

# Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council  
held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022

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**Attendees:** Cllr Anderson, Cllr Ellerton, Cllr Fenwick, Cllr Oakland (Chair) Cllr Smedley,  
Clerk Tors Firth, Buckinghamshire's Cllr Chilver and 1 member of the public

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**196. Apologies;** Council accepted apologies from Cllr de Niese due to work commitments and Cllr Watson due to a positive LF test.

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

**198. Interests:** No declarations of interest were made.

**199. Minutes;**

***Resolved:*** To accept the Minutes from the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022 as a true record.

**200. Finance;**

a. ***Resolved:*** To accept the accounts for January and February 2022.

b. ***Ratified:*** Payments 86 to 95 inclusive were ratified, please see Appendix A.

c. ***Confirmed;*** The precept request has been accepted, instalments dates are 15/4 and 16/9.

d. ***Resolved;*** To open applications for the small grants scheme. Applications to be considered on 5<sup>th</sup> April, recipients must give a short presentation at the Annual Village meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May, after which grant payments will be made. The application form will be available from the website and the scheme will be advertised on the Granborough and North Marston Community Facebook Page.

**201. Planning;**

a. ***Resolved;*** To agree a response of no objection to application 22/00651/APP at 15 Marston Road for rear extensions and windows.

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

**202. Buckinghamshire Council Updates;** Cllr Chilver's update included that next year's Budget is approved, that distribution of funding for the Community Boards is to be decided and that Council Offices are flying the Ukrainian flag. Cllr Chilver was asked to speak to our LAT regarding the blocked drain on Green End (ref: 2255203) and to find out if a formal notification will be made regarding the abandonment of the OxCamb Project. Cllr Chilver explained that the VALP should afford protection against speculative building.

**203. Councillors/Clerk/Administration;**

a. ***Resolved;*** The website will be updated in accordance with Cllr Smedley's proposals for covid meeting rules.

**204. Buckinghamshire Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways**

a. The following new issues have been raised;

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- i. Trees cleared from the road after storm Eunice are blocking the ditches on the Granborough side of the bridge on Winslow Road causing flooding. The Clerk will report the issue on Fixmystreet, Cllr Chilver will raise it with our LAT, Matt Whincup.
- b. The pothole on Green End has been repaired. There is no progress on ref: 2255203 (the blocked drain on Green End), Cllr Chilver will follow this up with our LAT. There is no progress on ROW refs 210972197 or 210933015

## 205. Play Area;

- a. Cllr Smedley will look into replacing a grip on the rocking horse handle. Inspection Reports indicate no further action is required at this time.
- b. Current Rotten fence posts have been replaced; the situation will be ongoing.

## 206. Glebe Land Project;

- a. The Working party has recently burned previous rubbish, clearing areas of the site. The lease is undergoing minor alterations. Due to offsetting legal and fencing costs against rent, the first rent payable will be on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025, the lease will become renewable in 2033. We are aware that neither lease will automatically renew. Work on creating ponds is due to start soon. Before and after photos will be required.
- b. **Resolved:**  
The Council authorise Mrs V Firth (Clerk/Proper Officer) to be the duly authorised person to swear a statutory declaration confirming that the Tenant, Granborough Parish Council, is aware that, at the end of the lease, it will not have an automatic right to a new lease or any right to stay in the property.  
The Council authorise Cllr Philip Oakland (Chairman) and Cllr Hugh Ellerton (Glebe Project) to sign the lease on behalf of the Parish Council. The Council agreed to formally minute the signing of the lease at the Council Meeting following the date of signing.  
Cllr Ellerton will collect grant monies, submit a grass cutting invoice, and the bench and wildflower seeds will be obtained. The Clerk will investigate safety responsibilities for ponds.

## 207. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

- a. Street Light No 2. on Church Lane has been repaired.
- b. Since the electricity markets are closed, finding a competitively priced supplier for Street Lighting has been deferred.
- c. Npower Business were contacted on 21<sup>st</sup> February and chased on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, no response has been received. No bills have been issued for January or February and we await a schedule of payments since rates have been weighted for winter, with no detail available.

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- d. **Resolved:** The Roll of Honour has been restored and is on the wall in the village hall, costs have kindly been covered by Bucks Territorial and Auxiliary Reserve Forces and Cadets Fund. A photo will be published on the website and a formal acknowledgement arranged. The Clerk will send names of the service men on the Roll to Lt Col Simon Wilkinson TD DL of the Buckinghamshire Lieutenancy, for suggestions on how best to research their lives.

e. **Outstanding Issues;**

- i. Street Scene has uncovered the street light in Sovereign Close.

208. **Devolved Services;** The schedule for 2022-23 has not yet been forwarded.

209. **Website/Technology;** These items were deferred to the next meeting.

210. **Neighbourhood Plan;**

- a. Andrew Ashcroft has been appointed as the independent examiner. A visual inspection of the village should now have taken place, and the Neighbourhood Plan group awaits the clarification note, to raise any questions about our Plan.
- b. The Groundworks Grant must be returned by the end of the financial year. Cllr Smedley will look at how/if we can reapply. The Clerk will look at returning the underspend.

211. **Jubilee;**

- a. The Parish Council has set aside £500 to support the activities being arranged by the Charter Fayre committee. The road closure application for a Street Party being progressed by Dean Bunyan, there is a fallback position if the street closure is not agreed.
- b. **Resolved;** To set aside a budget of £250 to plant a tree and buy a plaque from the Royal British Legion for the Queens Green Canopy. Cllr Smedley will investigate the details.

212. **Outside Bodies;**

- a. **Meetings attended** - None
- b. **Ratified;** Cllrs agreed to concerns on some of the community board funding requests.

213. **Items for the Next Agenda;** Small Grants

214. **To confirm the date of the next meeting;** 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

The meeting closed at 20.54

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

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

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## **Appendix A – Payments Ratified**

Ref	Amount	Expenditure	VAT
86	£300.00	Swarco MVAS Contract	£50.00
87	£***.**	Clerks Pay January	£0.00
88	£35.00	ICO Renewal	£0.00
89	£34.55	Clerk Expenses January	£0.00
90	£200.00	Village Hall Hire 21/22	£0.00
91	£252.00	Robert Kemp Fence Posts Play Area	£42.00
92	£***.**	Clerks Pay February	£0.00
93	£26.00	Clerks Expenses February	£0.00
94	£128.70	Clerks backdated pay NJC Salary Award	£0.00
95	£2,136	Winckworth Sherwood – Glebe Legal Fees	£356.00

## **Appendix B – Planning Update**

Application	Where	Decision
22/00651/APP	15 Marston Road	Awaiting decision
21/04548/APP	31 Green End	Awaiting decision
21/04361/APP	The Grain Store Winslow Road	Awaiting decision
21/04067/APP	The Grain Store Winslow Road	Awaiting decision
21/03551/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	Refused
21/01873/APP	The Old Byre Green End	Refused
21/01381/APP	Land Off Green End	Awaiting decision
20/02071/APP	Stately Stables Winslow Road	Awaiting decision