

Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th October 2021

Attendees: Cllr Anderson, Cllr de Niese, Cllr Ellerton, Cllr Fenwick (Chair), Clerk Tors Firth, Buckinghamshire's Cllr Stanier and 5 members of the public

122. Election of a Chairman; The Council Chairman and Vice-Chairman were both absent from this meeting; **Resolved:** Cllr Fenwick was voted as Chairman for this meeting.

123. Apologies; Council accepted apologies from Cllr Oakland and Cllr Smedley due to ill health and Cllr Watson due to a personal commitment. Buckinghamshire's Cllr Chilver sent apologies.

124. Open Forum for Parishioners;

A resident asked why Open Forum is at the beginning, not the end of the meeting. The Chair and the Clerk responded that it is the public's opportunity to express opinions on agenda items before the Parish Council discuss them, particularly on planning applications. Objections on scale, location and loss of residents' amenities were then heard against planning application 21/03574/APP by 5 local residents. A request for the Parish Council to "Call-In" the application was also received.

125. Interests: No declarations of interest were made.

126. Minutes;

Resolved: To accept the Minutes from the 9th September 2021 as a true record.

127. Finance;

- a. **Resolved:** To accept the accounts for September 2021.
- b. **Confirmed:** The Council received a budget review, there were no items of concern.
- c. **Confirmed:** The Zoom monthly contract has been cancelled.
- d. **Ratified:** Payments 54 to 62 inclusive were ratified, please see Appendix A.

128. Planning;

- a. **Confirmed;** Buckinghamshire Council has adopted the VALP.
- b. **Resolved;** To agree a response of no objections to application 21/03551/APP at Hogshaw Road Farm, for an Agricultural Workers Dwelling 70sqm.
The Parish Council will ask the Planning Authority to confirm a genuine need for the dwelling, and if minded to approve, that the residence is for 5 years only, carries an agricultural tie and sets a sensible restriction on the numbers allowed to stay at any one time, via a section 106 Planning Obligation. Please see the planning portal for the full response.
- c. **Resolved;** To agree a response of Object to application 21/03574/APP at Land at Green End Farm, for the Erection of one stable and riding arena. The Parish Council

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considers that this application contravenes VALP Equestrian Development guidelines C2 and has access concerns. Please see the Planning Portal for the full response.

- d. **Resolved;** To agree a response of No Objections to application 21/03746/ALB at 17 Winslow Road, for shutters to two windows at the south.
- e. **Confirmed;** A status update on current planning applications was obtained from the planning portal, please see Appendix B. Councillors noted and raised concerns that there were lots of planning applications that had not been decided by Buckinghamshire Council including a number that were submitted in 2020. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting.
- f. **Confirmed;** Buckinghamshire Council have refused the NBPPC's request to become a statutory consultee in the planning process.

129. Buckinghamshire Council Updates; Cllr Stanier gave a brief update including that the Cabinet will be discussing the validity of 20mph speed limits. The Winslow and Villages Community Board is in the process of approving several grants, the Health Group continue to campaign for a new surgery in Winslow and the Highways Group in partnership with Thames Valley Police is looking to set up community speed watch.

130. Councillors/Clerk/Administration;

- a. **Resolved;** To accept Cllr de Niese's updates to the Vexatious Complaints Policy.
- b. **Resolved;** To support the request of Buckinghamshire's Cllr Cooper to press Buckinghamshire Council on the adoption of 20mph Zones.
- c. Buckinghamshire Council have issued a new version of the All Council's Charter. The Clerk will circulate the Council's previous feedback for comparison against the new version, for discussion at the next meeting.

131. Buckinghamshire Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways

- a. The following new issues have been raised;
 - i. Request to extend the 30mph on Marston Road; the PC will investigate
 - ii. Damaged Stile on GRA6/1 ROW ref 210945568; RoW insist there is nothing wrong with this stile.
 - iii. Bridge damaged on GRA1/1 ROW ref 210972197; RoW have recorded this as an outstanding issue
 - iv. Bridge unpassable on GRA2/1 ROW ref 210933015; RoW have recorded this as an outstanding issue
 - v. Denham View's road surface was reported again at the request of residents, ref; 40175951. TfB have once again closed the report with no further action.

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- vi. Fallen Tree blocking the footpath opposite The Crown; The Clerk in conjunction with the Chairman under Financial Regulation 4, authorised RTM cut up the fallen tree and stack the wood to the side of the footpath.

b. The following updates were received;

- i. Hedge cuttings left on the pavement on Church Lane; the landowner has not responded to the Parish Council. A second letter to be sent before reporting the issue to the Devolved Services team for progression.
- ii. Waste connection via Bates Close; the connection issue has been resolved to the satisfaction of Anglian Water and Transport for Bucks.
- iii. Overgrown church hedge on Marston Road; the hedge has been cut back
- iv. Overgrown Hedge and covered Street Light in Sovereign Close; Street Scene have cut back the hedge and most of the vegetation but will return after the grass cutting season is finished, to reveal the streetlight.

