



Grendon Underwood Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 25th February 2025 at 7.45pm

DRAFT Issue date 1st March 2025

Office of the 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: Cllr K Moloney, (Chair) Cllr Jackman, Cllr A Benfield, Cllr C Scanlon, Cllr B Martindale (part)
County Councillor F Mahon

1. **Apologies:** County Cllr Angela Macpherson
Public: one member of public attended.
2. **Open Forum** – County Councillor Frank Mahon gave an update on the Solar Farm and battery farm, currently 81 applications in Buckinghamshire alone, progress and more to follow. He is concerned and opposed to the Twyford to Charndon road closure required by British Telecom. Due to County elections on 1st March, this would be his last GUPC meeting ahead of elections. Council thanked him for his past support and wished him well
3. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Benfield – grass cutting tender.
4. **Minutes of the last council meeting. Budget meeting 6th January 2025 agreed & signed off by Chairman. General meeting 28th January 2025 agreed and signed off by Chair.**
5. **Matters from last meeting:**
 - 5.1 Winslow Rotary – **Closed**
 - 5.2 MUGA bolts – **Cllr Jackman**
 - 5.3 EWR defib update, Springhill – **awaiting collection by SRA**
 - 5.4 Grendon 800 tree – **Closed**
 - 5.5 Granborough battery storage objection – **Closed**
 - 5.6 Parking on grass verges – County **Closed**
 - 5.7 Saye & Sele grant application – submitted for £5000 or play equipment – **Awaiting decision**
 - 5.8 Defibrillator keypad repaired – **Closed**
 - 5.9 Pond signs – collected **Closed**
 - 5.10 Insurance ref pond no advice forthcoming - **Closed**
 - 5.11 Clerk performance review – **Closed**
6. **Planning**
 - 6.1 Resident report of building works at The Grove. **Action: Clerk to write to County.**
7. **Biodiversity – Nothing to report.**
8. **Finance:**
 - 8.1 Expense Claims – **None**
 - 8.2 Invoices to pay – **Sign Wizard £78.89 paid.**
 - 8.3 Footpath Lighting tender – **Resolved** to commence a 36 month contract with Cardinal Group Ltd with Tomato Energy. **Proposed:** Cllr Martindale; **Seconded:** Cllr Scanlon: vote unanimous **Action:** Chairman to progress contract
 - 8.4 Winslow Rotary – awaiting a further £1000 donation. **Action:** Cllr Benfield



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9. Agenda requests from Councillors:

9.1 Co-option of new councillor – Proposed B. Martindale. Application received & circulated to Council 31st January 2025. Exceptional resume considered. **Proposed** Cllr Scanlon, **Seconded** Cllr Benfield.

Vote to accept unanimous.

9.2 Appoint Council Governance lead. Proposed Cllr Martindale, **Proposed**, Cllr Jackman, **Seconded**, Cllr Scanlon, **Vote to accept, unanimous in favour.**

9.3 Policy Breaches – Council audit identified breaches related to three Council accounts duly documented and recorded under confidential matters for governance/monitoring by County Monitoring Officer.

9.4 Resignations – Cllr Lindsey Fealey: **duly accepted**

Proper officer, Elizabeth Maker: **duly accepted**

Cllr Nicholas Maker: **duly accepted.**

9.5 Grass cutting tender – following acceptance of previous performance, a three year was awarded to Benfield Landscapes. **Proposed**, Cllr Scanlon, **Seconded**, Cllr Martindale, **vote unanimous to accept.**

9.6 Playground Inspection report – report tabled by Cllr Jackman. Received with thanks. **No action.**

9.7 Village Litter pick – EKFB undertaken to carry out on 12th March 2025.

9.8 Council Equipment Handover – Cllr Moloney carried out handover of council equipment and issued receipt, accepted by ex-Clerk, to include, mobile phone, laptop, thumb drive, printer, various council documents in hard copy. **Closed**

9.9 Clerk Third party correspondence schedule – **Closed**

10. Reports from Stakeholders:

10.1 Village Hall Charity – Thursday 20th March 7.15pm drug awareness course. Mental health awareness course in progress, timing tba. Electrical works carried out unmetered socket now correctly metered to reflect accurate power usage/cost. Completed Health & Safety Policy.

10.2 Saye and Sele Charity – Cllr Jackman reported that since last meeting, two grants awarded, grant request from GUPC for play equipment funding received. Next meeting, 28th April 2025.

10.3 School - report requested. **nothing received.**

10.4 Springhill Residence Association – report received and tabled attached to minutes.

10.5 Faith Beaumont Charity– **nothing to report**

10.6 Thames Valley Police – **nothing to report**

10.7 Energy from Waste – **nothing to report since last meeting.**

11. Monthly Inspection

11.1 Playgrounds – Cllr Jackman completed and recorded

12. Health and Safety:

Resident report of disrepair of footpaths. **Action:** Cllr Moloney to write to Steve Broadbent at County for use of new equipment.

13. Agenda requests from the Public: see 6.1

14. Personnel

15. Open Forum for Members Only (under adjournment) Nothing to report

Date of Next Meeting: 25th March 2025 7.45 pm at the Village Hall

The Chair closed the meeting at 9.05pm

DATE	TYPE	DESCRIPTION	PAYMENT AMOUNT
03/02/2025	DD	S F LTD SEELS SALIX FINANCE	£ 510.53
03/02/2025	DD	BC RECEIPTS BCKSCNCL3500383465	£ 37.55
03/02/2025	SO	MARION RILEY	£ 10.00



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28/02/2025	FPO	SIGN WIZZARD LTD INV 38915	£ 78.89
28/02/2025	FPO	EJ MAKER FEB 25 FINAL SALARY	£ 517.40

K. Moloney

25th March, 2025

APPROVED