

# Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council  
held in the Village Hall on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

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

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**89. Apologies;** The Council accepted apologies from Cllr Anderson, Cllr Fenwick and Cllr de Niese due to private commitments.

Buckinghamshire's Cllrs Chilver also sent apologies.

**90. Open Forum for Parishioners;** A member of the public raised a request for a cycle path between Granborough and Winslow. The Parish Council don't have the authority or finances and were unable to get support from Buckinghamshire Council for a cycle path between North Marston and Granborough. Cllr Ellerton explained the difficulties faced.

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

**92. Minutes;**

**Resolved:** To accept the Minutes from the 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022 as a true record.

**93. Finance;**

a. **Resolved:** To accept the accounts for July and August 2022

b. **Ratified:** Payments 28 to 41 inclusive were ratified, please see Appendix A.

c. **Confirmed:** The external audit is now complete.

**94. Planning;**

a. **Resolved;** To agree a response of no objections to application 22/02507/APP at 20D Green End for single storey side extension.

b. Application 22/02251/APP was decided under delegated powers despite the Parish Council request for call-in to committee. The Committee Chairman decided to allow the decision under delegated powers. The planning authority is not obligated to inform the Parish Council, hence the Parish Council only found out after the application was approved. The Parish Council's objections have not been addressed in the officer's report, this process is in contravention of Buckinghamshire Council's Town and Parish Council charter.

**Resolved;** Cllr Stanier will progress the matter with Buckinghamshire Council, Cllr Smedley will forward all relevant information including that the call-in procedure documented on Buckinghamshire Council's website, is incorrect.

Cllr Stanier will also do his best to ensure that the call-in request raised by Llew Monger for application 20/02071/APP still stands and will not be dismissed.

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

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## 95. Buckinghamshire Council Updates;

Cllr Stanier informed the meeting that Martin Tett, Leader of Buckinghamshire Council has conveyed the message that due to the present financial situation, Buckinghamshire Council has placed everything on hold.

## 96. Councillors/Clerk/Administration;

**Resolved:** To keep the 7.30pm start time for future Parish Council meetings.

## 97. Buckinghamshire Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways

a. The following new issues have been raised;

- i. Car in Bates Close, the police will only move a car which has been involved in a crime. The Council will not move a car on private land. The Parish Council therefore has no way to address this complaint.

b. Updates on outstanding issues;

- i. Hole in the road surface next to the drain on Winslow Road has been fixed.
- ii. RoW Ref: 220795649 damage to a footpath bridge; no progress
- iii. RoW Ref: 220647011 Rotten Footpath Bridge; no progress
- iv. Ref: 2255203 Green End Drain reported to TfB on 20/8/20, no progress

## 98. Play Area;

a. New issues;

- i. Seesaw Handle; **Resolved:** Cllr Ellerton will approach a contact to quote for welding the handle back on.

b. RoSPA Report; The council thanks Cllr de Niese for his thorough report.

**Resolved:** To accept the recommendations made, to request that Cllr de Niese obtain a quote to carry out the necessary actions.

## 99. Glebe Land Project;

a. Actions Required; **Resolved:** To approved the quote of £300 from Andrew North. Volunteer groups need to clear brambles, vines and cut back greengage trees.

The top pond will require a liner.

The boundary hedge along the Glebe has been scheduled for maintenance, Cllr

Ellerton will liaise with the contractor to ensure no adverse effect on Glebe Meadow projects.

b. **Resolved;** Cllr Ellerton will apply for grant funding for the pond liner, from the WVCB, who will be visiting the Glebe Meadow project on 15<sup>th</sup> October.

**Resolved;** Cllr Ellerton has also sourced a large number of saplings, to be planted on private land to enhance local footpaths, and at Glebe Meadow to enhance this local

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amenity. The saplings require support and protection which Cllr Ellerton will apply for from the Queens Jubilee Canopy project, on behalf of the Parish Council.

