

GRAVENHURST PARISH COUNCIL

At an Ordinary Meeting of Gravenhurst Parish Council held at the Village Hall, Gravenhurst on Thursday, 23rd November 2023.

Present: Councillors: Lockey (Chair), Cooper, Sibley, Simkins and Thaneja
Clerk: A Marabese
Public: 0 members of the public

Meeting started at 7:55pm.

7882. Apologies for absence.

Ward Councillor Stephenson provided apologies for absence that were received and accepted.

7883. Chair's announcements:

- a. A notice on openness and transparency of the meeting was read out.
- b. Councillors agreed that a resolution to extend the meeting duration beyond 2 hours to complete necessary business of the Council was not required today.
- c. Other information.

The Chair had no announcements.

7884. Members interests

- a. To receive declarations of interest from councillors on agenda items, requests for dispensations and grant any requests for dispensations.

None declared or requested.

PUBLIC SESSION

7885. The Chair suspended Standing Orders at 7:56pm to receive a report from the Ward Councillor and to allow members of the public to address the Council in relation to items on the agenda or request matters to be discussed at a subsequent meeting.

- a. Ward Councillor Report (read by the Clerk)
 - i. Remembrance - It was great to join Parishioners at the Methodist Church and at the War Memorial to remember our fallen service men and women this month. It was great to see the community come together. I will be rotating around our villages each year.
 - ii. Policing - The Bedfordshire Police and Crime Panel met on 24th October. I took the opportunity to ask about the watch schemes, if the budget to support Speedwatch is greater now than in prior years. We are told that it is. The PCC believes that the funding to watch schemes overall has doubled. At this stage I have no commitment that more will be done. The Panel also challenged the PCC about the progress in hiring community police officers. This was a condition of the Panel endorsing the council tax precept increase last year, so we are pushing for more officers and I am pushing for them to be seen in our villages. CBC is now setting up its own police and crime committee to focus on priorities for our towns and villages, which I have been asked to be a member of.
 - iii. Highways - At the Sustainable Communities Oversight and Scrutiny Committee on 2nd November I asked what influence Ward Councillors will have on the highway's priorities for 2024/25. Ward Members were told that the new administration is following a data led approach, using the data from e.g., Fix My Street and officer inspections, rather than information from Ward Councillors. Whilst I will continue to make the case for the changes, we would like I would like to manage expectations. In response, I do have a

motion at CBC's Full Council meeting this evening to require CBC to consult with ALL ward members on the annual highways plans and to report on progress every quarter. An update on voting on this motion will be provided. If the motion passes, it should at least give us all more visibility into decision making and more transparency over the projects.

- iv. Requirement to show ID to visit the Tidy Tips - I have received several emails from residents about these new requirements. Some are concerned about having to show their ID at all (due to privacy concerns), and others, are concerned that it could lead to fly tipping along our country lanes. I have a question at CBC's Full Council meeting this evening to probe the Executive Member about the assessment completed before the decision was made.
- v. Ward Councillor Grant Scheme - If there are groups that would like to benefit, please send them my way.
- b. Village organisations
 - i. None present.
- c. Questions and issues raised by the public with council members:
 - i. Can the bramble bush near the village hall be cut back? *Clerk to arrange this.*
 - ii. There is a section of Campton Road that is flooding with water remaining on the roadway. Some work has been done to the roadside and ditch to drain some water but much remains. *Clerk to report issue on Fix My Street but also contact Clerk at Campton regarding this.*
 - iii. Dip near the Barton Road bridge is still not repaired. *Clerk is in contact directly with CBC Highways officers on this issue.*

Standing orders were reinstated at 8:07pm.

MINUTES

7886. Adoption of minutes of the Statutory Meeting of Gravenhurst Parish Council held on Thursday 21st September 2023.

Proposed Councillor Lockey/Seconded Councillor Thaneja. Resolved that the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st September 2023 having been previously circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record by the Chair. Carried.

PROCEDURES, CONSULTATIONS AND LEGAL

7887. To re-approve procedures:

- a. GPC Asset Register Policy
- b. GPC Freedom of Information and Publication Scheme Policy
- c. GPC Dealing with Complaints Policy
- d. GPC Dealing with Habitual or Vexatious Complainants Policy
- e. GPC Equality and Diversity Policy
- f. GPC Meetings - Recording and Filming
- g. GPC Code of Conduct

Proposed Councillor Lockey/Seconded Councillor Thaneja. Resolved to re-approve GPC Asset Register Policy v1.0, Freedom of Information and Publication Scheme Policy v1.0, Dealing with Complaints Policy v1.0, Dealing with Habitual or Vexatious Complainants Policy v1.0, Equality and Diversity Policy v1.0, Meetings – Recording and Filming Policy v1.1 and Code of Conduct v2.0. Carried.

