

GREYWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Greywell Parish Council meeting
held in the Village Hall at 6pm on Thursday 21 July 2022

In attendance: - Cllr M. Barter, Cllr R. Cole, Earl of Malmesbury, and Cllr L. Muir
Also in attendance-District Cllr J. Kennett and County Cllr J. Glen

Draft minutes subject to confirmation

1. Receive and accept apologies for absence

The Parish Clerk sent apologies due to illness; agreed that in the absence of the Parish Clerk the meeting would be recorded to enable minutes to be written. Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Mogg. Noted that District Cllr C. Dorn had also sent apologies

2. Receive and note any declarations of interest relevant to the Agenda

None

3. The Chairman to sign as a correct record the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on 19 May 2022

Approved (will be signed at a later date)

4. Election of Vice Chairman (if required) and signing of Declaration of Office

The Earl of Malmesbury proposed Cllr Cole as Vice Chairman, this was agreed by all Councillors present (Declaration of Office will be signed at a later date)

5. Open the meeting to members of the public (public session)

2 members of the public attended the meeting

6. Receive reports from Parish Clerk, County and District Councillors

A verbal and written report was received from County Cllr Glen, District Cllr Kennett provided a verbal report and the Parish Clerk sent a written report which was read out by Cllr Barter.

All reports can be found in Appendix A

7. Consider and discuss the following planning application:

a) Request for Scoping Opinion in relation to redevelopment proposals of approximately 32 hectares of land

Land At Lodge Farm, Hook Road, North Warnborough

Reference 22/01347/EIA

Agreed to submit the following comments for the above application:

Whilst the proposed development is not within the Parish of Greywell, its entrance would be less than one mile away. Consequently, although not a formal consultee, Greywell Parish Council (GPC) wishes to register its view on the 2 most important areas of concern to Greywell residents which must be fully investigated in any future EIA.

The transport and access parameters in the scoping report are extremely 'thin' and it will be imperative that an EIA relating to any full application fully explores the impact of the massive increase in traffic in the area. In the pre-application for the proposal (22/01355/PREAPP), the Transport Statement suggests that there could be up to 14,273 extra vehicle movements on a typical weekday! Detailed analysis of such traffic volumes must explore the reality that a large proportion of this traffic will not simply arrive from junction 5 of the M3, and will adversely affect all of the surrounding villages.

The EIA must fully consider the proximity of the Greywell Fen SSSI (800m from the site) and the Basingstoke Canal SSSI (less than 500M away), which includes the famous Greywell Tunnel bat populations.

Also agreed to submit comments to the pre-app for the same proposal for land at Lodge Farm:

Greywell Parish Council (GPC) appreciates that Officers do not conduct a consultation when a developer seeks pre-application advice. However, the associated documentation is in the public domain and this has been studied by a large number of Greywell residents.

The degree of alarm and abject horror generated by this pre-app is such that GPC is compelled to register the strongest possible objection to this potential development, which is not a part of the Hart Local Plan 2032.

The landscape and visual impact of 'slab fronted' metal structures over 21m high covering the equivalent of 13.5 football pitches would be immense. However, the prospect of up to 14,273 extra vehicle movements on a typical weekday saturating the local road network in every direction is truly frightening. To gain an unscientific yet everyday image of this sort of traffic volume, GPC used 7136 one-way journeys and assumed half were a large articulated truck and the other half an average sized car. If a 2m gap was placed between each vehicle the resultant queue of traffic would be 55 miles long!

Agreed to share responses with surrounding parishes with a view to a co-ordinated approach in the event of a full application being submitted

8. Update on previous planning applications

Since the last Parish Council meeting Hart District Council has granted the following planning application:

Erection of an outbuilding following demolition of existing shed at The Old Vicarage, The Street, Greywell, RG29 1BZ, reference 22/00921/LBC

9. Approve the Electronic Payment request for July 2022

Approved, the electronic payment request for July can be found below:

