

Draft Minutes

Greywell Parish Council Meeting

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 6.00 pm in the Village Hall**

1	<p><b>Present:</b> David Millard (Chairman), Henri Mogg and Mike Barter County Councillor Jonathan Glen, District Councillors John Kennett and Ken Crookes, Elizabeth Ford (Clerk). <b>Apologies:</b> Accepted from Sue O'Neill (Vice Chair) and Earl of Malmesbury. Also received from District Councillor Stephen Gorys.</p>	
2	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting</b> The minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were approved and signed.</p>	
3	<p><b>Declarations of interest relating to this agenda:</b> None</p>	
4	<p><b>Matters arising from previous minutes</b> Councillors would confirm to JK whether they would like to attend the 9<sup>th</sup> July Hart DC visit to the Alton and Chineham recycling centres (subject to spaces being available).</p>	MB, EoM and DM
5	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <i>Applications to be considered at meeting</i> There were no new applications to be considered at the meeting.</li><li>b. <i>Update on previous applications.</i> This is included as Appendix A</li><li>c. <i>Local planning matters (JK and KC)</i> The emergency Hart DC cabinet meeting the previous Thursday had agreed to accept the two suggestions made by the Local Plan Inspector to: (1) not include the new settlement in the Plan (at least initially) and (2) accept the provision of 730 houses for Surrey Heath. A further consultation was required on the modifications so that the Plan was not now expected to be in place until September. However, the Plan now had significant power in planning terms so that Hart DC could be confident to refuse planning applications and have the decision upheld by the Planning Inspectorate. Even with the additional provision of 730 houses for Surrey Heath, Hart DC had more than 8 years of housing. The extensive new development of housing in Hook and the pressure it would place on local infrastructure was discussed. The Pale Lane public inquiry had finished but the decision was deferred until the Local Plan was complete.</li></ul>	
6	<p><b>Ongoing issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. <i>Speedwatch</i> It was suggested that residents were invited to attend the next Speedwatch (to be carried out in the next couple of weeks) to encourage more volunteers.</li><li>b. <i>Website</i> <b>It was resolved</b> to accept the new website structure and the Clerk to instruct Upperbridge Enterprises to construct the new website. The Village Hall Chairman would be requested to review the proposals for the Village Hall page. The Clerk would be trained as the webmaster, would initially carry out updates and would train other administrators, if these were found to be required. The website, village email list and the Village Facebook Group were all considered necessary to publicise village information.</li><li>c. <i>Phone box – Defibrillator, CPR training, Village Emergency Telephone System</i> HM advised that the defibrillator was checked and working. The VETS was in operation but no calls had been received by the volunteers at the meeting.</li></ul>	Clerk

	<p>d. Parish Lengthsman A satisfactory report had been received on the works carried out by the Parish Lengthsman team on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.</p> <p>e. Low hanging trees over Hook Road The Clerk would write to HC Highways to request that the trees which were hanging low over the length of Hook Road from Cotmans Corner to the A287 dual carriageway were made safe. The flytipping on the Hook Road was discussed and KC and JK would forward a request to Hart DC for a camera to be deployed in the area.</p> <p>f. Village Clean Up The next Village Clean Up would take place on Saturday 27 April starting at 0930hrs. Residents planning to attend should contact the organisers by Friday 29 March.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>KC&amp;JK</p>						
7	<p><b>Report from County Councillor</b> The year of opposition to the proposed cancellation of school buses to the Robert May School was discussed. Compromises had been achieved so that school buses would be provided in Winter, cycleways would be provided if desired and fee paying buses would be introduced slowly. Social media had identified that school buses were being cancelled nationally as County Councils were cancelling funding for non statutory duties. The opposition group was now seeking third party support e.g. from Natural England to oppose the proposed routing of the school safe walking routes through a SSSI. Alternative routes were being evaluated. Discussions were on hold until after the May 2<sup>nd</sup> District Council elections. The cancellation of the school buses was expected to impact on traffic levels and parking in Greywell. The County Council budget would be approved. The Council leader was in contact with Government via the County Councils Network and the Local Government Association regarding the lack of money. The County still had a large reserve. KC advised that the police precept had increased by 13% to fund increased community policing and there would be 200 new police for Hampshire. Roy Perry would be stepping down as leader of HCC in May so that a new leader would be appointed until the HCC elections in two years.</p>							
8	<p><b>Report from District Councillor</b> Also see under 5.c. Hart DC had agreed a budget which involved a 3% increase in the Hart DC portion (less than 10% of the total) of the Council Tax. The 2019/2020 budget included £0.75M for a development plan for the new settlement which was not now expected to be required.</p>							
9	<p><b>To consider support for the Basingstoke Canal Society</b> <b>It was resolved</b> to join the Basingstoke Canal Society with a donation of £15.</p>							
10	<p><b>To consider support for the Whitewater Valley Preservation Society</b> <b>It was resolved</b> to join the Whitewater Valley Preservation Society with a donation of £25.</p>							
11	<p><b>To note village feedback results of recent Winchester Diocese Survey “What do you think of your Parish Church?”</b> A summary of the feedback results of the survey is included in Appendix B.</p>							
12	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p><i>a. To note current financial situation and sign bank statements</i> Bank reconciliations as at 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were approved and signed as correct. Account balances were noted as follows:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>i. Treasurer’s account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£19,757.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ii. Business 30 day account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£12.26</td> </tr> <tr> <td>iii. Reconciled total</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£19,769.82</td> </tr> </table> <p><i>b. Payments and cheques for signature.</i> Payments were approved as per the schedule over the page.</p>	i. Treasurer’s account	£19,757.56	ii. Business 30 day account	£12.26	iii. Reconciled total	£19,769.82	
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	<p>c. <i>To consider opening a new savings account</i>  <b>It was resolved</b> to open a new savings account with NS&amp;I or similar with instant access, interest rate and no risk and deposit the Parish Council reserve and the balance of the DLFF. All interest accruing to the DLFF balance would be added to the DLFF.</p> <p>d. <i>To confirm appointment of internal audit and arrangements for internal audit</i>  <b>It was resolved</b> to appoint Do the Numbers Ltd as the internal auditor for 2018/2019 for a fee of £160.</p> <p>e. <i>To decide whether to request or opt-out of an external audit (limited assurance review)</i>  <b>It was resolved</b> to opt out of an external audit.</p>	Clerk  Clerk  Clerk
13	<p><b>To consider revision of the governance documents</b>  <b>It was resolved</b> to adopt the governance documents with no changes</p>	
14	<p><b>To discuss arrangements for the May Annual Meetings</b>  The Parish Council Annual Meeting (AGM ) would be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm and would be followed at 7.15pm that evening by the Parish Assembly. Suggestions for a speaker were: local police officer, PCC or local resident on Cybersafety, Tristram Cary or the WVPS.</p>	Clerk
15	<p><b>Any other business and items for agenda of next meeting</b>  DM advised that he would be standing down as Chair and Parish Councillor at the end of the next Council term.</p>	
16	<p><b>Dates of next meetings</b>  The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in Greywell Village Hall  The Parish Council Annual Meeting (AGM) would start at 6pm followed by refreshments from 7pm and then the Parish Assembly at 7.15pm</p>	