132. Play Area;

- a. New Issues; Robert Kemp has been asked to quote for replacing several rotten posts in the perimeter fence.
- b. To receive an update on existing issues
 - i. Roy Randles has addressed issues where possible but the matting under the swings can't be tethered, due to a solid concrete surface below the grass.
 - ii. Brambles on the play area perimeter have been cut back by RTM.

133. Glebe Land Project;

- a. The working party await the lease from Sidleys. Paths have been cut into the grass and the area below the play area has now been cleared. The working party will meet to decide next steps. An application has been made for a grant towards nest boxes, wildflowers and a bench. RTM will be asked to meet Cllr Ellerton to discuss paths.

134. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

- a. New issues requiring attention
 - i. Street Lights 4 and 8 on Green End were reported to E.on; resolved
 - ii. Streetlight 4 on Church Lane is becoming covered by the tree, Councillors will consider whether or not action is required as yet.

135. Devolved Services;

- a. Update on outstanding issues;
The Devolved Services contract sets out which Buckinghamshire Council owned grass verges the Parish Council is allowed to cut, within Granborough. The contract included

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the verge between the 30mph roundels and the white gates on Marston Road. Last month the Parish Council declined a resident's request to extend cutting, beyond the authorised area. The resident challenged Buckinghamshire Council over allowing the Parish Council to cut any grass beyond the 30mph roundels. It was subsequently decided by Buckinghamshire Council, that grass cutting maps included the area beyond the roundels in error. Buckinghamshire Council has therefore rescinded permission to cut this verge, and grass cutting must stop at the 30mph roundels going forward. As the devolved services grass cutting grant is based on area, there will be a reduction in grant next year.

- 136. Website/Technology;** A working party is looking to improve the website through providing a better user experience and by reducing manual effort in keeping it updated. Proposals will be made to improve the layout and functionality of the Planning section. Supervised user access is being considered for Clubs and Activities pages and an overhaul of the menu system is proposed. A generic phone number and PO Box address will also be investigated. Analytics will be requested to give a better idea of how the website is being used. A request for a diary of external meetings and attendees was received for the Portal, and possibly for the website.
- 137. Neighbourhood Plan;** Cllr Fenwick gave a brief update including that Buckinghamshire Council have been unable to tell us when the plan will be taken to the next stage (regulation 16) due to resource issues. In the meantime, an update for the village has been circulated with Pew News and is available on the website.
- 138. Outside Bodies;** Cllr de Niese attended the NBPPC, discussions centred around GDPPR and the planning portal. MK developments and the VALP were also discussed.
- 139. Consultations;** The Council agreed a response to the Governments OxCamb Arc consultation, in the form of a letter to Christopher Pincher MP, to be sent this evening to meet the consultation deadline.
- 140. Items for the Next Agenda;** Budget Setting, Parish Roll of Honour, Digital Negative, Jubilee Celebration, Bank Signatory Paperwork, Prioritising Planning Applications.
- 141. To confirm the date of the next meeting;** 23rd November 2021
- The meeting closed at 20:55

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Appendix A – Payments Ratified

Ref	Amount	Expenditure	VAT
54	£135.66	E.on Monthly Bill	£6.46
55	£14.39	Zoom Membership (Reimburse V Firth)	£2.40
56	+ £11,000	Second Precept Payment	£0.00
57	£***.**	Clerks Pay September	£0.00
58	£472.07	RTM #3049	£78.68
59	£43.10	Clerks Expenses September	£0.00
60	£144.00	RTM #3063	£24.00
61	£18.00	Bank Quarterly Service Charge	£0.00
62	£210.00	PRA Randles (Play Area Maintenance)	£0.00

Appendix B – Planning Update

Application	Where	Decision
21/03746/ALB	17 Winslow Road	Awaiting decision
21/03574/APP	Land At Green End Farm, Green End	Awaiting decision
21/03551/APP	Hogshaw Road Farm, Hogshaw Road	Awaiting decision
21/03248/APP	12A Denham View	Awaiting decision
21/03092/APP	Green End Farm, Green End	Awaiting decision
21/03079/APP	46 Winslow Road	Awaiting decision
21/03078/APP	Green End Farm, Green End	Awaiting decision
21/02960/APP	Land Off Hogshaw Road	Awaiting decision
21/02805/APP	10 Church Lane	Awaiting decision
21/01964/APP	The Old Vicarage 5 Green End	Awaiting decision
21/01873/APP	The Old Byre Green End	Awaiting decision
21/01381/APP	Land Off Green End	Awaiting decision
20/04281/APP	Barns Off Winslow Road North Of Granborough	Awaiting decision
20/02071/APP	Stately Stables Winslow Road	Awaiting decision