

Granborough Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of Granborough Parish Council
held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 17th January 2023

Attendees: Cllr Anderson, Cllr de Niese, Cllr Ellerton, (until item 166), Cllr Fenwick, Cllr Oakland (Chair) Cllr Smedley, Cllr Watson, Clerk Tors Firth, Buckinghamshire's Cllr Stanier and 0 member of the public

160. Apologies; Buckinghamshire's Cllr Chilver sent apologies.

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

162. Interests: No declarations of interest were made.

163. Minutes;

Resolved: To accept the Minutes from the 13th December 2023 as a true record.

164. Finance;

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

b. **Ratified:** Payments 64 to 71 inclusive were ratified, please see Appendix A.

c. **Resolved:** To submit a precept request of £23,630 to Buckinghamshire Council

d. The following budget headings have forecast underspend; Playground Maintenance, Councillor Costs, Glebe Land, and Rewilding. No spending proposals were made.

165. Planning;

a. **Resolved;** To agree a response of Object to application 22/04178/APP at 46 Winslow Road for demolition of single storey side extension and erection of two storey side extension. An application for a separate dwelling on this site was previously refused at appeal, the Parish Council feels this application does not go far enough to address the concerns raised at appeal by the planning inspector.

b. **Resolved:** To agree a response of no objection (neutral) to application 23/00099/CPE at Ley Farm, for Certificate of lawful existing use for the occupation of Ley Farm.

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

d. **Planning Actions including enforcement issues;**

The Parish Council requested that Cllr Chilver enquire about the delay on application 22/01260/APP for The Crown, at the next planning surgery.

Item 170 was brought forward at this point, to allow Cllr Ellerton to leave the meeting early. Item 166 followed item 170.

166. Buckinghamshire Council Updates;

Buckinghamshire's Councillor Stanier gave a brief update including that Buckinghamshire Council are struggling with next year's budget, previous savings are helping to mitigate some pressure, but the social care budget and road repairs are of major concern.

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Government are being lobbied for more funds. The Community Board budget will be capped for the next financial year, but funds will be carried forward from previous years. Cllr Stanier was asked how the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan is defined and whether Granborough can request that our needs are considered. It was also requested that Community Boards funding could be explained, i.e. whether Parish/Town Council's must provide all funding up front to be reimbursed by any grant received. It was pointed out that many Parish Council's do not have sufficient funds for this.

167. Councillors/Clerk/Administration;

- a. **Resolved;** The draft meeting schedule was accepted; the Clerk will update the website.
- b. **Resolved;** To accept the draft play area inspection schedule, Cllr de Niese will update the portal and set reminder emails.
- c. **Resolved;** Cllrs will let the Clerk know if they would like their contact numbers removed from the website. The Clerk will initiate contact with the monitoring officer on behalf of Cllr de Niese.

168. Buckinghamshire Council: Highways, Footpaths & Footways

a. The following new issues have been raised;

- i. Ref: 40208210 blocked drain on Church Lane; TfB are addressing drainage issues under an annual clearance scheme only, and have closed this request.
- ii. Empty salt bins in the village; the Clerk contacted TfB early December and was told salt bins would be replenished in the coming days.
The Clerk will chase TfB.

b. Updates on outstanding issues;

- i. ROW issue 220795649 - Cllr Ellerton has raised the damaged bridge with the landowner and has been assured it will be fixed.
- ii. Village Walkaround with TfB (Green End; objects on verges, obstructions to traffic, speeding and 'access only possibility', Winslow Road; Street Light, Other areas; salt bins and drains). The walkaround has been postponed by TfB due to adverse weather resulting in an increased workload for them.

169. Play Area;

- a. Inspection Reports indicate that no further action is required at this time.
It is noted that the bird deterrent has been damaged.
- b. Cllr Oakland volunteered to remove the troublesome lower branch on the field maple.

170. Glebe Land Project;

- a. New actions; rewilding seed will be discussed at the meeting in March.

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b. Update on outstanding actions;

- i. Installation of the pond liner - will be completed soon.
- ii. Purchase of a noticeboard – complete. Cllr Smedley will collect it next week.
- iii. Quote for installation of the noticeboard – Cllr Ellerton will seek a quote once the noticeboard has been received and decisions made on where to site it.
- iv. Working party to clear brambles and vines – many thanks to David Gadsby who has been strimming the brambles and vines and will continue once the weather improves. Cllr Oakland has raked the brambles together for burning. An herbicide may be applied in March.
- v. Quote for digging out roots – consideration is being given to hiring a popper rather than digging out roots, an update will be given at the next meeting.
- vi. Planting of dog violets – Cllr Ellerton has completed the planting.

171. Street Lighting and Parish Council Assets

a. New issues requiring attention including;

- i. Replacement of expired defibrillator pads, these were ordered on 20th December, were lost by Royal Mail and have been re-ordered, delivery will be Wednesday 18th January. Cllr Oakland will replace the pads.
- ii. Street Light No. 1 in Bates Close, No. 1 on Winslow Road and No. 3 in Sovereign Close, have all been repaired.

b. Update on outstanding issues;

- i. The MVAS contract has been confirmed and chased, but not yet billed.
- ii. Utility Aid; SSE invoices for December have been received, no discount has been applied, there is no response to queries.

172. Devolved Services; Buckinghamshire Council has yet to confirm the grant amount for devolved services in 2023/24. RTM have yet to supply prices for 2023/24.

173. Website/Technology;

- a.** A data only sim has been purchased for the dongle and will cost £5 a month. The sim has been activated and Wi-Fi is now available at meetings.
- b.** Aubergine have updated their webpage templates to include a manual planning application field. Cllr de Niese has instead updated the website to draw information from the portal, allowing for automatic updates and a link to Buckinghamshire Council's planning pages.

174. Outside Bodies;

- a.** No outside meetings have been attended.

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b. WVCB funding proposals; no comments or objections to the latest request.

175. Plans, Structures and Consultations;

The Settlement Review request was considered, the clerk will send a response.

176. Items for the Next Agenda; Funding for events for the king's coronation.

177. To confirm the date of the next meeting; 7th March 2023

The meeting closed at 20:55

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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Appendix A – Payments Ratified

Ref	Amount	Expenditure	VAT
64	£198.34	SSE Energy November	£9.43
65	£240.00	Lindengate (Glebe Noticeboard)	£40.00
66	£56.40	Defib4life replacement pads	£9.40
67	£***.**	Clerks Pay December	£0.00
68	£18.00	Bank Charges for quarter	£0.00
69	£34.55	Clerks Expenses December	£0.00
70	£28.08	E.on (Lighting Maintenance)	£4.68
71	£45.00	Parish Online (mapping software)	£7.50

Appendix B – Planning Update

Application	Where	Decision
23/00099/CPE	Ley Farm, Winslow Road	Awaiting Decision
22/04178/APP	46 Winslow Road	Awaiting Decision
22/03030/APP	The Old Byre, Green End	Awaiting Decision
22/01260/APP	The Crown Public House	Awaiting decision
21/04067/APP	The Grain Store Winslow Road	Awaiting decision