7888. Update on collaboration with CBC for Community Emergency Planning and Communication and actions required.

After approval of a Gravenhurst CERT WhatsApp group by GPC, CBC have contacted the Clerk to set this up. Councillors gave the Clerk a list of names of individuals who they think should be contacted to join the group including all councillors. Clerk was asked to contact all individuals.

7889. Update on BATPC 2023 Annual General Meeting held on 18th October.
The Clerk attended the AGM. In addition to the usual business of the AGM there were presentations from BRCC and the Deputy PCC. It was a great opportunity to network with other parish councillors.
7890. Beds Police Priority Setting Meeting – 10th January 2023 – 5pm Beds Police HQ – To agree on attendance and priorities for Gravenhurst.
It was agreed that the Clerk would attend. Cler to raise issues of speeding and drug dealing in the village.
7891. To consider response to CBC Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation.
It was agreed to delegate responsibility for a response to the consultation to the Clerk.
7892. To consider response to CBC Recreational Open Space Strategy (ROSS) Survey.
It was agreed to delegate responsibility for a response to the survey to the Clerk.
7893. Update on guidance and permissions sought from Charity Commission with regards to Gravenhurst Recreation Ground Charity and agree on actions.
The Clerk advised that the Charity Commission had responded via email to the various queries raised by the Clerk concerning the Gravenhurst Recreation Ground Charity albeit some responses did not clearly answer the questions raised. In Summary:
- IS GPC a single corporate trustee? This was not addressed in the response and therefore the assumption is made that GPC is a single corporate trustee in addition to being the custodian trustee of the charity lands.
 - New trustee appointments - In correspondence to GPC on 27th October 2015 the Charity Commission advised that the Parish Council could appoint trustees with their consent under s.298(2)(b) of the Charities Act 2011. That letter can be taken as that consent and should be kept with the charity's records for future reference - there is no end date to the consent. The Parish Council should, as far as possible, follow the provisions for appointments set out in the governing document (the conveyance) but can decide to amend these if they are unworkable.
 - Amendment of governing document? The provisions contained within section 280 of the Charities Act 2011 enable the trustees of all unincorporated charities to pass a resolution to alter the parts of their charity's governing document that set out what their powers are and how they administer their charity, for example the number of trustees needed to form a quorum at meetings or the constitution of the trustee body. The trustees are unable to rewrite the conveyance in its entirety. Changes can be made by a resolution of the trustees passed at a properly constituted meeting. If the trustees pass a resolution to change the charity's administrative provisions, the resolution should clearly set out all the changes that are being made. The Charity Commission will need copies of the formal resolution/s when they have been passed for the public record.
- Proposed Councillor Simkins/Seconded Councillor Cooper. Resolved that under the authority granted by the consent given to the Parish Council by the Charity Commission under the Charities Act 2011 s.298(2)(b), the Parish Council hereby appoints Mrs Natalie Lockey and Mr Paul Robertson as Trustees of the Gravenhurst Recreation Ground Charity (Charity Number 282078). Carried.*
- Note: Councillor Lockey did not take part in proposing or voting in the above resolution.

PLANNING AND HOUSING

7894. Planning applications to consider
- a. CB/23/03360/FULL - 59 High Street, MK45 4HY - Single storey front porch extension.
Proposed Councillor Lockey/Seconded Councillor Thaneja. Resolved that the Council has no comment on planning application 23/03360. Carried.

ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE

7895. Recreation Ground - To receive update on all matters concerning the Recreation Ground and consider any actions.
- a. Update on Recreation Ground Improvement Project.
The Clerk will be placing orders shortly.
 - b. Update on Monkey Challenge climbing wall and actions required.
The Clerk and Councillor Cooper will confirm the proposed location for installation of the wall with the supplier and arrange an installation date.
 - c. To review Recreation Ground Inspection Reports and schedule for those inspecting.
Councillor Cooper has conducted regular inspections. The tennis net needs to be removed and all parts stored however the net headline wire is stuck – The Clerk and Councillor Cooper to address issue. Councillor Cooper will complete inspections until the next GPC meeting in January.
 - d. To review annual play inspection report.
The inspection report was circulated to councillors and it was agreed that the Clerk and Councillor Cooper would address issues that were of relevance pending installation of new equipment.
 - e. Update from Mr Swain on title registration of Recreation Ground and consider actions required.
No response has been received to emails sent. The Clerk is chasing confirmation that signed documents have been sent to Land Registry.
 - f. Update on Storage Container License Agreement with Gravenhurst Gallop.
Councillors approved the draft License Agreement issued by the Clerk. The Gravenhurst Gallop Committee have not yet responded to the request for feedback on the proposed License Agreement. *Clerk to chase for a response.*
 - g. To provide update on Recreation Ground Maintenance plan and actions required.
Item deferred to next meeting.
 - h. All other items.
None
7896. Update on repair or replacement of GPC mower.
Councillor Cooper will arrange to meet with Mr Redman to assess the state of mower and propose next steps.
7897. To consider update of CBC Schedules for a) Leisure (Open space and Outdoor sport) b) Community / Village Hall Facilities.
The schedule has been updated and submitted.
7898. To consider expression of interest in taking part in CPRE Bedfordshire Hedgerow Heroes project and plant or restore hedgerows in Bedfordshire.
Councillors agreed that the Clerk should submit an expression of interest in participating focussing on the allotments and the Recreation Ground.
7899. Allotments

- a. To receive update on allotments and consider any actions required for maintenance and communication to tenants.
Overgrown parts of the allotments have been cleared.
- b. Update on installation of water on allotments including contractors
Clearance of site, trench digging and laying of water pipes has been completed although some trenches are not deep enough for Anglian Water standards therefore the contractor will need to visit site again.

HIGHWAYS AND LIGHTING

7900. To receive update on any Highways matters.

The Clerk was asked to:

- Report all potholes on Fix-My-Street.

CEMETERY

7901. Update on Cemetery inspection actions

The Clerk was asked to draft a letter regarding the repair and removal of kerbing to a burial plot and provide this to Councillor Lockey for discussion with the resident owning the exclusive rights of burial. The Clerk was also asked to get advice from the ICCM on how to deal with the issue if the resident refuses to remove the kerbing.

7902. Update on recent burial and memorial requests

A request for a burial has been received and another for the replacement of a memorial. Both requests have been accepted.

7903. Update on St Marys Churchyard mapping.

The Clerk and Councillor Cooper have mapping of the closed churchyard and will continue to do this when weather permits.

FINANCE MATTERS

7904. To approve purchase orders.

- a. D-Day 80 Lamp light of Peace (£55 each).

It was agreed that these were not required.

- b. All other purchases.

Proposed Councillor Lockey/Seconded Councillor Thaneja. Resolved to approve purchase of printer for the Clerk to use (monies held in reserves). Carried

7905. To approve implementation of new national pay scales backdated 1st April 2023.

Proposed Councillor Lockey/Seconded Councillor Sibley. Resolved to approve implementation of new national pay scales with Clerk salary backdated to 1st April 2023. Carried

7906. To review and provide input into draft 2024/2025 budget.

Councillor Lockey agreed to meet with the Clerk to assist in drafting the budget.

7907. To approve bank reconciliations to 31st October 2023.

Proposed Councillor Simkins/Seconded Councillor Thaneja. Resolved to approve bank statements and bank reconciliations to 31st October 2023, and that they be signed by councillors at the meeting. Carried

7908. To approve payments to be made.

Proposed Councillor Sibley/Seconded Councillor Cooper. Resolved that payments, as presented to Council, be approved for payment. Carried

