

Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council

held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 18th January 2022

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

177. Apologies; Buckinghamshire Council's John Chilver sent apologies.

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

179. Interests: No declarations of interest were made.

180. Minutes;

Resolved: To accept the Minutes from the 14th December 2021 as a true record.

181. Finance;

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

b. ***Confirmed:*** The Devolved Services team have set a budget of £1,274.78 for 2022/23. This is within forecasts, so the precept request has been submitted for 22/23.

c. ***Confirmed:*** A grant for £363 has been allocated from Wild Aylesbury for the Glebe Meadow project, this will be claimed as soon as the lease is signed.

d. ***Ratified:*** Payments 76 to 85 inclusive were ratified, please see Appendix A.

e. ***Ratified:*** Standing order for £35 for ICO membership renewal

182. Planning;

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

Resolved: Cllr Fenwick will draft a response to the Planners regarding the misinterpretation of the Parish Council's response to application 21/04619/APP.

183. Buckinghamshire Council Updates; Buckinghamshire Cllr Stanier gave a brief update including the new budget which sees an increase of 3.99%. Adult social care receives a large increase whilst the Community Boards funds will be cut.

Resolved: The Clerk will forward the reference number for the outstanding RoW reports.

184. Councillors/Clerk/Administration;

a. Jubilee Celebrations; Cllr Oakland has discussed a financial contribution to a Jubilee lunch in Church Lane. The possibility of lighting a Beacon was briefly discussed, this warrants further investigation from a safety perspective.

b. Roll of Honour; Lt. Col Wilkinson has kindly secured grant money for the restoration, arranged by Cllr Smedley. An unveiling ceremony, and project to research the village men who served will be considered.

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- c. North Marston and Granborough Magazine has closed. The formal notice is displayed on the Granborough website, it suggests the private Facebook page; North Marston and Granborough Community Group, will be used in future for local information.

185. Buckinghamshire Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways

- a. The following new issues have been raised;
A very large pothole has been reported just beyond the village on Green End. TfB have placed a cone in the hole and will endeavour to repair within 5 days.
- b. To receive any updates on outstanding issues
 - i. Drain Blockage, Green End ref: 2255203 – no change
 - ii. 30mph Zone extension on Marston Road; a cost of more than £10k is likely for the investigations alone. **Resolved;** Not to proceed.
 - iii. RoW ref: 210972197 & 210933015 – no change. These issues were raised with Cllr Stanier, as no progress has been made.

186. Play Area;

- a. Inspection Reports indicate no further action is required at this time, though small cracks in a swing seat will be monitored.
Resolved: Cllr de Niese will alter the reporting app to provide a warning of outstanding issues for the sake of consistent reporting.
- b. Outstanding issues;
 - i. Fence posts; the posts are not urgent and will be fixed as soon as practicable
 - ii. Basketball backboard; put off until the weather is better.

187. Glebe Land Project;

- a. The Oxford Diocese is yet to respond on the lease. Two volunteer events thinned out greengage trees and removed bramble thickets and vines. Robert Kemp and Andrew Mellor used their hedge cutting equipment to assist the volunteers. Cllr Ellerton consulted Bruce Clarke regarding the possibility of ponds, elm trees and wildflower planting, plans are being considered.

188. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

- a. To raise any new issues; Street Light No. 1 on Green End has been reported to E.on. Dog fouling is again an issue. **Resolved;** Cllr Smedley will make some posters.
- b. Updates on existing issues;
 - i. **Confirmed;** The dog waste contract has been signed for 2022/23

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- ii. The first Npower bill is approximately £100 more than expected for the month. Npower will charge more in the winter months and less in the summer, rather than the previous daily rate. The amount paid should remain as forecast, but there is no clarity on monthly billing and no redress for the summer overspend.

189. Devolved Services;

- a. RTM confirmed their prices for 2022 take account of the reduction in verge area and bi-annual weed killing around wooden posts in the play area instead of strimming. The increase is more than anticipated; these budgets will need monitoring next year.

190. Website/Technology;

- a. New issues raised; The Village Hall wish to create a booking system on the Granborough website. **Resolved;** Cllr de Niese will establish requirements before deciding how to proceed.
- b. The Planning Prototype was not discussed at this meeting.

191. Neighbourhood Plan; Buckinghamshire Council's consultation on our proposed plan is ongoing. Cllr Smedley will put up notices to remind residents to comment.

192. Outside Bodies;

The Clerk Forum covered Resilience Planning, Operation Bridge, and the procurement of a new Highways Contract. Slides will be forwarded, once received.

193. Consultations;

- a. Ward Boundaries; Cllr Smedley will respond on behalf of the Council.
- b. Revised Winslow Neighbourhood Plan; the impact on Granborough is minimal, no further comments are required.
- c. 20mph zone qualifying criteria; although Buckinghamshire Council have decided to allow 20mph zones, the police will not enforce them and Granborough does not meet the criteria and could not afford the studies required.

194. Items for the Next Agenda; None at present

195. To confirm the date of the next meeting; 8th March 2022

The meeting closed at 20:46

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Appendix A – Payments Ratified

| Ref | Amount | Expenditure | VAT |
|-----|------------|--------------------------------------|--------|
| 76 | £597.60 | Aubergine Annual Fee | £99.60 |
| 77 | £150.89 | E.on Bill for November | £7.19 |
| 78 | £35.00 | P.R.A Randles, Neighbourhood Watch | £0.00 |
| 79 | £100.00 | Granborough 101 Christmas Tree | £0.00 |
| 80 | +£1,188.75 | VAT Refund from HMRC | £0.00 |
| 81 | £***.** | Clerks Pay December | £0.00 |
| 82 | £18.00 | Bank Quarterly Service Charge | £0.00 |
| 83 | £37.05 | Clerk Expenses December | £0.00 |
| 84 | £40.50 | Parish Online (mapping) subscription | £6.75 |
| 85 | £242.99 | Npower Bill for December | £11.57 |

Appendix B – Planning Update

| Application | Where | Decision |
|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|
| 21/04619/APP | 46 Winslow Road | Approved |
| 21/04548/APP | 31 Green End | Awaiting decision |
| 21/04399/APP | Stonebank 20A Green End | Approved |
| 21/04361/APP | The Grain Store Winslow Road | Awaiting decision |
| 21/04067/APP | The Grain Store Winslow Road | Awaiting decision |
| 21/03551/APP | Hogshaw Road Farm, Hogshaw Road | Awaiting decision |
| 21/03092/APP | Green End Farm, Green End | Awaiting decision |
| 21/03079/APP | 46 Winslow Road | Awaiting decision |
| 21/02960/APP | Land Off Hogshaw Road | Awaiting decision |
| 21/01873/APP | The Old Byre Green End | Awaiting decision |
| 21/01381/APP | Land Off Green End | Awaiting decision |
| 20/02071/APP | Stately Stables Winslow Road | Awaiting decision |