

GREYWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Greywell Parish Council meeting
held in the Village Hall at 7.15pm on Tuesday 14 December 2021

In attendance: - Cllr D Millard, Cllr M Barter, Cllr H Mogg and Cllr J Pocock
Also in attendance-Beverley Bridgman (Parish Clerk)

Draft minutes subject to confirmation

1. Receive and accept apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted from the Earl of Malmesbury. Apologies were also received from District Councillors Dorn, Kennett and Crookes and County Councillor Glen (Cllr Glen attended the meeting from 7.45pm)

2. Receive and note any declarations of interest relevant to the Agenda

None

3. The Chairman to approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 26 October 2021

Approved and signed; the minutes of the confidential meeting held on 26 October 2021 were also approved and signed

4. Open the meeting to members of the public

None

5. Receive reports

Written reports from District Councillor's Crookes and Dorn and County Cllr Glen were submitted prior to the meeting and can be found in Appendix A

6. Update on previous planning applications

Subject to various conditions the planning application for a solar farm at Chosley Farm, North Warnborough was approved at a Hart Planning Committee meeting held on 10 November 2021

7. Discuss next steps in respect of the Chosley Farm solar farm application and other solar farm applications within the Hart district

Since approval of the Chosley Farm application the Parish Council has submitted a letter to the Hart Planning Officer to seek protection from construction traffic accessing the site through the village of Greywell. A letter of a similar nature will also be submitted to the agents, DLP Planning Ltd, who are acting on behalf of the applicants. The letter to the Planning Officer also asked if, given the growing number of developments being proposed in the rural part of the area, the District Council would be developing specific policies for solar farms

8. Agree annual renewal of CPRE membership (£36)

Agreed

9. Approve the Electronic Payment request for December

Approved-The Electronic Payment request for December is shown below:

Greywell Parish Council December 2021 Electronic Payment Request

To	Item	Amount	Invoice number
Staff	Salary December 2021	£266.08	12/21
Greywell Village Hall	Hire of hall December 2021	£12.50	210020
Community Heartbeat Trust	Annual Renewal of VETS Telephone System	£120.00	10587
CPRE	Annual Renewal	£36.00	512421

10. Note the current financial situation and sign bank statements

Noted-The current financial situation can be found in Appendix B. The balances as at 8 December 2021 were:

Current Account: £7599.44

Savings Account: £12.26

11. Discuss a Greywell Grant Awarding Policy and Application form

Agreed to implement a Greywell Grant Awarding Policy in line with the recommendation from the Parish Councils internal audit in 2021. From April 2022 community groups within the Parish will be able to apply for a grant from the Parish Council via completion of an application form. Agreed that a maximum amount of £200 will be available in the budget. The sample Grant Awarding Policy and application form provided by the Parish Clerk were approved.

12. Discuss and agree the Parish Council budget and Precept for 2022-2023

Subject to unexpected costs there is likely to be around £6266 in the Parish Council bank accounts at the end of this financial year.

For the 2021-2022 financial year the precept was increased by just under 18% and this was viewed as significant, given that there had been minor increases in the precept in previous years. Councillors appreciate that costs have continued to rise significantly but felt that funding them in full this year from the precept would result in a percentage increase that was unacceptable. It was acknowledged that it will take time to get the precept up to an amount to cover what should be seen as basic costs

Agreed the Parish Council budget for 2022-2023 as below. It was noted this budget will cover basic costs only, the budget allocated for grants will be covered by reserves as will any other costs for training, email addresses, elections and land registry etc

Agreed to request a precept of £5831 for the 2022-2023 financial year which represents an increase of just over 12%, in monetary terms this will be a 40p monthly increase in the Parish Council proportion of council tax for a band D property in the village. The Precept request form was signed by the Parish Clerk and two Councillors and will be returned to Hart District Council by the Parish Clerk

