



# GRENDON UNDERWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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## Grendon Underwood Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 7.30pm

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E. Maker Parish Clerk

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### 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, County Councillor Frank Mahon and five members of the public

1. **Apologies** – County Councillor Angela Macpherson
2. **Open Forum** – Residents from Grendon Underwood attended to express dissatisfaction at the planning application of land to the rear of Orchard Cottage. (24/00753/APP) The main objection they cited was that it is against the linear village and would open a precedent. There was also concern expressed regarding drainage, light pollution, and traffic.

The Chair told the residents that she had advised Mr Jack Spence to communally meet with residents. He has not.

She also advised that the positive relationship spoken of with the Parish Council on the developer's web site was untrue.

The development was unanimously opposed by the Parish Council. **Action** Cllr Jackman to draft a letter to Buckinghamshire Council outlining objections.

3. **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr Benfield - mowing.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting** - agreed and signed by the Chair.
5. **Matters from last meeting:**
  - 5.1 Grendon 800 grant – this is to be deferred **Action** Cllr Fealey to continue obtaining quotes.
  - 5.2 Outstanding Fix My Street issues – County Cllr Mahon was to chase up. Cllr Mahon said he is speaking with the Council every day, and spoke, with the aid of his computer, of TTROs and referred to the South receiving more money. Cllr Maker referred him back to Fix My Street issues, of which he had an A4 page of outstanding reported Fix My Streets going back to May last year.

The kerb weirs were reported as not working in May 2023 and twice Cllr Maker has been told that this is to be addressed. It has not been. When he spoke with Cllr Macpherson, she said she had been told that he had said it was not urgent, this is not true. Cllr Maker said he has been continually chasing this.

The Chair asserted that in the January Parish Council Meeting Cllr Mahon offered to take on the issue of Grendon Underwood's kerb weirs. County Cllr Mahon said he recognised Grendon Underwood's frustration. **Action** County Cllr Mahon to speak with area LAT to get an update.

Cllr Jackman asked what the programmed plan for Fix My Street is. Cllr Moloney spoke of the waste of public money she has seen, and Cllr Maker spoke of the need for the Council to plan work properly.

A walk is to be arranged with Parish Councillors, County Cllr Mahon and a highway representative who can make decisions. **Action** County Councillor Mahon



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*County Cllr Mahon left at 8.10 pm.*

- 5.3 Dog Fouling on playing field – Cllr Moloney spoke of the legal position – we are to be proactive and photograph evidence as seen. This would then be followed up by the Police.
- 5.4 Website – Audits now added.
- 5.5 Photographs of Cllr Scanlon and Harris received, **Action** Clerk - now to be added to Web site.
- 5.6 Love Your Village Posters - Now erected.
- 5.7 Play Equipment – Cllr Jackman has spoken with a wood specialist. He was not optimistic but he can visit in the future. Cllr Maker spoke of it being installed in 2014 and of it potentially having a 15-year warranty. **Action:** Clerk to continue to pursue manufacturers.
- 5.8 Mowing of Playing Field Area 4 – price back and within budget. Cllr Fealey proposed, and Cllr Harris seconded to accept quote. **Action** Cllr Maker to send out acceptance letter.
- 5.9 Replacement benches to be delivered this week. Once playing field is dry, concrete pads to be cleaned and new benches installed. **Action** Date to be confirmed.
- 5.10 Kerb Weirs – covered in 5.2. Cllr Maker was able to report a positive meeting with County Cllr Angela Macpherson.
- 5.11 Speeding – Chair wants to look at the analytics of the speed check data to ensure reliability.
- 5.12 Village Map – Cllr Scanlon reported it is in hand, and nearing completion.

### 6. Planning

- 6.1 Orchard Cottage 24/00753/APP - Cllr Jackman will draft a response to be received by 4 April by Buckinghamshire Council regarding our objection to land being developed at the rear of the property.
- 6.2 Section 106 funding - If the development does unfortunately proceed, we would request that 106 monies to be spent on either the playground or the village hall.

*Councillor Harris left at 9.00pm*

### 7. Finance

- 7.1 Grant Application from Life Education – not possible due to lack of funds
- 7.2 Expense Claims – Clerk, approved for payment.
- 7.3 Invoices to pay – E-on, approved for payment.

### 8. Agenda requests from Councillors

- 8.1 Cllr Moloney updated the council as to her and the clerk's visit to the Prison. She was able to report that Hope Springs will be re-opened and that particular issues of concern raised regarding Springhill will be overseen by the Prison's Management Team. Cllr Moloney advised she had asked for 6 workers to work in Grendon Underwood Parish, and this is to be applied for. She is hopeful that the children's anti-speeding road signs will be framed by prisoners, additionally they will be involved in a village hall clean up. Cllr Moloney told the council that Springhill Prison has 330 prisoners and Grendon Underwood Prison has 180 prisoners (albeit could house more).
- 8.2 The Highways Meeting was said, by Cllr Jackman, to be a disappointing meeting and there was a little confusion as to whether he was at liberty to give details. **Action:** A report from Buckinghamshire Council is awaited.



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- 8.3 Grendon 800 Update by Cllr Moloney - The Council were advised that she has seen records showing how remarkable Grendon Underwood has been in the past years. Cllr Fealey said Grendon 800 could be a stepping stone to do more as a village in future.
- 8.4 Email Scams – **Action:** These are to be avoided by way of phoning the person from whom they are supposed to be from and not to reply to the email.
- 8.5 Defibs both checked today. **Action** Clerk to update the Web.

## 9. Report from Stakeholders:

- 9.1 Village Hall – AGM Meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- 9.2 Saye and Sele - Nothing to report.
- 9.3 School - Nothing to report.
- 9.4 Springhill - AGM 28<sup>th</sup> March, with Village Hall booked. They also have plans for the Horse racing, Dungbeetles and a Christmas event. There was a poor reply to the community survey.

## 10. Agenda requests from the public:

- 10.1 The footpath request for Playing Field. – Unfortunately, this would be very difficult due to Grendon Underwood Parish Council not owning the land. Additionally, there are no funds for it as there are no grants available.
- 10.2 Faith Beaumont Charity- Cllr Benfield will attend on behalf of the Parish Council
- 10.3 Drainage Issues – already covered in 5.2 and will be looked at again in village walkabout.

**Date and time of next meeting** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2024 at 7.30pm

The Chair closed the meeting at 10.00pm

Date	Type	Transaction Description	Debit	Credit
28/03/2024	FPO	TRYSPO RTS INVOICE	£ 89.00	
28/03/2024	FPO	E. ON ENERGY	£ 45.60	
28/03/2024	FPO	OFFICE EXPENSES	£ 101.44	
28/03/2024	FPO	CLERK SALARY	£ 520.00	
28/03/2024	DD	BUCKS COUNCIL DOG BINS	£ 639.30	
04/03/2024	DD	SSE ENERGY SUPPLY	£ 91.39	
04/03/2024	DD	BUCKS COUNCIL GENERAL WASTE	£ 34.00	
01/03/2024	SO	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	£ 10.00	