

Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 18th October 2022

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

108. Apologies; All Councillors present. Buckinghamshire's Cllr Stanier sent apologies.

109. Open Forum for Parishioners; Requests were received for the Parish Council to submit further comments for item 113d.

110. Interests: No declarations of interest were made.

111. Minutes;

Resolved: To accept the Minutes from the 22nd September 2022 as a true record.

112. Finance;

a. **Resolved:** To accept the accounts for September 2022.

b. **Ratified:** Payments 42 to 49 inclusive were ratified, please see Appendix A.

c. Year to date spending was reviewed, the budget is considered healthy. The budget for 2023/4 will rely on information from Bucks Council which is not yet available

Resolved;

i. Cllrs will suggest projects to be considered for the next financial year, at the meeting in November

ii. Budget setting will take place in December rather than November.

113. Planning;

a. **Resolved;** To agree a response of no objections to application 22/03030/APP at The Old Byre, Green End, for proposed single storey rear extension and alterations

b. Call-in procedure failure; Cllr Chilver confirms that Planning did not follow the constitution for refusing the call-in. **Resolved;** Cllr Chilver will ensure that the decision is still legal and will discuss the matter at his planning meeting on 20/10/22.

c. Call-in request for application 20/0271/APP; **Confirmed;** Cllr Chilver has called-in the application on the 3 member rule, which should guarantee that in the event of officer approval, it will go before committee.

d. Appeal 21/00125/REF **Resolved;** Cllr Fenwick will draft and circulate an additional response, drawing attention to Policy RC1 of the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Chilver will also submit a comment. **Note:** Deadline is 31st October.

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

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114. Buckinghamshire Council Updates; No updates were received

115. Councillors/Clerk/Administration;

Resolved:

- i. The Parish Council will operate a policy, of forming an opinion via a meeting, prior to reporting any complaints. The complainant will be advised on how to make a complaint in the meantime, should they wish to do so.
- ii. Cllr Chilver will speak to enforcement officers about the form being unsuitable for Parish Councils. Cllr Smedley will raise with the NBPPC.

116. Buckinghamshire Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways

a. The following new issues have been raised;

Residents are putting obstacles on the Highways owned verge on Green End, to discourage vehicles using verges for passing. These obstacles are hazardous for vehicles, cyclists, and horse riders. *Resolved:* Cllr de Niese will note the new obstacles for reporting to Highways.

b. Updates on outstanding issues;

- i. RoW Ref: 220795649 damage to a footpath bridge – no progress
- ii. RoW Ref: 220647011 rotten footpath bridge – no progress
- iii. Ref: 2255203 Green End Drain reported to TfB on 20/8/20

Resolved: Cllr Chilver will chase this up again with our Local Area Technician.

117. Play Area;

a. New issues raised;

- i. The two junior swing seats need replacing. *Resolved;* The Clerk will source prices, to be fitted as part of the ongoing works.

b. Updates on existing issues;

- i. Cllr de Niese is meeting with Roy Randles at the play area on 21st October to discuss the actions arising from his report. The council agreed a budget for this work.
- ii. The Seesaw Handle will also be discussed with Roy since Cllr Ellerton's contact was unable to undertake welding without an electricity supply.

118. Glebe Land Project;

a. Progress report; A meeting of the Community Boards environmental action group took place at the Glebe on Saturday 15th October.

b. Actions required;

- i. Volunteer work over the winter months to clear brambles, vines and suckers.

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- ii. A liner for the bottom pond may be required, estimated at about £600
- iii. A noticeboard will be required, cost to be established
- iv. Signage is required including "please take your litter home" and "keep dogs out of the pond", requirements and costs to be established
- v. Flower seeds will be required, cost to be established.

Resolved: Cllr Ellerton will produce costings and timescales for the next meeting. Cllr Ellerton will also provide a general update for the website.

- c. Update on outstanding issues;
 - i. The entrance work is complete, awaiting invoice
 - ii. A grant funding application for £900 for the upper pond has been submitted
 - iii. Queens Green Canopy; 500 trees are being supplied, for planting along the north side of the public footpath accessed opposite The Crown, rising to a pond in the corner of the field, where a woodland will be established. A grant request for 400 tree guards has been made, Bruce Clarke has volunteered to pay for the stakes. The National Trust are loaning planting tools.

Resolved: Cllr de Niese will add a request for volunteers to Facebook.
The Clerk will add a request for volunteers on the website.

119. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

- a. New issues requiring attention; The pavement from the village hall down to the Crown is collapsing. **Resolved:** Cllr Oakland will send photos to the Clerk, who will report the matter on Fixmystreet. Cllr Chilver stated that a village walkaround could be arranged with our LAT.
- b. Updates on outstanding issues
 - i. Bench by the bus stop; work is complete.
 - ii. Defibrillator; Welmedical have cancelled the booking. **Resolved:** Cllr Oakland will book a new collection appointment.
 - iii. Light No. 5 on Green End has been repaired, all streetlights are believed to be in working order.

120. Devolved Services; No issues were raised.

121. Website/Technology;

- a. Village Hall Booking System, the Trustees are going to source a booking system.
- b. **Resolved;** the Council approved purchase of a dongle to provide internet access.

122. Outside Bodies;

- a. No updates on meetings attended.

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- b.** Funding report for Whaddon; Cllr Chilver explained that Highways will maintain existing lines, but not add new lines. Whaddon clearly need the new lines and the only avenue available is through Community Boards funding which includes a costly investigation to establish need.

123. Plans, Structures and Consultations;

- a.** The Aylesbury vale design supplement planning document is predominantly aimed at large developments and the guide amplifies many of the points made in the GNP
- b.** Ward Boundaries response; Cllr Chilver has made a representation against the proposed boundaries, ***Resolved:*** Cllr Smedley will also draft a representation against the proposal.

124. Items for the Next Agenda; Propose items for the budget, to include a closed online communication and storage system.

125. To confirm the date of the next meeting; 22nd November 2022

The meeting closed at 21:16

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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Appendix A – Payments Ratified

Ref	Amount	Expenditure	VAT
42	£***.**	Clerks Pay September	£0.00
43	+ £11,700.00	Precept Payment	£0.00
44	£392.40	RTM Village Grass Cut #3696	£65.40
45	£108.00	RTM Play Area Cut #3696	£18.00
46	£34.55	Clerks Expenses September	£0.00
47	£44.99	Poppy Wreath reimburse D Smedley	£4.17
48	£120.00	Village Hall Hire #10335	£0.00
49	£290.00	Roy Randles, Bench Repair	£0.00

Appendix B – Planning Update

Application	Where	Decision
22/03030/APP	The Old Byre, Green End	Awaiting Decision
22/02507/APP	20D Green End	Approved
22/01492/APP	Lathwells Farm	Approved
22/01260/APP	The Crown Public House	Awaiting decision
21/04067/APP	The Grain Store Winslow Road	Awaiting decision
21/01381/APP	Land Off Green End	Awaiting decision
20/02071/APP	Stately Stables Winslow Road (Amended)	Awaiting decision