**GRAVENEY with GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of**

**Ordinary meeting held at Graveney Village Hall, Sandbanks Lane, Graveney**

**on Monday 13th March 2023 at 7:30pm.**

Six members of the public in attendance

Present:

Cllr Clare Boggia, Cllr Alan Stewart, Cllr Lesley Lound, Cllr Catherine Wilkinson, Cllrs Teresa Bowles, Cllr Mike Newman, KCC Rich Lehmann and Borough Councillor Tim Valentine.

1. **Apologies for Absence –** Received from Councillor Alistair Gould and Cllr Tom King.
2. **Declarations of Interests. Nil**
3. **Cleve Hill Solar Park development update.**

A meeting is normally held prior to the Parish Council meeting however, did not take place this month. A further update will be given at the next Parish Meeting in April. There are a number of issues that the Parish Council wish to raise including the erosion of verges, timings of HGV’s and comments have been made on the Village Facebook page. Currently awaiting feedback on vibration assessments. The Parish Council continues to work with GREAT who in turn liaise closely with the Solar Alliance Group in respect of battery safety issues.

Recent press reports have highlighted vehicle fires which often require a mass response from emergency services. The Parish Council, GREAT and Faversham Society are due to meet with the Fire Services in May.

The minutes from the Traffic Management Plan can be viewed by clicking on the icon below.

[Cleve Hill Solar Park TMG Meeting Presentation 230222\_REV2 - Holding Area.pdf](Cleve%20Hill%20Solar%20Park%20TMG%20Meeting%20Presentation%20230222_REV2%20-%20Holding%20Area.pdf)

1. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9th January 2023.**

The January minutes were proposed by Cllr Alan Stewart and seconded by Cllr Mike Newman.

1. **Matters arising –** Nil
2. **Highway Improvement Plan 146. Homestall Lane Parking at Brenley Corner.** The HIP has been lodged with KCC. The Chairman has a meeting planned with Jenny on 16th March 2023.   
    Homestall Lane Parking –Cllr Mike Newman raised in the January meeting the issues with the parking at   
    Brenley Corner. The leafleting campaign was successful however, when this ceased the parking returned.  
    Double yellow lines have been proposed and it has been requested that the Parish Council place this request in the HIP. Cllr Rich Lehmann (KCC) has been extremely supportive during this process and has confirmed that Natalie Newman approached Cllr Rich Lehmann in 2021 regarding double yellow lines and has confirmed that they will cover the costs associated with this placement. The police have been spoken to regarding enforcement of yellow lines and confirmed parking tickets will be issued. Swales traffic warden has said that Brenley Lane is checked and so the double yellow lines will be added to their route.  
   The Chairman thanks Cllr Rich Lehmann (KCC) and Cllr Mike Newman for all their efforts and assistance with this. The Chairman also suggested requesting more black and white plastic poles which the parish council could install. Cllr Rich Lehmann (KCC) will ask KCC if it is possible to supply these.
3. **Topic covered as above.**
4. **Update from Community/Voice Group.**

The meeting was opened to allow Sally and Sarah to speak to the Parish Council. A document was shared with all Councillors which can be seen on the links below:

[Community Voice - Drop-in summary and suggestions for enhancements - 13 Mar 23.pdf](Community%20Voice%20-%20Drop-in%20summary%20and%20suggestions%20for%20enhancements%20-%2013%20Mar%2023.pdf)

Sarah requested that the Parish Council review the documents and comment in due course. Cllr Mike Newman suggested that the subsidised electricity proposal would not be expensive however, distributing it could be complex.

**Action 147a: Clerk to upload email document to the Parish Website.  
Action 147b: Clerk to add Community/Voice Group to future Agenda as a standard item.**

1. **Village Hall Update.**

The Village Hall Trustees informed the Parish Council that new equipment had been installed which people are really pleased alongside the new footpath. 180 saplings have been planted from container to the play area. The bollards have been placed in the car park due to fly tippers as a carrier has to be contacted to collect at a cost to the village hall.

There will always be a space for 4 to 5 cars to park.

It was noted that the heating system has now improved with better timings.

The toilets have been improved and it was confirmed that the disabled toilet is lockable. Colin has a meeting planned with someone to check that the disabled toilet passes requirements and is compliant.

**Action 148: Clerk to add Village Hall update to May Agenda.**

1. **Speed Watch update.**

Alan at Dover Police has looked at areas suitable for us to operate Speed watch and will meet with the Parish Council in April to discuss further. Volunteers are needed in order to operate speed watch effectively and regularly. Something will be placed in the village magazine to highlight the need for volunteers. It would be more ideal to operate weekly at regular set times. Two to three people would be required to ensure safety. A meeting is to be held on Thursday with KCC to discuss provisions. The cost for a speed gun is around £1,500.

1. **Crime Report/NHW Update.**

The Chairman reported that crime in Swale is down by 4.9% for Boughton and Courtenay.