Greywell Budget 2022-2023

Salary	£3588.00
Home Office Allowance	£180.00
Clerks Expenses	£50.00
Administration	£75.00
Insurance	£350.00
Audit	£125.00
Venue Hire	£100.00
Web Site Management	£162.50
Repairs & Maintenance	£800.00
Subscriptions & Donations	£350.00
Chairmans Allowance	£50.00
Grants	£200.00
Contingency	£0.00
TOTAL	£6030.50

13. Chairman & Parish Clerk to sign Salary Review document

Signed

14. Update from Cllr Barter regarding adverse possession of land at the pumping station

Cllr Barter confirmed that forms, including statements of truth will be completed on the HMRC website. Costs up to a maximum of £200 were agreed

15. Update from Cllr Mogg regarding Speed Watch & Fibre Broadband

Cllr Mogg advised that Hart District Council have provided new batteries for the Speed Watch equipment and so going forward the team of eight volunteers will be able to borrow the necessary equipment for two weeks at a time

In the recent Speed Watch sessions they had caught three people speeding; it was planned to organise more sessions in March and April 2022

The Fibre Broadband application for the village had been put forward to Openreach and further information will be provided once available

16. Update regarding the VETS scheme and defibrillator

A report had been sent from the VETS team which confirmed that, to their knowledge, the defibrillator had not been deployed and seemed to be functioning well. New pads, which are covered by the maintenance contract, have been received and will be installed

17. Confirm the date and time of the next meeting

Confirmed the next Parish Council meeting will be held in the village hall at 6pm on 16 February 2022

There being no other business the meeting finished at 8.15pm

Appendix A

County Councillor Jonathan Glen December 2021/January 2022

Email: jonathan.glen@hants.gov.uk

A Happy and Healthy New Year to you all!

Here are a few points of interest from Winchester to start 2022 off in style:

Covid-19 guidance

At the time of writing, more cases of the new Omicron Covid variant have been confirmed in the Basingstoke district, including at a local school. It is expected that the number of cases across Hampshire will increase

Simon Bryant, Hampshire County Council's Director of Public Health, has reiterated that the council will encourage the public to adopt safe behaviours to prevent further spread. His advice is to "get vaccinated – first dose, second dose, booster. Wear a face covering on public transport, in shops and crowded places. If you have symptoms, then isolate immediately and get a PCR test"

"Ahead of social events, take a lateral flow test, meet outdoors if possible, or if indoors, open a window to let in fresh air. All of these individual actions can make a difference to help slow the spread of infection and help keep each other safe in the run-up to Christmas"

Child school/nursery attendance guidance

Separately, new advice was published last month to help parents and carers decide whether to send their child to school or nursery if they are feeling unwell. Produced by Hampshire County Council in collaboration with the NHS and local authority partners, the resource provides quick access to information that will help someone identify a possible health condition from a range of symptoms and whether the child should remain at home.

The new easy-to-follow guidance lists a range of common childhood illnesses and conditions from conjunctivitis to head lice, as well as symptoms such as a high temperature and a sore throat and what these might mean. It includes details about actions to take and when a child should return to education after being treated

The information is provided on the [Should your child go to school/nursery today?](#); it is a general guide and has been checked by health professionals. However, if someone is unsure about a child's wellbeing they should contact their GP, call the NHS helpline on 111 or visit their nearest pharmacy

Waste reduction

Community Waste Reduction Grants of up to £5000 are available for community organisations. Grant funding is available to community groups, small businesses, schools, charities, and parish councils to fund projects which will introduce a new waste prevention, reuse or repair project to the local area. The fund that has supported more than 60 projects across Hampshire since 2017. Among the exciting projects are repair cafes, cookery and upcycling classes in schools, reusable nappy libraries, swap events and many more that have contributed to helping people to reuse more and reduce household waste in Hampshire

Potential applicants are asked to discuss their ideas first with the Waste Prevention Team before applying. Please contact the team by emailing: waste.prevention@hants.gov.uk to arrange an informal discussion. The deadline for applications is 5pm Friday 18 February 2022

20 is Plenty

Hampshire County Council have announced a review of the evidence for 20-mph zones in residential areas and this will be undertaken by the Environment, Transport and Economy Select Committee in early 2022. Hampshire Constabulary and the Police and Crime Commissioner will be invited to take part

