

GRENDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday, 13th December 2022 at 7.30pm
in Grendon Community Centre

Present: D B Cox
M White
H Horton
A Hands
C Rich-Bate
M Hammersley

Also Present: A Wright
R Young – Clerk to the Council

1) APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from B Davey.

2) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No matters were raised.

3) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

D B Cox, A Hands and C Rich-Bate declared an interest in all matters relating to Grendon Community Centre.

4) MINUTES

It was proposed (H Horton), seconded (A Hands) and agreed that the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th November 2022 be approved as a true and correct record.

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on the 8th November 2022 as a true and correct record.

5) MATTERS ARISING

a) WCC - Signage

➤ Ongoing.

b) Hodgetts Estates

The Clerk confirmed that Ryan Lee-Wilkes, Principal Planning Enforcement Officer had sent the following letter to Hodgetts Estates:-

D Cox
Chairman

Sorry for the late notice, I have been in a meeting 2.00pm-5.00pm. But I have sent a chasing letter to the owners of the land, Mr & Mrs Hodgetts, requesting urgent contact to discuss the ongoing investigation.

In my letter I have requested contact prior to the 23rd December 2022 in order to discuss the matter and arrange a further site visit for the New Year.

Furthermore, I have stated my concern that my predecessor gave them a period of time to submit retrospective applications for formal consideration which passed in mid-September, yet no such applications have been received.

Hopefully, this will spark some level of communication.

I will keep you informed as and when I hear anything further.

c) Bus Shelter by Green Lane

- Land registration is ongoing with Solicitors.

d) Pull-in adjacent to the Co-operative Store, Grendon

The Clerk reported the following comments by Fiona McKenzie (National Highways):-

- Request to fund improvements to Pull-In still to be approved.
- Road to be resurfaced from Grendon Island to Holly Lane Island on A5.

e) Highway Matters

- Drains blocked on Spon Lane – M White to take up with WCC Highway Officer, Reece Berry.
- M White to review problem of event parking on the B5000 with WCC Highway Officer, Reece Berry. The Clerk also to obtain advice from NWBC Licensing and Planning regarding vehicle parking at organised events.

f) Newsletter

- To be available January 2023.

g) Highway Infrastructure

- D Cox and M White attended meeting with S Maxey at NWBC on the 23rd November 2022. Productive Meeting views of NWBC similar to the Parish Council. Amended proposals next year. S Maxey would like to bring all interested parties together at a meeting.
- Highways to survey Penmere Brook on 12th December 2022.

6) **PLANNING**

a) **Planning Applications Received**

- i) PAP/2022/0616
3 Riddings Wood, Watling Street, Grendon
Tree Maintenance
- ii) PAP/2022/0567
99 Boot Hill, Grendon
Two storey side extension to form ancillary accommodation and office, bedrooms and bathroom extension to existing dwelling.
- iii) PAP/2022/0572
9 Green Lane, Grendon
Outline Application for single dwelling with access to be considered and all other matters reserved.
- iv) PAP/2022/0610
15 Carts Lane, Grendon
Construction of detached double garage with roof in roof space in front garden.

b) **Other Planning Matters**

- a) Application Provision and Retention of Bund.

D Cox gave details of a letter to be sent to Mark Simpson and D Riley at NWBC as follows:-

On Monday, 5th December 2022 at the Planning Committee Meeting, Jeff Brown explained the above application to Councillors. He then stated there had been both support and objections regarding this application, but with no numbers.

Grendon Parish Council would like to know how many official letters/emails were received for both support and objection.

We understand from a resident that a builder's representative was taking a "straw poll" among residents prior to the meeting. Was this "poll" included amongst the support/objections stated by J Brown?

It seems peculiar that the applicant did not turn up to speak to support his application.

D B Cox

7) **CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- NWBC – Winter Warm Hubs.
- NWBC – Senior Management Recruitment Sub-Committee – 21st November 2022.
- NWBC – Council Meeting – 30th November 2022.
- Dordon Parish Council – Neighbourhood Plan.

D Cox
Chairman

Response as follows:-

P.27, point 67. The strategic gap must be retained on the North side of the A5. It has already gone on to South side. Tamworth will then take over part of North Warwickshire.

P.35, point 6. Fully support the retention of these areas, especially that of Dordon Hall Lane. It is already blighted by the number of HGV's at the Grendon end as NWBC do not enforce the planning regulations.

P.51, points 166-178. Fully support – Too long has nothing been done regarding traffic/parking in the Long Street area.

The three current Highways proposals for the A5 will not solve it. It will only move the problems to Grendon.

A proper joint solution is needed with National Highways/WCC Highways and NWBC sitting down together and working in concrete.

At present, the A5 proposals are being done on paper in Birmingham by consultants who have not studied the problems in reality and some admitted at the consultation evenings they had never been to Grendon/Dordon before. This is scandalous.

- NWBC – Special Sub-Group – 6th December 2022.
- NWBC – Planning and Development – 5th December 2022.
- NWBC – Executive Board – 21st November 2022.
- NWBC – Potential Election Costs.
- NWAC – Subscription 2022 – The Clerk to obtain details.
- Thank You Card for donation – 1st Grendon Brownies.
- Thank You Card for donation – Grendon Craft and Knitting.

8) **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- The Boot Inn – Signage – The Clerk to check with NWBC whether planning approval needed.
- Spon Lane – Entrance to Hastings Road very dark. Need for reflective pointers. M White to enquire with WCC Highways.

9) **FINANCE**

a) **Cheque Payments**

It was proposed, seconded and agreed to issue the following cheque payments:-

Date	Details	£
13/11/2022	Parish Clerk	249.00
13/11/2022	HMRC (PAYE)	166.00
13/11/2022	Glasdons (Dog Bin)	319.76
13/11/2022	M G Garden Services	100.00

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13/11/2022	D Cox (Printer Cartridge)	49.49
13/11/2022	M White (Memorial Wreath)	70.00
13/11/2022	Edible Links – Donation	100.00
13/11/2022	Mary Ann Hospice – Donation	50.00
13/11/2022	Marie Curie – Donation	50.00
	Total:	1,154.25

Resolved: To issue the above listed cheques.

10) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, 10th January 2023.

The meeting closed at 8.39pm.

**D B Cox
Chairman**

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