Payment No:	Payee	Purpose	Amount
Payments authorised prior to agenda and meeting			
BACS640	Lawsons (Whetstone) Ltd	Wooden posts for cemetery	£121.37
BACS644	A Marabese	Salary (13/10/2023)	
BACS645	Arrow Valves Ltd	Allotment standpipe	£842.40
Direct Debits			
DD62A	SSE	Street Lighting (taken 20/10/23)	£7.28
DD62B	SSE	Street Lighting (taken 20/10/23)	£36.55
DD62C	SSE	Street Lighting (taken 20/10/23)	£3.69
Payments requested with distribution of agenda			
BACS641	Andy Mustkett Ltd	Qtr 2 Street lighting maintenance	£99.00
BACS642	A& B Gardening Limited	July Grass Cuts	£908.40
BACS643	Mazars LLP	External Auditor Fee	£252.00
BACS646	A& B Gardening Limited	September Grass Cuts	£854.40
BACS647	SLCC	Clerk membership fee	£63.92
BACS648	A& B Gardening Limited	October Grass Cuts	£300.00
BACS649	Gravenhurst Village Hall	September meeting hall hire	£21.60
BACS650	Frank Redman & Sons	Tractor Diesel	£68.40
BACS651	Scotts Ground Maintenance Limited	Alloment clearance	£450.00
BACS652	The Play Inspection Company	Annual Inspection Fee	£55.14
BACS653	A Marabese	Salary (23/11/23)	
BACS654	Anglian Water Business (National) Ltd	Cemetery water	£15.73
BACS655	Gravenhurst Grapevine	Grant	£750.00
BACS656	Royal British Legion	Poppy Wreath	£50.00

MEETING CLOSE

7909. Close of meeting

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 9:30pm

Certified a true copy of the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 23rd November 2023.

Signed
(Chairperson)

Date

2023/2024 Budget v Actual 11/01/2024

		Actual	Actual	Budget	YTD	Forecast to year end	TOTAL
		2015/2016	2016/2017	2023/2024	2023/2024	2023/2024	2023/2024
NOM Code	EXPENDITURE						
100 Staff Costs							
101 Clerk salary		1,300.00	1,300.00	6,395.06	5,019.60	1,631.40	6,651.00
102 HMRC PAYE (DNU)				-	-	-	-
103 Employer NI				-	-	-	-
104 Pension		-	-	639.51	-	665.10	665.10
TOTAL		1,300.00	1,300.00	7,034.57	5,019.60	2,296.50	7,316.10
200 Administration							
201 Expenses (telephone, internet, working from home, insurance, mileage)				494.00	252.00	130.00	382.00
202 Office Stationery, printing, equipment, postage, expenses etc.		200.00	250.00	235.00	-	200.00	200.00
203 IT equipment				200.00	49.99	455.00	504.99
204 Auditors fees (internal & external)		230.00	230.00	310.00	300.00	-	300.00
205 Training				500.00	-	200.00	200.00
206 Hall hire				300.00	135.00	108.00	243.00
207 Council insurance		559.00	601.00	800.00	606.81	-	606.81
208 Legal fees				500.00	-	-	-
209 Subscriptions - BATPC		121.00	121.00	136.00	132.00	-	132.00
210 Subscriptions - ICO				35.00	35.00	-	35.00
211 DPO for data protection				-	-	-	-
212 Subscriptions - SLCC				66.00	63.92	-	63.92
213 Subscriptions - CPRE			36.00	40.00	-	-	-
214 Website costs		-	-	510.00	-	150.00	150.00
215 Election costs		61.00	-	-	61.09	-	61.09
216 Noticeboard**				-	-	-	-
217 Marketing (banners)				-	-	-	-
218 Logo		-	40.00	-	-	-	-
219 Bank Charges				72.00	36.00	36.00	72.00
TOTAL		1,171.00	1,278.00	4,198.00	1,671.81	1,279.00	2,950.81
300 Allotments							
301 Membership of NSALG				-	-	-	-
302 Maintenance and new installations				2,500.00	-	1,000.00	1,000.00
303 Water charges				5,000.00	2,554.00	2,634.00	5,188.00
TOTAL		-	-	7,500.00	2,554.00	3,634.00	6,188.00
400 Highways & Lighting							
401 Grass cutting		4,026.00	3,936.00	4,950.00	4,148.35	-	4,148.35
402 Other environment maintenance				2,000.00	725.00	-	725.00
403 Lighting energy		1,350.00	1,370.00	550.00	391.69	238.00	629.69
404 Lighting maintenance		375.00	384.00	370.00	247.50	82.50	330.00
405 Lighting repalcement / renewal				-	-	-	-
TOTAL		5,751.00	5,690.00	7,870.00	5,512.54	320.50	5,833.04
500 Grants and Section 137							
501 Poppy Wreath		45.00	45.00	50.00	100.00	-	100.00
502 Grapevine		150.00	-	750.00	1,500.00	-	1,500.00
503 Coronation		-	50.00	1,500.00	1,674.72	-	1,674.72
504 Wanderbus		-	-	-	-	-	-
505 WI		50.00	-	-	-	-	-
506 COGS		100.00	100.00	-	-	-	-
507 Others				1,250.00	350.00	50.00	400.00
TOTAL		345.00	195.00	3,550.00	3,624.72	50.00	3,674.72
600 Village Hall and Recreational Ground							
601 Car Park Rent		-	-	-	-	-	-
602 Tractor expenses (insurance & fuel, tyres)		133.00	135.00	450.00	252.80	380.00	632.80
603 Play equiptment (new and maintenance)		301.00	45.00	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	5,000.00
604 Village Hall		8,840.00	8,909.00	-	-	-	-
605 Recreational Ground		10,440.00	650.00	2,000.00	950.00	2,000.00	2,950.00
606 Playground & Gym Inspections			45.00	100.00	45.95	-	45.95
607 Gym Equipment (new and maintenance)				5,500.00	32.33	-	32.33
TOTAL		19,714.00	9,784.00	13,050.00	1,281.08	7,380.00	8,661.08

