

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF GRANDBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday 11th July 2017, 7.45 pm**

Members of the public spoke on items on the agenda before the meeting commenced. Mr and Mrs Earl thanked the Parish Council for arranging for the clearance of the ditch in front of their property, but wished to know why the ditch in front of the Low House had not been cleared. Cllr. Hastie reported it should have been done, and he would contact WCC re' the matter.

Mr N Ozier, wished to gain the views of the Parish Council on the potential development on land to west of Sawbridge Road. The sketch showed 7 houses, but the number was just a suggestion and not necessarily what they would do. See Planning Item 8e.

Rev. Canon B Clutton declared an interest in the land concerned as a previous owner of the farm and land. However, she felt it was important to provide for the housing needs of the village, and with the threat of Lodge Farm village, were not seen to be against development.

Mr I Johns was concerned at the state of the ditch by Hargrave Close. Environment Agency had written to residents. Evidently there s a problem with foul water getting into the ditch, which needed attention.

In the absence of Cllr. E Crane, Cllr. Hastie wished to record the thanks of the Parish Council to her for proposing the amendment at the recent RBC meeting re' the Lodge Farm development in the Local Plan. All concerned were very grateful for all her work and were sorry that the vote to exclude the Lodge Farm development was not successful.

**Present:** Cllr. R Hastie, Chairman, Cllrs. M Bullen, R Lee, H McBreen and S McArthur, and Mr and Mrs Earle, Rev. Canon B Clutton, Mr N Ozier, Aitchison Raffety, and Mr I Johns  
Cllr. Hastie welcomed Cllr. S McArthur to the meeting, as the newly co-opted Parish Councillor.

**1. Apologies for Absence – Cllr. H Roberts**

**Cllr. E Crane arrived.**

**2. Councillor Crane** reported she had objected to the Pig Farm, in Grandborough Fields. RBC had requested and Environmental Impact Assessment , but the owners had refused, and the matter had gone to Appeal.

Cllr. Crane expressed her disappointment and frustration at the narrowly defeated motion to exclude Lodge Farm from the Local Plan by just two votes. However, she vowed to continue to fight on.

**3. Declaration of Interests - none made**

**4. Minutes of Annual Meeting of Parish Council held 2nd May 2017 and additional meeting on 6th June 2017 circulated to Councillors and signed a true record.**

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes included:**

- a) Co-option of Councillor – Ms S McArthur, appointed to replace Cllr. Billsborrow, signed the Declaration of Acceptance Office.
- b) Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Hastie had contacted Neil Pearce, a Planning Consultant, who agreed to attend and speak at a meeting on the formation of a Neighbourhood Plan. Relevant documents had been sent to him. Willoughby PC invited. Details to be circulated in due course. Grant aid is available to help fund the project.
- c) Parish Plan – Cllr. Hastie had advertised the six meetings re' 'Mother and Toddlers'; 'Mid-week'; 'Youth'; 'Help with Transport'; 'Playground'; and 'Gardening'. in the PC Newsletter. No one had attended four of the meetings. Three people attended the playground meeting, and all said they did not want a playground. It was unanimously agreed to take no further action with these groups. Five people attended the meeting re' a 'Gardening Club', so there is a possibility it may go ahead. .
- d) Defibrillator Training – 35 people had expressed interest in training, but no one had responded to the opportunity to attend training.
- e) War Memorial – work due to start in the next couple of weeks.

**6. Highways** nothing to report

## 7. Footpaths – nothing to report

### Mr and Mrs Earle left the meeting at 8.20 pm

## 8. Planning

- a) Planning application for erection of a front roof dormer at 2 Meadow Cottages, Main Street, for Mr S Murphy. R17/1018 Councillors notified and no objections received.
- b) Planning application for erection of a single storey side extension, rear dormer and alterations at Gerona, Church Road, for Ms J Twinning. R17/1016 No objections.
- c) Planning application for erection of four detached two storey dwellings with associated works including access, parking and landscaping, at land East of Church Road and North of Sawbridge Road, Grandborough, for Mr and Mrs F Clarke. R17/1079. It was noted the proposed site was outside the village envelope.  
The Parish Council felt small developments of five to eight houses, with a majority two and three bedrooms, over a period of five years, would be beneficial and encourage younger people to live in the village.  
Concern was expressed that if development was allowed, it should not open the floodgates for development outside the village boundary, or set a precedent. Concerned also that the design of the houses was more in keeping with an urban Environment, and revised designs reflecting a village location should be sought. RBC to be notified accordingly.
- d) Planning application for erection of an outbuilding to the rear garden, at Manor Farm House, Daventry Road, Grandborough, for Mr M Seaman. R17/1175 No objections.
- e) Sketch details on a potential development for seven dwellings, land to the west of Sawbridge Road, for Aitchison Raffety. Cllr. Hastie pointed out that the land was outside the village envelope and RBC did not normally accept any development outside that line. It was felt a mix of 2 or 3 bedroomed homes was preferred. If development went ahead it was vital the flooding problem in the area was addressed. The Parish Council felt organic growth was a good thing for the village.

## 9. Lighting

## 10. Accounts

- a) Payment authorised of:-
  - £300.00 to W S Gardens Ltd for Lengthsman Scheme for May (738)
  - £9.50 to WALC for publications (739)
  - £264.00 to WS Gardens for mowing on Aikman Green in May (740)
  - £216.00 to W S Gardens for mowing in village in May (741)
  - £60.46 to E.ON for lighting maintenance to 30.06.17. (742)
  - £360.00 to W S Gardens Ltd for mowing of Aikman Green (£216.00) and village mowing (£144.00) in June (743)
  - £24.50 to Mr R Hastie, printing of May PC Newsletter (744)
  - £378.22 to Zurich Municipal for insurance premium (745)
  - £134.86 to E.ON for energy charges to 30.06.17 (746)
- b) VAT claim completed and paid into bank
- c) Change of signatories on Building Society Account – form completed. Bank form to be completed in due course.
- d) Bank balance stands at £7173.71 and includes above known expenditure.

## 11. Correspondence

- a) Dog Poo Bins – Cllr. Lee had been asked about the provision of suitable bins. Clerk to contact RBC to find out if they offered a dog waste collection service.
- b) School bus service - complaints received re' turning of bus at junction of Hill Road/Sawbridge Road/Main Street and unloading by triangle at Main Street Church Road junction. WCC contacted.

## 12. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 5th September 2017, 7.45 pm, in the Village Hall

**Chairman:**