

Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 23rd November 2021

Attendees: Cllr de Niese, Cllr Ellerton, Cllr Fenwick, Cllr Oakland (Chair) Cllr Smedley, Cllr Watson, Clerk Tors Firth, Buckinghamshire's Cllr Chilver and 0 members of the public

142. Apologies; Cllr Anderson due to a personal commitment.

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

144. Interests: No declarations of interest were made.

145. Minutes;

Resolved: To accept the Minutes from the 12th October 2021 as a true record.

146. Finance;

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

b. **Ratified:** Payments 63 to 72 inclusive were ratified, please see Appendix A.

c. **Resolved:** To accept £30 + VAT per post to replace posts in the play area.

At this point item 148 only, was brought forward, returning afterwards to item 146d.

d. **Resolved:** To set a budget of £32,775 for 2022/23, requiring a precept of £23,600.

This will be ratified at the December meeting when the tax base calculation has been received.

147. Planning:

a. **Resolved;** To agree a response of no objections to application 21/04067/APP at The Grain Store for a garage and sewage treatment plant. It is noted however, that the location of the sewage treatment plant is not specified in this application and therefore assumed, that the location remains the same as in application 21/04361/APP.

b. **Resolved;** To agree a response of no objections to application 21/04361/APP at The Grain Store for removal of existing structures and the erection of a single storey workshop and reception building and ancillary works. Several observations were made and recorded on the response, including the fact that buildings are already demolished though shown in arial photographs supplied, that a large wooden building has been erected but is not mentioned on any plans, and that the Council would appreciate a condition for additional screening, if permission is granted.

c. Concern around the high number of outstanding planning applications and a total lack of communication from the Planning Authority was discussed. John Chilver suggested that the general Parish Priority email and phone number could be used for specific enquiries.

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

148. Buckinghamshire Council Updates

A brief update was provided by John Chilver, including that the public budget consultation has now closed, and that next year's budget is being worked on. The full council will debate two motions tomorrow; Protection of rivers and stream from sewage, and implementation of 20mph zones.

The Parish Council asked Cllr Chilver to investigate with Highways the possibility of extending the 30mph zone on Marston Road. It was also requested that the bridge between Granborough and Winslow is investigated as the bollards are missing, the handrails are broken, and lines of sight are obscured by overgrown hedges.

149. Councillors/Clerk/Administration;

- a. At the previous meeting the All Council's Charter was discussed. It was agreed that all Councillors would compare the new Charter with the feedback submitted on the last draft. **Resolved;** The council do not wish to sign this Charter.
- b. The Roll of Honour recording war deaths in the Parish, needs reframing, restoring, and remounting. **Resolved;** a budget of £300 was set aside. Surplus funds from the donations budget will be used.

150. Buckinghamshire Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways

- a. The following new issues have been raised;
- Storm damage to the tree on the green opposite the Crown was resolved by Robert Kemp, payment was authorised under financial regulations section 4.
 - Drain Blockage, Green End ref: 2255203. Reported to TfB in August 2020, updated in November 2021 stating that water can no longer drain. TfB confirm it is on the list of issues to address, but not considered a high priority.
- b. The following updates were received;
- Request to extend the 30mph zone, Buckinghamshire's Cllr Chilver and Cllr Stanier are yet to discuss this with LAT Matt Whincup, but Cllr Chilver has suggested that it is an expensive exercise and would need to be funded by the Parish Council.
 - RoW ref; 210972197 & 210933015, both issues remain outstanding.
 - Street Light in Sovereign Close; Street Scene have been chased to uncover the light now that the grass cutting season is over. They confirm it will be undertaken over the winter period.

151. Play Area; Inspection Reports indicate no further action is required at this time.

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152. Glebe Land Project; This project is awaiting agreement of the lease from the diocese.

153. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

- a. Utility-aid.co.uk have asked for permission to contact Eon on our behalf to investigate utility prices and options for reducing the carbon footprint. **Resolved:** To undertake this review given the recent large rise in price and news that Eon is moving our account to Npower which is unwelcome news.
- b. Street Light No. 4 on Church Lane is partially obscured by a tree, **Resolved:** To look at this in the future, the light is not particularly obscured at present.
- c. Neighbourhood Watch signs around the village need replacing. The Clerk will arrange for them to be replaced. **Resolved;** a budget of £200 was set.

154. Devolved Services;

- a. Buckinghamshire Council have agreed to implement a 3% increase in the devolved services allowance, however since the Parish Council are no longer allowed to cut the grass beyond the 30mph roundels on Marston Road, the allowance will be adjusted to account for the reduction in meters covered. As yet, no figures have been received.
- b. RTM have yet to submit a price for the devolved services contract in 2022/23, the Council has noted that although 10 village cuts were requested in 2021/22, only 8 took place and were paid for. This will be discussed once a quote has been submitted.

155. Website/Technology; Cllr de Niese has investigated costings for an 0300 number and a PO Box. **Resolved;** to set-up an 0300 number in next year's budget.

Cllr de Niese has produced a prototype for changing the planning functionality on the website. **Resolved;** All to provide feedback prior to the next meeting.

156. Outside Bodies; Various meetings have been attended and notes circulated.

157. Items for the Next Agenda; Precept Request, Devolved Services, Jubilee Celebrations

158. To confirm the date of the next meeting; 14th December 2021

The meeting closed at 21.30

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Appendix A – Payments Ratified

Ref	Amount	Expenditure	VAT
63	£150.89	E.on Monthly Bill	£7.19
64	£45.00	Reimburse Poppy Shop #1200977458	£3.00
65	£***.**	Clerks Pay October	£0.00
66	£472.07	RTM #3102	£78.68
67	£**.**	Clerks Expenses October	£0.00
68	£20.00	Councillor Event Ticket #2194119519	£0.00
69	£155.93	E.on Bill for October	£7.43
70	+ £60.00	Training Refund from BALC	£0.00
71	£61.20	Reimburse Paper & Ink Cartridges	£0.00
72	£54.00	#1020 Robert Kemp – Storm Damage	£9.00

Appendix B – Planning Update

Application	Where	Decision
21/04399/APP	Stonebank 20A Green End	Awaiting decision
21/04361/APP	The Grain Store Winslow Road	Awaiting decision
21/04067/APP	The Grain Store Winslow Road	Awaiting decision
21/03746/ALB	17 Winslow Road	Consent Granted
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	Approved
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	Approved
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 At Land Off Winslow Road	Withdrawn
20/02071/APP	Stately Stables Winslow Road	Awaiting decision