Greywell Parish Council July 2022 Electronic Payment Request

To	Item	Amount	Invoice number	Type
Staff	Salary July 2022	£299.00		
	Home Office Allowance July 2022	£15.00		
	Total	£314.00	7/22	SO
Staff	Expenses July 2022	£0.66	7/22	EP
Hampshire Association of Local Councils (HALC)	Knowledge & Core Skills Training Course (Cllr Muir)	£117.60	5257	EP
Greywell Village Hall	Hall Hire July 2022	£12.50	220018	EP
Upper Bridge Enterprises	Annual Renewal	£340.63	1271	EP
Chairman	Chairman Allowance	£50.00		EP
Chairmans Signature and date:				

10. Note the current financial situation and sign bank statements

Noted - The current financial situation can be found in Appendix B. The balances as at 15 July 2022 were:

Current Account: **£3790.96**

Savings Account: **£6226.22**

11. Note Q1 accounts

Noted - The Q1 accounts can be found in Appendix C

12. Receive report from Cllr Muir regarding her recent training course and agree future attendance by other councillors if requested

Cllr Muir reported that her recent training course had been excellent and full of lots of helpful guidance and information

13. Consider a request for funding from Hart Citizens Advice

Considered and agreed to not offer funding. At this time, due to their limited funds, the Parish Council will only consider any grant/funding that is for the direct benefit of Greywell residents

14. Discuss the Parish Council bank account

Due to the absence of the Parish Clerk agreed to defer until the next meeting

15. Update from Cllr Barter regarding adverse possession of land at the pumping station

Cllr Barter confirmed that with help from Cllr Cole they were managing to fight through the process of applying for adverse possession. It is thought the initial cost to Land Registry will be £40 (amount agreed). When all is in place Cllr Barter will liaise with the Parish Clerk to submit forms and payment

16. Agree the future strategy for management of the parish website

* Cllr Cole and the previous Chairman of the Parish Council, David Millard have volunteered to share the role as joint editors of the greywell.info website and have been working on new content since the Jubilee celebrations.

Agreed Cllr Cole and David Millard will be editors of the website along with the Parish Clerk who will continue to manage the Parish Council page only.

Agreed the Parish Council will cover the cost of £17.50 plus VAT to obtain a login for the two editors

17. Agree dates and times of the September and November meetings

Due to absence of Councillors in September agreed the next meetings will be held in the village hall at 6pm on 6 October and 24 November

18. To agree that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public are excluded from the meeting whilst confidential business is discussed

It was resolved to close the meeting to the press and public under the Public Bodies (Admission to meetings) Act 1960

19. To discuss confidential business regarding the Lengthsman Scheme

Information under confidential minutes

20. To discuss confidential business regarding the Parish Clerk's contract of employment

Information under confidential minutes

*At the Chairmans request this agenda item was moved forward and heard after item 7. all Councillors agreed to this change.

Before discussing this item, on behalf of the Parish Council and village Cllr Barter thanked David Millard for his long service in the Parish Council. David was part of the Parish Council for 16 years of which 9 of those were as Chairman. A gift from the current councillors and villagers was presented to David who has made an amazing contribution to the village and was an excellent Chairman.

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Appendix A

Parish Clerk Report July 2022

Telephone Box

This has been re-painted by the landlord of the Fox and Goose-thank you

Drainage issues on Hook Road

The blocked pipe on Hook Road has been chased up with Hampshire Highways (with the help of Jonathan Glen). On 22 June I received the following response from Keith Thompson, Principal Engineer North, Hampshire Highways:

“To bring you up to date on this matter, I have found that an order to cut three grips (channels between the road and ditch) was completed last December; subsequently, Rachel raised in March this year a work order for a jetting machine to attend the site to clear the road gullies along that section of Hook Road. There has been an unfortunate delay in that work being done as the machine required will necessitate the road being closed to through traffic for some hours and arranging the closure has not been straightforward. Please be assured that we are endeavouring to have the necessary arrangements put in place as quickly as possible. Should it be found that the grips require further attention, then arrangements for that will also be put in place.

Please accept my apologies for the on-going delay in this matter being resolved.”

Cllr email addresses

All Councillors have now been allocated a specific cllr email address which should be used for all Parish Council communication. Once all new addresses have been set up details will be circulated to villagers.