2023/2024 Budget v Actual 11/01/2024

700 Projects						
701 Defibrillator	125.00	-	300.00	-	-	-
702 SpeedWatch	-	210.00	-	-	-	-
703 RMF Speed reduction			-	-	-	-
704 Neighbourhood Plan			-	-	-	-
706 Neighbourhood Plan - Grant funding			-	-	-	-
705 Gallop			-	-	-	-
TOTAL	125.00	210.00	300.00	-	-	-
800 Cemetery						
801 Water	24.00	32.00	80.00	62.28	20.00	82.28
802 Repairs & Maintenance	-	-	1,000.00	341.14	-	341.14
803 ICCM membership			100.00	95.00	-	95.00
TOTAL	24.00	32.00	1,180.00	498.42	20.00	518.42
			44,682.57	20,162.17	14,980.00	35,142.17
900 VAT Paid			5,213.00	1,948.51	-	1,948.51
SUB TOTAL OF ALL EXPENDITURE			49,895.57	22,110.68	14,980.00	37,090.68
950 Plus 5% contingency fund			2,234.13	-		
GROSS TOTAL BUDGETTED EXPENDITURE			52,129.70	22,110.68	14,980.00	37,090.68
2000 INCOME						
2001 Precept			31,762.80	31,763.00	-	31,763.00
2002 Donations			-	95.33	-	95.33
2003 Allotments - Annual charge/Deposits			132.00	-	-	-
2004 Neighbourhood Plan			-	-	-	-
2005 Grass cutting			-	-	-	-
2006 S106			-	12,000.00	-	12,000.00
2007 VAT Refund			5,213.00	-	3,767.84	3,767.84
2008 Cemetery			180.00	550.00	-	550.00
2009 Bank Interest			100.00	440.86	250.00	690.86
2010 Recreation Committee			-	-	-	-
2100 Other			-	7,000.00	-	7,000.00
2705 Gallop			-	-	-	-
TOTAL			37,387.80	51,849.19	4,017.84	55,867.03
PRECEPT REQUIRED						
Expenditure less income (movement from general / earmarked reserves)			(14,741.90)	29,738.51	(10,962.16)	18,776.35
MONEY CHECKER						
Money in bank accounts (at 31 March if year end)						74,980.66
MONEY LEFT IN BANK AFTER forecasted income and forecasted less payments to be made						63,353.22
Earmarked Reserves (at 31 March if year end)			-			21,970.06
General Reserves						41,383.16

