

# GAZELEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the meeting of Gazeley Parish Council Held in Gazeley Village Hall on Tuesday 10th<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Present:** Cllr Judy Moatt (Chair), Cllr Hilary Appleton, Cllr John Chambers, Cllr Tom Morgan and Cllr Martin Hooker.  
**Also Present:** Parish Clerk, Lynne Francis and 6 members of the public.

### 17/1.1 Welcome

**17/1.2 Apologies for absence:** Cllr Charlene Vandenbroucke and Cllr Kevin Grimwood had sent their apologies.

**17/1.3 Declarations of interest in matters on the agenda:**  
None declared.

### 17/1.4 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

The minutes were agreed as a true record of the meeting, apart from a reversal of the names of councillors who had proposed and seconded a finance motion, and signed by the Chairman.

### 17/1.5 To receive reports from external bodies

**i. County Council Report:** No report had been received this month.

#### ii. District Council Report:

Cllr Rona Burt had sent apologies and her monthly report was read to the meeting.

It is hoped that the Local Plan Documents will finally be adopted in December.

Mildenhall Air Base will close in 2023.

A decision on the Hatchfield Farm application will be heard in the High Court in the next few months.

This follows a decision by Lord Derby and the Rural Parishes Alliance to challenge the approval of the application by the Secretary of State.

Cllr Burt is recommending that a decision on the application to develop the site at No. 50, The Street, Gazeley, goes to the Planning Committee with a site visit.

Fiveways Transport Meeting is looking at ways to improve this very busy junction/roundabout. Also under discussion was the volume of traffic going through our rural villages which is of great concern.

### 17/1.6 Finance

#### 6.1 Authorisation of outstanding payments:

The following outstanding accounts were authorised.

P & P Property Maintenance	£126.90

**At 10.1.17, the total balance of both Parish Council accounts stood at £16,611.63**

### **17/1.7 Clerk's Report and any other matters arising from the minutes.**

1. David Stiles from Highways Department has inspected the paths crossing Tithe Close and is of the opinion that their condition does not yet merit attention from his department.
2. The Clerk had not yet received a reply from Flagship Housing concerning parking issues near Highwod Court.
3. Cllr Rona Burt has confirmed that a Section 215 notice will be issued to the owner of the Blacksmith's Shop which will require him to carry out repairs within six months.
4. Tithe Close street signs. Suffolk County Council has agreed to look at the condition of the signs.
5. The Clerk commented on misinformed and derogatory remarks directed at Gazeley Parish Council on the Community Facebook site.

### **17/1.8 Planning Matters**

No 50, The Street, Gazeley. The parish council had requested that if permission was given to demolish the house, the design of the house proposed for Plot 2 is constructed of brick and flint to match the adjacent properties and mirror the design of the original house as much as possible.

Cllr Hilary Appleton is proposing to attend the Committee Meeting to ask that the original house be preserved but she is doing so as a resident of the village and is not representing the parish council.

### **17/1.9 Councillors' Reports**

- **Cllr Vandenbroucke – SID.** As Cllr Vandenbroucke had been unable to attend the meeting, she had informed the Clerk that Suffolk County Council had installed the posts in her absence after Christmas. The SID will be fixed in place shortly.
- **Cllr Appleton** – Picking up on the Clerk's remarks about Facebook, she observed that the comments had been made by a core group of members of the site and they had become the dominant voice but they are not necessarily representative of the majority. The Clerk acknowledged that but noted that everyone else was reading their misleading and incorrect statements.
- **Cllr Morgan** – It was noted that a representative of the RSPCA was knocking on doors fairly late into the evening recently which had caused anxiety among some elderly residents.
- **Cllr Chambers** – Concern was raised about the security of the PRU site since the school had ceased to operate. It was confirmed that all security would remain in place until a decision on the future of the school had been made.
- **Cllr Moatt** – Comments are frequently made about the lack of signage on The Street and Mill Road. It is not clear where Mill Road becomes The Street and to confuse things even more, some of the houses on the west side of the street are named Mill View.
- **Cllr Hooker** – Following a discussion on the possibility of introducing a Civic Award Certificate at the last meeting, Cllr Hooker produced a draft certificate for approval and also a draft proposal form for anyone wishing to become involved in a Village Enhancement Project. It was agreed that councillors would consider the draft documents and send any observations to Cllr Hooker before the next meeting when they will be placed on the agenda for formal approval.

**17/1.10 The next meeting of the Parish Council** will be held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the village hall.

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Concern was raised about an increase in litter around the village and there was evidence of fly tipping where the public footpath through the churchyard meets Moulton Road. It was suggested that perhaps a village litter-picking walk could be organised in the Spring.

There were no further comments from the floor and the meeting closed at 8.45pm.