District Councillor John Kennett

Cllr Kennet noted that the applications for Lodge Farm are a pre application (pre-app) and request for a scoping opinion, neither is a full planning application. He outlined that while residents should be encouraged to share their views via the Hart planning portal, there is a concern that, for such an important development, there is a risk of ‘fatigue’, with residents feeling they have already submitted their comments should a full application come forward, especially as comments cannot be transferred from the pre-app or scoping opinion.

If a full application is submitted a project of this size would have a decision time of three months, which is often extended, so there would be ample time for residents to comment again.

An internal report has been commissioned to review the procedures and governance of the Shapley Heath Project, which explored one of the potential options to meet future housing demand in the district. The Hart District Council Audit Committee will be meeting later in July to consider the report which has identified a number of deficiencies in the way the project was managed.

County Councillor Jonathan Glen

Written Report

Armed Forces

Hampshire County Council last month raised the Armed Forces Flag to celebrate Hampshire’s military and defence community, and to mark Armed Forces Week (20-25 June).

Hampshire is home to a large Armed Forces community. The council is committed to supporting everyone working in this sector and their families in all it does. More details on its strong links with the Armed Forces can be seen at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/community/armedforces>.

Appendix A

Last month also saw the 40th anniversary of the end of the Falklands Conflict, on 14 June. The council has paid tribute to all the servicemen who lost their lives during that conflict, those who were injured and those who gave service in the South Atlantic military campaign.

To commemorate the 40th anniversary, a Union flag was raised outside The Great Hall in Winchester by Nick Burchell, a senior health and safety officer at the County Council, who is a Royal Navy veteran of the Falklands conflict. Nick was on active service on the destroyer HMS Coventry on 25 May, the day it was bombed and sank, leading to the loss of 19 crew members. The flag raising was then followed by a moment of silence.

Homes for Ukraine update

The latest available figures for visas issued are that as of 14 June 2022, 64,081 visas have been issued for England. 2,401 have been issued for Hampshire and 1,685 guests have arrived.

Defibrillators at Household Waste Recycling Centres

Hampshire County Council has announced that life-saving defibrillators will be available soon at all 24 HWRCs. The sites are run by the private contractor Veolia, on behalf of the county council and are visited by over 1.5m residents every year. Having this equipment available to use in an emergency could help to save lives.

Consultations

The County Council is seeking views on proposed changes to supported passenger transport services (local bus and community transport services funded by the County Council) and the County Council funded enhancements to the Concessionary Travel scheme in Hampshire.

The proposals seek to continue to deliver effective services, within a reduced budget, through: making operational changes to supported passenger transport services (including supported bus services, Dial-a-Ride, Call & Go, Taxi-share and Minibus Group Hire services) removing some discretionary enhancements to the Concessionary Travel Scheme, increasing the contributions users pay for some services, eg. introducing a £1 fare for all Taxi-share services and increasing the charge for replacing lost and damaged bus passes. There is no charge for replacing a stolen pass.

The consultation is available at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/passenger-transport> and closes on 24th July.

The second consultation to flag is on Hampshire County Council's draft Catchment Management Plans for the 18 river catchments in Hampshire. These plans provide an assessment of flood risk from a range of flooding sources and have been used to identify 66 Priority Areas across Hampshire where specified actions and stricter policies could be applied.

The consultation can be found at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/catchment-management-plans> and is open until 21st July.

Support for community projects

Over £70,000 has been awarded to five Hampshire groups to help each maintain and extend the activities provided for local communities from the Leader's Community Grant Fund scheme, which contributes, throughout the year, to groups supporting Hampshire's residents.

Projects supported include funding a new roof for a memorial centre; funding projection and audio equipment to allow a heritage trust to expand its accessible services; funding increased accessibility along 12km of public byways for the Riding for the Disabled Association; and funding the installation of new lighting, a sound system, and a projector to create a modern accessible room for the local community a village hall.