## 100. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

### a. New issues requiring attention

- i. Light 2 Bates Close; repaired
- ii. Light 10 Green End; repaired
- iii. **Resolved:** To accept the quote for £290 to repair the bench next to the bus shelter on the green.
- iv. Defibrillator recall issue; our model has a software issue which could result in the battery appearing charged when it is not. An appointment was booked for the unit to be recalled but DPD failed to collect. **Resolved;** The Clerk will chase Welmedical again.
- v. Light 5 Green End; reported 21/9 yet to be repaired

### b. Updates on outstanding issues

- i. Light 2 Sovereign Close; repaired
- ii. Light 1 Denham View; repaired
- iii. Light 4 Church Lane; the tree has been cut back to reveal the light.
- iv. SSE and The Utility Supplier. The quote provided by The Utility Supplier does not match the charges being made by SSE. The Utility Supplier also provided incorrect billing information to SSE. The Utility Supplier continues to ignore messages asking for an explanation. **Resolved:** The Council agreed to drop the complaint as it's not progressing and is taking too much time.

## 101. Devolved Services; No issues were raised.

## 102. Website/Technology;

The Village Hall booking system; it was agreed to postpone this discussion until after the next village hall meeting.

## 103. Neighbourhood Plan; The Neighbourhood Plan referendum took place on 8<sup>th</sup>

September. 204 votes were cast, 187 in favour, 17 against. The plan now becomes part of the local planning process. Granborough Parish Council would like to express our appreciation to the steering group who successfully developed and achieved overwhelming village support for the Granborough Neighbourhood Plan. Particular thanks go to Steve Slater and John Thorogood for the hard work ensuring that the whole process of developing the plan was undertaken, communicated, and completed in such a

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professional manner.

The results are being displayed on the noticeboard and website.

**104. Outside Bodies;** Cllr Watson attended the right of way seminar, the areas covered were unfortunately not useful to the Parish Council.

**105. Plans, Structures and Consultations;**

- a. Consultation on short term holiday lets. **Resolved:** Granborough Parish Council does not have any of the evidence requested for this consultation
- b. Ward Boundaries consultation **Resolved:** Cllr Smedley will respond along the lines that Granborough as a neighbour and service user of Winslow, would be better placed in the Winslow ward, not the Quainton ward.
- c. The Aylesbury vale design supplement planning document **Resolved:** Cllr Smedley will look at this consultation for the next meeting.

**106. Items for the Next Agenda;** Budget Review, Issue Reporting Policy, Poppy Wreath, Wifi Dongle

**107. To confirm the date of the next meeting;** 18<sup>th</sup> October 2022

The meeting closed at 20:27

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

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## **Appendix A – Payments Ratified**

Ref	Amount	Expenditure	VAT
28	£***.**	Clerks Pay July Mrs V Firth	£0.00
29	£500.40	RTM #3579	£83.40
30	£43.10	Clerks Expenses July	£0.00
31	£20.00	NBPPC Annual Membership	£0.00
32	£672.90	SSE Energy (April to July)	£33.65
33	£19.90	Mrs V Firth, Anti-Virus Software	£3.31
34	£***.**	Clerks Pay August	£0.00
35	£819.11	RTM #3635	£109.40
36	£34.55	Clerks Expenses August	£0.00
37	£35.00	BMKALC Councillor Training	£0.00
38	£240.00	PKF Littlejohn External Audit	£40.00
39	£80.00	J Groom, Internal Audit	£0.00
40	£18.00	Quarterly Bank Charge	£0.00
41	£204.30	SSE Energy (August)	£9.71

## **Appendix B – Planning Update**

Application	Where	Decision
<b>22/02507/APP</b>	20D Green End	Awaiting decision
<b>22/02251/APP</b>	Longacres Equestrian	Approved
<b>22/02283/APP</b>	The Leys Cottage, 6 Hogshaw Road	Approved
<b>22/02155/APP</b>	15 Marston Road	Approved
<b>22/01492/APP</b>	Lathwells Farm	Awaiting decision
<b>22/01260/APP</b>	The Crown Public House	Awaiting decision
<b>21/04067/APP</b>	The Grain Store Winslow Road	Awaiting decision
<b>21/03551/APP</b>	Hogshaw Road Farm, Hogshaw Road	Refused
<b>21/03092/APP</b>	Green End Farm, Green End	Refused
<b>21/01381/APP</b>	Land Off Green End	Awaiting decision
<b>20/02071/APP</b>	Stately Stables Winslow Road (Amended)	Awaiting decision