NOM Code	EXPENDITURE	2023-2024 Forecasted	2024-2025 Budget	Detail Budget	Notes
100	Staff Costs				
101	Clerk salary	6,651.00	6,851.88		Based on 6hr /week
102	HMRC PAYE (DNU)	-			
103	Employer NI	-			
104	Pension	665.10	685.19		10% of salary
	TOTAL	7,316.10	7,537.07	-	
200	Administration				
201	Expenses (telephone, internet, working from home, insurance, mileage)			36.00	MPC Telephone £3 per month
				150.00	Landline and internet (£3 & £9.5mth)
				108.00	Working from Home
		130.00	494.00	200.00	Mileage
202	Office Stationery, printing, equipment, postage, expenses etc.			25.00	Stationery
				100.00	Printing
				10.00	Postage
				-	Book binding
		200.00	200.00	65.00	Misc
203	IT equipment /costs				
				60.00	MS 365
				100.00	Easy PC accounts
		455.00	220.00	60.00	McAfee expires on 18/08/2023
204	Auditors fees (internal & external)	300.00		100.00	Internal Auditor
			310.00	210.00	External Auditor
205	Training	200.00	350.00	350.00	Training
206	Hall hire	243.00	272.16	272.16	£21.60+5% increase
207	Council insurance	606.81	1,000.00	1,000.00	New 3YR LTA required
208	Legal fees	-	250.00	250.00	
209	Subscriptions - BATPC	132.00	139.88	139.88	number of electors x 0.2847 x 3%
210	Subscriptions - ICO	35.00	35.00	35.00	no change to previous years
211	DPO for data protection	-	-	-	Not required
212	Subscriptions - SLCC	63.92	67.12	67.12	5% on previous year
213	Subscriptions - CPRE	-	40.00	40.00	
214	Website costs			260.00	Website/email renewal due in March 2024. 3YR renewal on Premium at £260
		150.00	370.00	110.00	Gov.uk due in March 2024
215	Election costs	61.09	-	-	None expected
216	Noticeboard**	-	-	-	?
217	Marketing (banners)	-	-	-	
218	Logo	-	-	-	
219	Bank Charges	72.00	72.00	72.00	£18 per quarter
	TOTAL	2,648.82	3,820.15	3,820.15	
300	Allotments				
301	Membership of NSALG	-	-	-	
302	Maintenance	1,000.00		700.00	New noticeboard
			2,200.00	1,500.00	General Maintenance
303	Water	2,634.00	500.00	500.00	
	TOTAL	3,634.00	2,700.00	2,700.00	
400	Highways & Lighting				
401	Grass cutting	4,148.35	4,703.00	4,703.00	Based on 2023 costs + 10%
402	Other environment maintenance	725.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
403	Lighting energy	629.69	732.00	732.00	Contract until Sept 2024 - New contract £77 per month
404	Lighting maintenance	330.00	330.00	330.00	Same as last year
405	Lighting replacement / renewal	-	-	-	All complete
	Christmas Lights	-			
	TOTAL	5,833.04	6,765.00	6,765.00	
500	Grants and Section 137				
501	Poppy Wreath	100.00	50.00	50.00	
502	Grapevine	1,500.00	750.00	750.00	
503	Coronation	1,674.72	-	-	
504	Wanderbus	-	350.00	350.00	
505	P3 New Years Day Walk	-	100.00	100.00	
506		-	-	-	
507	Others	400.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	
	TOTAL	3,674.72	3,250.00	3,250.00	

600	Village Hall and Recreational Ground				
601	Car Park Rent	-	-	-	
602	Tractor expenses (insurance & fuel, tyres)	632.80		150.00	Insurance
				75.00	Fuel
			275.00	50.00	Service and Maintenance
603	Play equipment (new and maintenance)	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	£5k into reserves
604	Village Hall	-	-	-	
605	Recreational Ground	2,950.00		3,000.00	Hedges and tree maintenance
			5,100.00	2,100.00	3x2mt flat pack container
606	Playground & Gym Inspections	45.95	50.55	50.55	
607	Gym & Sports Equipment (new and maintenance)	32.33	2,500.00	2,500.00	£2k new equipment and £500 in maintenance
TOTAL		8,661.08	12,925.55	12,925.55	
700	Projects				
701	Defibrillator	-	430.00	430.00	New battery and pads
702	SpeedWatch	-	-	-	
703	RMF Speed reduction	-	4,550.00	4,550.00	2 x VAS at £2250 each + £25 add bracket
704	Neighbourhood Plan	-	-	-	
706	Neighbourhood Plan - Grant funding	-	-	-	
705	Gallop	-	-	-	
TOTAL		-	4,980.00	4,980.00	
800	Cemetery				
801	Water	82.28	85.00	85.00	
802	Repairs & Maintenance	341.14	1,000.00	1,000.00	
803	ICCM membership	95.00	100.00	100.00	
TOTAL		518.42	1,185.00	1,185.00	
900	VAT Paid	1,948.51	5,810.11		
SUB TOTAL OF ALL EXPENDITURE		37,090.68	48,972.87		
950	Plus 5% contingency fund		2,158.14		
GROSS TOTAL BUDGETTED EXPENDITURE		37,090.68	51,131.01		
2000	INCOME				
2001	Precept	31,763.00	34,989.00		321 tax base at £109
2002	Donations	95.33	-		
2003	Allotments - Annual charge/Deposits	-	132.00		
2004	Neighbourhood Plan	-	-		
2005	Grass cutting	-	-		
2006	S106	12,000.00	-		
2007	VAT Refund	3,767.84	1,948.51		
2008	Cemetery	550.00	200.00		
2009	Bank Interest	690.86	500.00		
2010	Recreation Committee	-	-		
2100	Other	7,000.00	-		
2705	Gallop	-	-		
TOTAL		55,867.03	37,769.51		
Expenditure less income			(13,361.50)		
Earmarked Reserves - at 31/03/24			21,970.06		
General Reserves - at 31/03/24			41,383.16		
TOTAL in banks accounts			63,353.22		
Proposed Earmarked Reserves for end of 24/25			24,920.06		
Forecastd General Reserves for end of 24/25			25,071.66		