One crime reported relating to drugs in Graveney.

It was also reported that there had been more activity within Neighbourhood Watch however, no activity within our area yet.

1. **Correspondence.** Coronation email received 23/02. Big lunch will be held on 7th May. Cllr Teresa Bowles suggested that   
    a celebration be held in the same style as the Jubilee celebrations.
2. **Finance** a. Financial Statement and bank reconciliation – Approved and signed.  
    b. Payments:  
    ii. SSE Footway Lighting March (for info only – paid by D/D)  
    ii. Clerk Salary payment (for info only – paid by D/D)  
    iii. AED Donate – Defibrillator Pads - £361.15 – Proposed by Cllr Mike Newman and seconded by Cllr Alan Stewart.  
    iv. Streetlights – Maintenance invoice 4 of 4 - £145.86 – Proposed by Chairman and seconded by Cllr Mike Newman.  
    v. Gallagher Insurance Renewal - £760.85 – Proposed by Chairman and seconded by Cllr Alan Stewart.  
    vi. Clerk Pay rise difference from standing order for year - £100.44 – Proposed by Cllr Alan Stewart and seconded by Chairman.  
    vii. Parking at Homestall Lane – Yellow Lines contribution. Awaiting full quote from KCC.  
     
   **Action 152a: Clerk to add light replacement quote from Ken at Streetlights to April agenda.  
   Action 152b: Clerk to speak to KALC to discuss other insurers.  
   Action 152c: Clerk to send budget meeting minutes to Cllr Alan Stewart.  
   Action 152d: Clerk to send new budget to Cllr Alan Stewart.**
3. **Planning.** The lorry park planning application is still with Swale Borough Council.   
    The Head Hill Road fruit stall does not currently have express planning consent to operate but it has not been   
    possible to reach a planning officer to discuss this.Cllr Teresa Bowles will try and contact Swale Borough  
    Council about this.  
     
   **Action 153: Clerk to chase KCC about this planning as no response has been received.**
4. **Graveney & Goodnestone Trust.**

Cllr Alan Stewart informed the Parish Council that he was not in attendance of the last meeting held on 7th March however, can confirm that various applications had been submitted by the Village Hall to improve the car park and footpath between Village hall and play area which has been approved.   
Meeting dates are set to change and it was confirmed that Roger Mitchell will inform the Chairman of the new dates.  
The Lest We Forget Bench has been delivered.  
  
**Action 154: Clerk to Swale BC regarding the emptying of the bin located by the bench. It was agreed in principal 3 years ago and the bin is on public ground.**

1. **Reports Parish Councillors.**

Cllr Teresa Bowles reporting that the trees on the bridge are fast growing.  
Cllr Mike Newman had no further updates.  
Cllr Lesley Lound had no reports.

Chairman reported that bins are still being missed on the routes.  
Cllr Catherine Wilkinson confirmed an email address for the parish magazine has now been set up and the closing date for data is 22nd March. Distribution needs to be arranged. The Chairman will look further into this and request distributors on Facebook. Hard copies will initially be printed.  
Cllr Alan Stewart confirmed attendance of the Crime at Graveney zoom meeting which was extremely informative.  
  
**Action 155a: Clerk to report overgrown hedgerow on bridge.**

1. **Reports for Borough and District Councillors (if present).** Cllr Tim Valentine (SBC) confirmed the budget has now gone through with 3% increase and the   
    homelessness figure has doubled.  
    Cllr Rich Lehmann (KCC) reminded the Parish Council of the Tree Theme scheme with KCC where each  
    councillor can place one application. The deadline for applications is March 2024.
2. **Footpath Warden – update.** KCC have appointed an officer and discussed a stile being placed on the footpath at the railway. Further   
    updates will be given in due course.
3. **Any other business** Cllr Mike Newman highlighted that the asbestos in Homestall Lane was still present.  
    A meeting date needed to be arranged between Cllr Mike Newman the Chairman and Clerk to update the  
    website.   
    Power for People – there are MP’s supporting the local electricity bill and believe we should write to our MP.  
    Cllr Alan Stewart highlighted the importance of Ward selection within the Parish when it came to submitting   
    nominations for the forthcoming elections.   
      
    **Action 158a: Cllr Mike Newman to email Cllr Tim Valentine (SBC) re asbestos.  
    Action 158b: Clerk to email website details to Cllr Mike Newman.  
    Action 158c: Clerk to email Chairman and Cllr Mike Newman to arrange a meeting for website   
    update.  
    Action 158d: Clerk to write to MP to look into why Power for People is not being supported.  
    Action 158e: Clerk to follow up on Election paperwork.  
    Action 158f: Clerk to add Elections to April agenda.**
4. **Date of next meeting – Monday 17th April 2023.**
5. **Close of meeting.**

Meeting was closed by Cllr Clare Boggia at 9.40pm.

Signed:……………………………………………….Date……………………