

Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council

held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 13th July 2021

Attendees: Cllr Anderson, Cllr de Niese item 81b onwards, Cllr Ellerton, Cllr Fenwick, Cllr Oakland (Chair) Cllr Smedley, Cllr Watson, Clerk Tors Firth, Buckinghamshire's Cllr Chilver and 0 member of the public

76. Apologies; Buckinghamshire's Cllr Stanier sent apologies.

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

78. Interests: No declarations of interest were made.

79. Minutes;

Resolved: To accept the Minutes from the 22nd June 2021 as a true record.

80. Finance;

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

b. **Ratified:** Payments 22 to 31 inclusive were ratified, please see Appendix A.

c. **Confirmed;** Both the Scouts and the Charter Fayre Group were asked to provide further information to support their grant applications. Scouts have not responded, and the Charter Fayre group will raise a request later in the year, if appropriate. The Council will consider later requests from either group, if the grant criteria are met.

81. Planning:

a. **Resolved;** To agree a response of no objection to application 21/02402/APP at 13 Winslow Road for part two storey side and single storey side/rear extension, though the Parish Council will raise concerns about featheredge cladding being in keeping with surrounding houses, and the suggested use of a Buckinghamshire Council owned verge, as off-street parking.

b. **Resolved;** To agree a response of no objections to application 21/02372/ALB at 17 Winslow Road for replacing five windows and installing internal shutters.

c. **Confirmed;** A complaint has been raised about the handling of application 21/02058/AGN with Mark Aughterlony, Development Manager at Bucks Council.

d. **Confirmed;** Comments have been sent to the planning inspectorate for appeal 21/00035/NONDET and are available to view on our website.

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

82. Councillors/Clerk/Administration:

a. **Confirmed;** tickets have been booked for Cllr Fenwick to attend the Future Communities Conference on 2nd December.

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- b. **Confirmed;** tickets have been booked for Cllr Smedley to attend the Planning Demystified Training on July 22nd.
- c. **Resolved;** There is availability on the New Councillor Training course on 4th August, Cllr Anderson will attend if timings are suitable.
- d. Standing Orders **Resolved;** To consider changing wording on the Agenda and in section 3e of the Standing Orders, to clarify expectations for the Open Forum.
- e. **Resolved;** To give the Village Hall Trustees rights to the Granborough Map so it can be used for fundraising purposes. The Clerk will enquire about obtaining a digital negative.

83. Buckinghamshire Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways

- a. Vegetation growing on the verges by the bridge between Winslow and Granborough obscures the view making it difficult to see oncoming vehicles. This has been reported via Fixmystreet, ref: 40169915.
- b. To receive any updates on outstanding issues;
 - i. Cracked Pavement Ref 40166132. The repair is complete.
 - ii. Overgrown Hedges and Street Light in Sovereign Close were reported to Street Scene on 23rd June. The Local Area Technician asked Street Scene to resolve the issue on 30th June. It is noted that it may have to wait until nesting bird season is over.
 - iii. The Dog Waste Bin has now been moved.
- c. **Confirmed;** A formal complaint raised across various departments of Buckinghamshire Council was sent to the complaints team on 7th July.

84. Play Area;

- a. Inspection Reports indicate no further action is required at this time, but it is noted that the Litter Bin is proving difficult to unlock.
- b. **Resolved;** To accept the recommendations in Cllr de Niese's report following the RoSPA Inspection. The Clerk will ask Roy Randles to meet with Cllr de Niese to discuss work required with a view to completing it after the summer holidays. The Clerk will also source a safety sign for the play area gate.
RTM will be asked to cease strimming around the base of wooden posts and instead to apply a weedkiller twice a year.
- c. **Confirmed;** The zipwire has been re-tensioned, with thanks to Chris Wattam. The Clerk will ask Oving Parish Council if they have a solution for zipwire disassembly.

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85. Glebe Land Project;

Resolved; To accept the working party's proposal with suggested alterations to the lease. Cllr Ellerton will confirm boundary ownership/responsibilities, Cllr Anderson will create a financial 5 year forecast and the Clerk will ensure the budget this year can be restructured to absorb the projected first year cost.

86. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

- a. No new issues were raised.
- b. To receive an update on outstanding issues;
 - i. Light No. 5 in Sovereign Close **Resolved:** Cllr de Niese will confirm if the light has been fixed.
 - ii. Overgrown tree in Bates Close; Cllr Oakland visited the owner, it has been cut back.
 - iii. Overgrowth in the alleyway opposite The Crown – See Item 87.
 - iv. Overgrowth of the pavement in Church Lane; a formal letter was sent to Merlin Powell on 24th June, no response has been received. A further letter will be sent before referring to Buckinghamshire Council's legal department.
- c. Painting of the White Gates at either end of the village is complete.

87. Devolved Services;

RTM have quoted £160 + VAT to cut back the overgrown vegetation along the alleyway opposite The Crown. **Resolved;** To accept this quote.

Cllr Oakland met with RTM regarding a decline in quality of the last village cut. The situation will be monitored.

88. Website/Technology;

- a. **Confirmed;** Cllr Smedley has confirmed there is no longer a warning notification when accessing the website, using a PC running Norton antivirus software.
- b. **Resolved;** To accept Cllr de Niese's recommendation for a dedicated Council laptop. The Clerk will arrange to purchase the laptop, Cllr de Niese will set the laptop up with the correct software.

89. **Neighbourhood Plan;** The consultation period is complete, a document to record the Steering Groups responses and any resulting change to the Plan, is underway. An update will be included in the next Pew News and on the website, to let residents know what happens next.

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90. Outside Bodies;

- a. Cllr Smedley attended the NBPPC AGM and commented that the working relationship NBPPC spent years fostering with AVDC has not been upheld by Buckinghamshire Council.

Cllr Smedley also attended the Planning Forum at which it was revealed that the Planners are trying to deal with 1300 applications a month. The call-in process was discussed in a negative light and the Council is high in the country rankings for issuing enforcement notices. A new team leader for enforcement starts on 1st September.

b. **Resolved;**

Agendas for the upcoming Parish Liaison and WAVCB meetings were discussed. Cllr Ellerton will investigate the possibility of securing funds for the Glebe project through the WAVCB.

91. Buckinghamshire Council Updates;

None, Cllr Chilver had left the meeting by this point.

Resolved; The Clerk will move this item to appear earlier on future Agendas.

92. Post and Consultations;

The following noteworthy communications have been logged;

- a. 18/6 The Utility Supplier, fixed term offer to reduce electricity costs marginally.
- b. Various NALC and BALC communications.
- c. 24/6 from BALC, proposed changes to local voting rights for EU citizens.
- d. 25/6 WAVCB funding requests.
- e. 25/6 Contact Form query regarding flooding – passed to Bucks Council.
- f. 28/6 minutes of the ERTA Meeting.
- g. 28/6 BALC Annual Conference on 22nd September.
- h. 30/6 Police & Crime Bulletin

93. Items for the Next Agenda; Play Area Inspections Reporting, Open Forum.

94. To confirm the date of the next meeting; An interim meeting will be organised between 3rd and 9th August.

The meeting closed at 21:32

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Appendix A – Payments Ratified

Ref	Amount	Expenditure	VAT
22	£14.39	V Firth Reimburse Zoom Invoice	£2.40
23	£100.00	Junior Crew Small Grant	£0.00
24	£150.00	Crusaders Small Grant	£0.00
25	£150.00	Senior Citizens Small Grant	£0.00
26	£2,000.00	Village Hall Small Grant	£0.00
27	£77.27	NALC Communities Conference Ticket	£12.88
28	£***.**	Clerks Pay for June 2021	£0.00
29	£18.00	Bank Quarterly Service Charge	£0.00
30	£**.**	Clerks Expenses for June 2021	£0.00
31	£472.07	RTM Village Grass Cut	£78.68

Appendix B – Planning Update

Application	Where	Decision
21/02402/APP	13 Winslow Road Granborough	Awaiting decision
21/02372/ALB	17 Winslow Road Granborough	Awaiting decision
21/01964/APP	The Old Vicarage 5 Green End Granborough	Awaiting decision
21/01873/APP	The Old Byre Green End Granborough	Awaiting decision
21/01381/APP	Land Off Green End Granborough	Awaiting decision
21/00976/APP	Land At Green End Farm Green End Granborough	Appeal Ongoing
20/04281/APP	Barns At Land Off Winslow Road North Of Granborough Winslow Road Granborough	Awaiting decision
20/02222/APP	20D Green End Granborough	Refused
20/02071/APP	Stately Stables Winslow Road Granborough	Awaiting decision