



GRENDON UNDERWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of GENERAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, 23rd January 2024 at 7.30pm

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E. Maker Parish Clerk

OPEN FORUM FOR RESIDENTS & STAKEHOLDERS

Prior to the meeting being formally constituted for Council business, the Chairman may hold a discretionary Open Forum, for contributions from Parishioners and other stakeholders attending, (under adjournment): Items requiring decisions must be deferred for inclusion in the next agenda.

Councillors Present: Moloney (Chair), Benfield (Vice), Jackman, Fealey, Scanlon, Harris, Maker.
Buckinghamshire County Councillor Mahon and one member of the public.

1. **Absences** - none

2. **Declarations of Interest** – County Councillor Mahon declared an interest as a Planning Committee Member in the presentation regarding the potential planning application to the rear of Orchard Cottage. Councillor Mahon left the meeting for the duration of the presentation by Palmer and Partners

3. **Minutes of the last meeting** - agreed and signed by the Chair.

4. **Open Forum:**

4.1 Draft plans were distributed to Council by the Palmer and Partners representative for the potential development to the rear of Orchard Cottage.
Cllr Moloney spoke of the need for immediate neighbours to be informed of any potential development in order they can make representation to the Parish Council if they wish. Further suggestion made for the developer to organise a face-to-face meeting with residents.

4.2 Kingswood precept query. Adjourned until next meeting due to resident illness.

4.3 County Councillor Mahon informed the meeting of various incoming grant initiatives available to Grendon Underwood. The Chair has requested detailed information in order that we can progress.

Highways - an update was given by County Cllr Mahon stating 21 teams made up of a gang of 5 (105 staff) are working 7 days a week. He requested leniency due to the teams dealing with storm damage. Dissatisfaction was expressed by Council. PC Highways Lead, Cllr Maker spoke with experience as to wasted resources at the taxpayers' expense. Cllr Maker informed the meeting of how he has used the Freedom of Information Act, which contradicted information he had been given by officers. Cllr Maker spoke of scheduled work that Buckinghamshire Council have not carried out, he was advised to report it on Fix My Street. County Cllr Mahon (as a backbencher) is prepared to raise this with Buckinghamshire Council. **Action:** County Councillor Mahon

5. **Matters from last meeting:**

5.1 Additional Defibrillator for Springhill – Chair wrote to SRA the day after the matter was raised at the Parish Council Meeting in November. To date nothing has been received.

Action Cllr Scanlon to raise at SRA meeting on Thursday 25th January.

Cllr Fealey fed back positive comments from residents on the location of the Springhill defibrillator. Additionally, it is to be recorded that the two village defibrillators will be inspected on Mondays prior to each council meeting and findings will be reported.

Action - Cllr Moloney

5.2 CCTV. Cllr Maker gave feedback on CCTV funding. He spoke of how he had been referred to Thames Valley Police but that costed plans are required before we can apply. County Cllr Mahon spoke of HS2's road safety fund. Cllr Moloney spoke of how the HS2's project had met with challenges regarding the path to the MUGA.

County Cllr Mahon is expecting an email by 8 February for a meeting between EastWest Rail, HS2



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and himself.

County Cllr Mahon spoke of Speedwatch at Twyford and stated on-line training with speed guns and high viz jackets is available if 5 people could volunteer. Cllr Moloney has requested detailed information before sharing in the public domain. **Action** County Cllr Mahon.

County Cllr Mahon left the meeting at 8.20 pm.

5.3 Village Speeding data capture – Cllr Harris presented the following information:

Church North – (Captures vehicles in & out from Edgcott) **30mph road**

Maximum speed in 55mph

Maximum speed out 62mph

Average Speed in 25.64

Average speed out 26.20

Number of vehicles in last 11 months in 439553

Number of vehicles in last 11 months out 481241

In last 11 months 7 vehicles exceeded more than 50mph & 1 more than 60mph in.