Additional climate change support

Hampshire County Council has welcomed news of a successful bid for over £205,000 from the Government's Community Renewal Fund, which will enable the authority to expand its work with communities to reduce carbon emissions and adapt to climate change. I reported on the current work being undertaken by the council last month

Separately, a Hampshire County Council scheme, which enables young people to hire mopeds at an affordable rate so that they can get to work or vocational training, is going green with the addition of five electric mopeds to its fleet of conventionally powered bikes. The electric mopeds are now available to hirers through [Wheels to](#)

[Work](#) - a scheme which helps young people aged 16 to 25 years old in some rural areas of Hampshire by loaning them their own form of transport, especially in areas where public transport options may be limited

Highways maintenance update

Statistics have been published by Hampshire Highways for September this year. In that month 301 emergencies were attended, 59,055 square metres of carriageway were resurfaced and 13,797 gullies and other drainage were cleared. In addition, 9,912 square metres of footway were repaired or resurfaced and around 8,420 potholes were fixed

I'm always glad to hear your questions and comments on any subject of your choice
Councillor Jonathan Glen

District Councillor Ken Crookes December 2021

Shapley Heath project audit

Hart's Audit Committee agreed that an audit be carried out on the Shapley Heath project
The scope of the audit to include:

It is recommended that scope should address the following risks (understanding that the length of the review is not unlimited). • Assurance over the project management framework used. • Assurance over budgetary control and financial risks. • Assurance over the monitoring and reporting of financial information. • Assurance over compliance with contract procedure rules and contract management arrangements. • Assurance over the risk management framework including governance and transparency. • Assurance over information governance arrangements to include FOI, Transparency and GDPR

2022/23 Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy

Both Scrutiny and Cabinet considered the currently expected budget for next year and the medium term. It is clear that savings need to be made to balance the budget. A series of saving proposals have been identified and discussed

At the meeting of 25 November, Council supported the "level 2" savings which Cabinet had agreed at its November meeting

A further "level 3" savings will be presented to a meeting of councillors on Thursday 16 December along with an updated draft budget for 2022/23 and an updated medium term financial strategy

Police and Crime Commissioner

Police and Crime Commissioner Donna Jones has launched her Police and Crime Plan 'More Police, Safer Streets', which sets the strategic direction and priorities for policing across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight for the next three years. The full Plan can be read at www.morepolicesaferstreets.com If you have any feedback or questions please do not hesitate to contact the Commissioner

Councillor Chris Dorn December 2021

Just a quick update on the recent Hart Parish Newsletter sent out last week

There was a paragraph saying that district councils were to be merged or scrapped with a link to an article in the Independent newspaper (which incidentally was behind a paywall so you couldn't access it!). The District Councils Network have this morning sent an email to all districts saying that this was completely untrue. County deals will NOT result in a reorganisation of local government

Greywell Parish Council Monthly Sheet for December 21 (Appendix B)

Lloyds Current Account

Balance as at 20 October 2021

£8181.54 (agrees statement dated 29 October 2020)

Payments

Date	To	Amount
27 October 2021	Staff Expenses October	£57.82
28 October 2021	Greywell Village Hall Invoice 210012	£12.50
29 October 2021	Donation to CPRE Hampshire (minute ref Oct 21 13)	£50.00
1 November 2021	Staff Salary October	£266.08
30 November 2021	Staff Salary November	£266.08

Receipts

Date	From	Amount
24 November 2021	HMRC VAT reclaim	£70.38

Balance as at 8 December 2021

£7599.44 (agrees on line statement dated 8 December 2021)

Lloyds Savings Account

Balance as at 20 October 2021

£12.26

Balance as at 8 December 2021

£12.26 (agrees on line statement dated 8 December 2021)

Total Balance as at 8 December 2021

Lloyds Current Account	£7599.44
Lloyds Savings Account	£12.26
Unpresented cheques	Nil
Cancelled cheques	Nil
Net Bank Balance	£7611.70

Chairmans Signature and date: