**GRAVENEY with GOODNESTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of**

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

**on Monday 17th April 2023 at 7:30pm.**

Two 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, Cllr Tom King, KCC Rich Lehmann and Borough Councillor Tim Valentine.

1. **Apologies for Absence –** Received from Councillor Alistair Gould.
2. **Declarations of Interests. Nil**
3. **Cleve Hill Solar Park development update.**A meeting was held on 17th April summarising access to main spine road completion. Cllr Teresa Bowles commented on the times and speeds of vehicles. Major parts of the fencing around the site will be installed next week. Signs will be replaced that were placed in error. The marshalling compound application has still not been to committee at Swale Borough Council (SBC), and will be on the planning agenda in May 2023. Tracking on vehicles will not take place until the marshalling compound is agreed. It was confirmed that works will not be undertaken over the Coronation weekend aside from grass cutters on the fields of the main site. Concern was expressed over the verges being majorly eroded. It is important pictorial evidence of this is provided. Concern was also expressed that it appears there has been no work done with vulnerable properties through the villages regarding vibration assessment. The parish council have been notified that Morrells transport have been appointed to complete a 3D survey to assess verges and vibration damage. It was noted we are now five months into lorries going through the village, and therefore, despite asking for this for some time, very disappointing not yet done.  
     
   The PC has been advised that the solar panels will be purchased from China however, follow the specification criteria guidelines.
4. **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13th March 2023.**The minutes raised in the March 2023 meeting were signed and approved. Proposed by Cllr Mike Newman and seconded by Cllr Alan Stewart.

1. **Matters arising.**Action 158a confirmed as completed by Cllr Mike Newman and Cllr Tim Valentine (SBC).
2. **Highway Improvement Plan – Update.**Mainly covered in the Annual meeting prior.  
   The Chairman has received a map detailing the new lines which will be placed just before the bend on Monkshill Road however, believe these should be placed in front of Cherry Orchard.
3. **Update from Community/Voice Group.**This topic was covered in the Annual meeting prior.   
   Cllr Mike Newman will circulate some dates for a meeting to be held to discuss Cleve Hill Solar Park further.
4. **Village Light Replacement.**An upgrade of lights in the village namely lights 4, 5, 3 and 7 needs to take place. A quote has been given by Streetlights of £2,740 plus VAT in total which has been budgeted for within the 2022 and 2023 precept.   
   On the basis that the funds are available and that this would complete all of the village light replacements the works were proposed by Cllr Alan Stewart and seconded by Cllr Tom King.  
     
   **Action 8: Clerk to contact Streetlights to approve and progress light replacements.**
5. **Crime Report/NHW Update.**Cllr Clare Boggia informed the Parish Council that there were no items to report for our parish this month
6. **Correspondence.**12 Items of correspondence.  
   An email was received from Clive Powell which was shared with the Parish Council, Cllr Clare Boggia will circulate to all councillors for reference relating to planning.
7. **Finance** a. Financial Statement and bank reconciliation – Approved and signed by the Chairman.  
    b. Payments:  
    ii. SSE Footway Lighting April (for info only – paid by D/D)  
    ii. Clerk Salary payment (for info only – paid by D/D), Clerk has opted out of the pension scheme. The rise  
    in salary as confirmed by KALC has been implemented however, the standing order will remain the same.   
    The difference in standing order and payment will be raised quarterly in June, September, December and  
    March each year. This was agreed and proposed by Cllr Clare Boggia and seconded by Cllr Alan Stewart,  
    iii. David Ogilvie Engineering – Lest We Forget Bench - £1,081.20 – approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr  
    Teresa Bowles and seconded by Cllr Catherine Wilkinson. (Funded from previous grant received)  
    iv. Coronation Celebrations - Coronation celebrations were proposed as per the same format of the   
    Jubilee. Lighting of the Beacon, drinks, savouries and Coronation celebrations to be held. The Parish Council  
    would like to contribute £200 towards this celebration. Proposed by Alan Stewart and seconded by Cllr Tom  
    King.  
    v. KALC Membership Invoice for 2023/2024 - £242.44. Approved and signed. Proposed by Cllr Alan   
    Stewart and seconded by Cllr Clare Boggia.
8. **Planning.** The lorry park planning application is still with Swale Borough Council.   
    Cllr Alan Stewart reported that a court order had been obtained by the landowner against the owner of the   
    caravan on Brenley Corner to enforce the removal of the caravan.   
      
    Skips are still being driven along Monkshill Road. It is believed that there was a planning restraint which did  
    not allow this movement.  
     
   **Action 12a: Clerk to contact planning to determine if the skip lorries were given access to Monkshill Road.  
   Action 12b: Clerk to contact Clerk of Hernhill Parish Council regarding the housing and creche at Monkshill Road to ensure planning was put into place. There are concerns regarding the volume of traffic as severely increased.   
   Action 12c: Clerk to contact Clerk of Hernhill Parish Council to ask why the two trees at Monkshill Farm were removed.  
   Action 12d: Clerk to contact planning to ascertain if planning is required for sound resisting structures.**
9. **Graveney & Goodnestone Trust.**

Update was received in the Annual Parish Meeting.

1. **Reports Parish Councillors.**

Cllr Mike Newman did not have anything to report.  
Cllr Teresa Bowles informed the parish council that some rubbish had been dumped at Cleve Hill which looks like it could be asbestos. A picture will be provided by the Chairman to report. Maybe on private land, Chairman to report to CHSP who it is believed have responsibility for the land.

Cllr Catherine Wilkinson confirmed that the parish newsletter had been published and shared a copy with all councillors. Cllr Teresa Bowles will be distributing 21 copies, Cllr Clare Boggia 21 copies, Cllr Alan Stewart 27 copies, Cllr Tom King 46 copies, Cllr Catherine Wilkinson 22 copies, Cllr Mike Newman 12 copies, Cllr Lesley Lound 70 copies and a volunteer on Facebook had offered to distribute 20 copies. Any surplus magazines will be left at the School.

**Action 14a Clerk to alert council re dumping of rubbish via portal**

1. **Reports for Borough and District Councillors (if present).**

Cllr Tim Valentine (SBC) and Cllr Rich Lehmann (KCC) gave their updates at the Annual Meeting.

1. **Footpath Warden – update.**

The footpath warden informed the parish council that someone had kindly cleared the track from Sandbanks to the Creek which has now provided a good track all the way along and has been very well done.

1. **Any other business**No other business.
2. **Date of next meeting – Monday 15th May 2023.**
3. **Close of meeting.**

Meeting was closed by Cllr Clare Boggia at 9.40pm.

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