In last 11 months 33 vehicles exceeded more than 50mph out.

Church South – (Captures vehicles in & out from the Broadway) **30mph road**

Maximum speed in 78mph

Maximum speed out 87mph

Average Speed in 27.85mph

Average Speed out 32.50mph

Number of vehicles in 11 months in 483440

Number of vehicles in 11 months out 494232

In last 11 months 2744 vehicles exceeded more than 50mph & 11 more than 70mph in.

In last 11 months 32 vehicles exceeded more than 70mph & 5724 more than 50mph out.

Village Hall (Captures vehicles on Main Street driving towards the shop) **30mph road**

Maximum speed in last 7 months 48mph

Average speed in last 7 months 24.1mph

5.4 New Village Map

Cllr Scanlon informed the council that a resident has kindly offered to produce a new village map free of charge for the village.

5.5 Incoming Grants

Clerk has applied for funding for a new bench to be located in the village playing field.

5.6 Swan Public House

It is noted that many residents have voiced concerns on Facebook regarding the lack of communication as to the future of the pub. Planning have not fed back with regard to the alleged breach of regulations. Action to contact enforcement for update. - **Action** Clerk

6. **Planning** – None

7. **Finance:**

7.1 Outgoing Grants

One received from St Leonards Church for grass cutting. Decision postponed until February.

Action Cllr Moloney to contact Church Warden regarding the correct completion of application.

7.2 Expense claims – Mr B Martindale & Cllr Harris - Approved to pay.

7.3 Outstanding invoices – SSE, Saye & Sele & Village Hall - Approved to pay.

7.4 SSE Energy contract renewal – Agreed to renew following clerk's research of rates from different companies and comparison with other local parishes. SSE rate is lower this year than formerly.

Action: SSE Contract to be renewed – Clerk



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7.5 Budget for 2024 agreed and approved. Unanimously adopted by council.

8. Agenda Requests from Councillors:

8.1 Asset Register – **Action** Cllr Jackman to review register.

8.2 Playground inspection - Cllr Maker has sourced the annual inspection, report due soon.

Cllr Maker has also drafted a new internal inspection form. Small amendments are now to be made on the form. **Action:** Cllr Jackman to carry out monthly inspections with the new form from this month.

8.3 Scam Emails - Cllr Moloney advised to be aware, to automatically delete, and not to open links.

8.4 Website Update - currently undergoing maintenance.

9. Report from Stakeholders:

9.1 Village Hall - Cllr Scanlon updated the council as to the last Village Hall meeting:

W I still want a freestanding TV in the ante room, which can be locked away.

The location of the induction loop was questioned.

Rent/rate review is underway and is to be finalised in April.

Bookings continue to be high.

The blocked outside drains are to be cleared.

Possible funding of kitchen joint venture between the football club and village hall.

Replacement of chairs are to be priced.

W I want 2 disabled parking bays.

There was also talk about a company that would put an electric vehicle charger in the carpark (with an income source for the village hall). The village hall trustees are to look at this.

9.2 Saye and Sele – met 22 January 2024. Nothing significant to report except ownership of the hedge (containing dead elms) needs to be established. The lease will need to be looked at to establish boundary ownership.

More income than spending is being generated and therefore the foundation has written to Grendon Underwood and Quanton schools asking for details of any extra-curricular activities to which the foundation could consider allocating funds.

9.3 Residents - The scouts had requested the council move the day or time of their monthly meeting.

Meetings have been pre-set until May. There cannot be alterations at this time.

Email to be sent to the Scouts Leader to say the council will continue to meet from 7.30 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month. **Action** Clerk

10. **Open Forum for Members** – It was agreed to hold a 3-month review for the new Clerk before the next meeting. – **Action** Cllrs Scanlon & Jackman to arrange.

Next village litter pick will be on the 2nd March 2024 – **Action** Cllr Fealey

11. **Date of next meeting** - 27th February at 7.30pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.41pm