Community groups are encouraged to consider suitable schemes that may be suitable for support. The scheme considers applications for between £1,000 and £25,000 to use for activity costs and/or capital costs. Applications can be made at any time and are dealt with on a 'first come, first served' basis. Amounts over £25,000 can be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Appendix A

Verbal Report

Cllr Glen re-iterated Cllr Kennett comments regarding the pre-app and request for a scoping opinion at Lodge Farm and confirmed that any comments raised by villagers regarding these, and any future applications, will be taken note of.

He confirmed the local MP is aware of the current applications as are Hampshire County Council (HCC) as, when the time is right, they will be responsible for commenting on the economy, landscape, roads and traffic. Cllr Glen will be ensuring that everyone at county level is fully prepared if, and when, a full planning application is submitted.

He has received reports from both Hook and Odiham Parish Councils and the Whitewater Valley Preservation Society regarding the applications and these will be shared with the appropriate parties at county level.

County Councillor Juliet Henderson was very involved in the eventual refusal of a similar application at Dummer; her contact details, along with information regarding other parties who helped with the campaign in Dummer will be passed to the Parish Clerk.

The HCC Environment Scrutiny Committee is considering a blanket 20mph speed limit in all villages and has commissioned a working party to gather further information, they will present their findings to the Committee in the autumn; any proposals will be presented to the executive member and then to cabinet. A pilot scheme may then be implemented.

Greywell Parish Council Monthly Sheet for July 2022 (Appendix B)

Lloyds Current Account

Balance as at 13 May 2022

£5017.91 (agrees statement dated 31 May 2022)

Payments

Date	To	Amount
20 May 2022	The Community Heartbeat Trust Invoice 12320	£162.00
20 May 2022	The Basingstoke Canal Society Invoice 1779	£30.00
20 May 2022	Greywell Village Hall Invoice 220007	£10.00
20 May 2022	Came & Company Invoice 1609972	£353.59
20 May 2022	Staff Expenses May 2022	£28.36
23 May 2022	Greywell Village Hall Invoice 220012	£15.00
30 May 2022	Staff Salary & Home Office Allowance May 2022	£314.00
30 June 2022	Staff Salary & Home Office Allowance June 2022	£314.00

Receipts

Date	From	Amount
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Balance as at 15 July 2022

£3790.96 (agrees on line statement dated 15 July 2022)

Lloyds Savings Account

Balance as at 13 May 2022

£6226.12 (agrees statement dated 7 June 2022)

Receipts

Date	From	Amount
9 June 2022	Bank Interest	£0.05
11 July 2022	Bank Interest	£0.05

Balance as at 15 July 2022

£6226.22 (agrees on line statement dated 15 July 2022)

Total Balance as at 15 July 2022

Lloyds Current Account	£3790.96
Lloyds Savings Account	£6226.22
Unpresented cheques	Nil
Cancelled cheques	Nil
Net Bank Balance	£10017.18

Chairmans Signature and date:

Greywell Parish Council Q1 Accounts 30 June 2022

Incoming Payments

	Predicted 2022-2023	Already received
Precept	£5831.00	£5831.00
Bank Interest	£0.00	£0.09
VAT refund	Not included in budget	£0.00
Totals	£5831.00	£5831.09

Outgoing Payments

	Budget 2022-2023	Already paid	What's left in the budget
Salary	£3588.00	£897.00	£2691.00
Home Office Allowance	£180.00	£45.00	£135.00
Clerk's Expenses	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
Administration	£75.00	£23.63	£51.37
Insurance	£350.00	£353.59	-£3.59
Audit	£125.00	£125.00	£0.00
Venue Hire	£100.00	£25.00	£75.00
Website Management	£162.50	£0.00	£162.50
Repairs and Maintenance	£800.00	£335.00	£465.00
Training	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Subscriptions and Donations	£350.00	£204.09	£145.91
Chairmans Allowance	£50.00	£0.00	£50.00
Grants	£200.00	£0.00	£200.00
VAT (not included in budget)		£31.73	
Totals	£6030.50	£2040.04	£4022.19

Balance Carried Forward 31/3/22	£6226.08
ADD Total receipts (as above)	£5831.09
LESS Total payments (as above)	£2040.04
	£10017.13

Current Account as at 30/6/2022	3790.96
Savings Account as at 30/6/2022	£6226.17

Total **£10017.13**