The meeting closed at 7.12pm

### Schedule of cheques and payments for approval/signature on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Serial	Payee	Services/Goods	Amount	Cheque No	Dated
<b>Retrospective</b>			nil		
<b>Current</b>					
25	E Ford	Clerk salary,exp (Feb&Mar)	£361.06	535	18 Mar 2019
26	Premier Grounds and Garden Maintenance	Post-fix Footpath Gates	£ 72.00	536	18 Mar 2019
27	Whitewater Valley Preservation Society	Membership donation 2019	£ 25.00	537	18 Mar 2019
28	The Basingstoke Canal Society	Membership donation 2019	£ 15.00	538	18 Mar 2019
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£473.06</b>		

## **Appendix A –Planning Update for March 2019**

**Current Applications: None**

### **Update on Previous Planning Applications**

**17/01800/FUL & 17/01801/LBC.** Manor Farm Barns, The Street, Greywell.

**Proposal:** Conversion and extension of farm buildings to create five dwellings, etc

Parish Council comment no objection. Status: Application ongoing. No further info. since 10 November 2017

**17/03487/FUL.** Land Adjacent to Junction 6 M3 Basingstoke Hampshire.

**Proposal:** Construction of a new Motorway Service Area to comprise an amenity building, lodge, drive thru coffee unit, associated car, coach, motorcycle, caravan, HGV and abnormal load parking, and a fuel filling station with retail shop, together with alterations to the adjoining roundabout on the M3 and slip roads to form an access point and works to the highway. Provision of landscaping, infrastructure and ancillary works. Validated 2 November 2017.

Parish Council comment to object. Status: Application ongoing. Last docs posted were: 1) a recommendation from Highways England On 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019 regarding the amended planning application that planning permission not be granted for a specified period to allow the evaluation of recently submitted reports; and 2) a comment from the Pegasus Group acting on behalf of the Extra MSA Group on 29<sup>th</sup> February that there was no gap in provision and therefore no need for an MSA.

## **Appendix B – Record of information submitted by Greywell PC in March 2019 to the Winchester Diocese online survey “What do you think of your parish church?”**

Four villagers replied to a request for feedback and the replies were used to respond to the online survey. A summary of the replies is as follows:

The responses for the following items 1) to 3) were mostly fair to good.

1) How well do you think this church supported the following groups in the local community during 2018?

Residents, new residents, tourists, the poorest, retired and older people, commuters, people who work in the village, under 16s.

2) How well do you think church members supported social activities through getting involved in local groups, clubs or organisations during 2018?

3) How strong do you think the local relationships between the parish church and the local community were in 2018?

For question 4) “If the parish church were not there anymore, what would be the two things missed most by the local community?”

The regular congregation is quite small, but the church is well attended for special services such as Christmas and Easter. If the church was not there anymore, the regular church goers would miss the services and the villagers would miss the opportunity to use the church for weddings, christenings and funerals. It would be a sad day for the community if the church was no longer there.

5) Any other comments.

The church building is part of our historical and cultural heritage and is a focal point in the village. It attracts many walkers and visitors and refreshments are provided for these visitors by the church warden.

The church committee organises social activities throughout the year which are well publicised. They seem to liaise well with the village hall committee.

The vicar provides TLC on an individual and is often seen at village events.