased. **Resolved;** The Clerk and Cllr de Niese will agree a suitable laptop within the previously agreed budget and arrange purchase.

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

- a. The following new issues have been raised;
  - i. Large crack in the pavement near the defibrillator outside the village hall, reported 7<sup>th</sup> June reference 40166132.
  - ii. The hedges and tree on the land owned by Buckinghamshire Council to the west side of Sovereign Close have covered the lamp post and light and has been referred to the street scene team at Buckinghamshire Council.
- b. The Parish Council has a list of concerns aside from Planning, about a lack of Service from Buckinghamshire Council. **Resolved:** To raise with the appropriate Buckinghamshire Council Members and/or officers.
- c. The following outstanding issues were discussed

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- i. Dog Waste Bin, we were promised this would be moved by the second week in June, it is now promised w/c 28<sup>th</sup> June.
- ii. Name Sign for Park Road; a new sign is now in place.
- iii. Cycle Path, nothing to report currently.
- iv. Pavement Request, Highways have no money for new projects, they suggest raising with the Community Boards, but 50% match funding is required.

## 65. Play Area;

- a. Inspection Reports indicate no further action is required at this time.
- b. The RoSPA report recommended various corrective action. **Resolved;** Cllr de Niese will create a list of recommendations to be considered at the next meeting. Cllr Oakland will contact Chris Wattam regarding re-tensioning the Zipwire.

66. **Glebe Land;** The working party have inspected the meadow and requested alterations to the proposed lease. The Parish Council would like to see a cost forecast for the project before financially committing. **Resolved;** Cllr Ellerton will draw up costs for the next meeting.

## 67. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

- a. New Issues;
  - i. Light No. 5 in Sovereign Close will be reported as not working
  - ii. Light No. 3 in Sovereign Close is overgrown by the Buckinghamshire Council hedge, this will be raised with Streetscene.
  - iii. The overgrowth around the Bus Shelter has been removed.
- b. Streetlights not going off at midnight; the Granborough Streetlights are mostly part night lamps. They work on algorithms, not clocks, and sample the available light. House lights left on, dense overgrowth and other factors can alter the available light and hence the time at which they switch off/on. The only way to time the lights accurately is to change the lamps for upgraded versions for which there is currently no budget.
- c. **Resolved;** to accept a quote for £210 to paint the white gates at either end of the Village.

## 68. Devolved Services;

- a. A quote of £125 plus VAT has been quoted by RTM for cutting back the field hedge on Church Lane opposite Denham View. **Resolved;** That a letter will be sent to

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Merlin Powell asking him to cut back his hedge. RTM will be asked to quote for tidying up the alley way opposite The Crown.

- b.** It has been reported that various hedges are overgrowing pavements around the village, these have been examined. **Resolved;** requests are to be made to the land owner to cut back hedges (see 68a) and Cllr Oakland will speak to a resident where the tree has overgrown the pavement.
- c.** **Resolved;** Cllr Oakland has offered to walk around the village with RTM to point out the areas that require more attention to detail during the Village Cut. The Clerk will try to arrange this.
- 69. Website;** A user found a Norton Security notice when trying to access our website. This was raised with Aubergine who could find no reason for the caution. A request was raised with Norton, who gave our site a clean bill of health. **Resolved;** Cllr Smedley and Cllr de Niese will investigate the issue.
- 70. Neighbourhood Plan;** The Consultation period closes on 4<sup>th</sup> July.
- 71. Outside Bodies;** None.
- 72. Buckinghamshire Council Updates;** None
- 73. Post and Consultations;**  
**The following noteworthy communications have been logged;**
- a.** 28/5 T&PC Update from Bucks Council
  - b.** 31/5 Crime & Police May Bulletin
  - c.** Weekly NALC Newsletters
  - d.** 3/6 Jaz from Scotland
  - e.** 7/6 NALC Chief executives Bulletin
  - f.** 7/6 Winslow Town Council neighbourhood plan analysis of responses
  - g.** 9/6 Planning Policy email from Buckinghamshire Council
  - h.** 9/6 BBOWT Free Online Talks - Pollinators on 10/6
  - i.** 9/6 Environmental complaint from Bates Close
  - j.** 9/6 NBPPC Chairman Position – request for nominations
- 74. Items for the Next Agenda;** Small grants, Standing Orders on the open forum.
- 75. To confirm the date of the next meeting;** 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021
- The meeting closed at 21.56

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

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

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## Appendix A – Payments Ratified

DATE	TO	REF	IN	OUT	VAT
01.06.21	Clerks Pay May 2021	17	£0.00	£***.**	£0.00
04.06.21	Groundworks Neighbourhood Plan Grant	18	£2,313.00	£0.00	£0.00
07.06.21	RTM Monthly Services	19	£0.00	£621.16	£62.12
07.06.21	E.on Monthly Bill	20	£0.00	£135.66	£6.46
07.06.21	Clerks Expenses #138	21	£0.00	£**.**	£0.00

## Appendix B – Planning Update

Application	Where	Decision
<b>21/01873/APP</b>	The Old Byre Green End Granborough	Awaiting decision
<b>21/00976/APP</b>	Land At Green End Farm Green End Granborough	Awaiting decision
<b>20/04281/APP</b>	Barns At Land Off Winslow Road North Of Granborough Winslow Road Granborough	Awaiting decision
<b>20/02222/APP</b>	20D Green End Granborough	Awaiting decision
<b>21/01381/APP</b>	Land Off Green End Granborough	Awaiting decision
<b>21/01964/APP</b>	The Old Vicarage 5 Green End Granborough	Awaiting decision
<b>21/02058/AGN</b>	Green End Farm Green End Granborough	Refused
<b>20/02071/APP</b>	Stately Stables Winslow Road Granborough	Awaiting decision