GPC Precept Proposals

Gravenhurst Parish Council	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023	2023/2024	2024/2025	% change	2024/2025	% change
Precept (£)	£ 21,000.00	£ 23,500.00	£ 24,100.00	£ 26,000.00	£ 26,572.00	£ 25,742.00	£ 31,762.80	£ 34,989.00	10.16%	£ 34,321.32	8.06%
divided by											
Tax base	243	245	245	260	256	248	306	321		321	
equates to											
Band D CT charge (£)	£ 86.42	£ 95.92	£ 98.37	£ 100.00	£ 103.80	£ 103.80	£ 103.80	£ 109.00	5.01%	£ 106.92	3.01%
								Option 1 as per budget		Option 2	

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Earmarked Reserves Current and Proposed

Earmarked Reserve	Nom Code	2022/2023			2023/2024			2024/2025		
		Start	Movement	Finish	Start	Movement	Finish	Start	Movement	Finish
Recreation Ground	605	£ 126.40	£ -	£ 126.40	£ 126.40	£ -	£ 126.40	£ 126.40	£ -	£ 126.40
RMF Speed Reduction	703	£ 5,000.00	£ -	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,000.00	£ -	£ 5,000.00	£ 5,000.00	-£ 4,550.00	£ 450.00
Election Costs	215	£ 800.00	£ -	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	-£ 61.09	£ 738.91	£ 738.91	£ -	£ 738.91
IT Equipment	203	£ 450.00	£ -	£ 450.00	£ 450.00	-£ 450.00	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Play equipment	603	£ 5,524.75	£ -	£ 5,524.75	£ 5,524.75	£ 5,000.00	£ 10,524.75	£ 10,524.75	£ 5,000.00	£ 15,524.75
Allotments	2003	£ 80.00	£ -	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ -	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ -	£ 80.00
Gym Equipment	607					£ 5,500.00	£ 5,500.00	£ 5,500.00	£ 2,500.00	£ 8,000.00
TOTAL		£ 12,471.15	-£ 490.00	£ 11,981.15	£ 11,981.15	£ 9,988.91	£ 21,970.06	£ 21,970.06	£ 2,950.00	£ 24,920.06

SSE Quotation for 30 months fixed prices from 01/10/2024

Meter Number - 530				
	<u>Annual Consumption (Kwh)</u>	<u>Standing Charge (p £/month)</u>	<u>Unit Rate p P/Kwh</u>	<u>Total Annual Spend (£ per year) exc. VAT and CCL</u>
SSE 30 month Renewal 01/10/2024	0	4.3	27.127	£51.60
Existing SSE	0	3.05	16.41	£36.60

Meter Number - 668				
	<u>Annual Consumption (Kwh)</u>	<u>Standing Charge (p £/month)</u>	<u>Unit Rate p P/Kwh</u>	<u>Total Annual Spend (£ per year) exc. VAT and CCL</u>
SSE 30 month Renewal 01/10/2024	263	5.43	28.686	£140.60
Existing SSE	263	3.05	17.761	£83.31

Meter Number - 761				
	<u>Annual Consumption (Kwh)</u>	<u>Standing Charge (p £/month)</u>	<u>Unit Rate p P/Kwh</u>	<u>Total Annual Spend (£ per year) exc. VAT and CCL</u>
SSE 30 month Renewal 01/10/2024	2283	5.43	28.641	£719.03
Existing SSE	2283	3.05	16.461	£412.40

Total Annual Spend SSE from 01/10/2024	£911.24
Total Annual Spend Existing	£532.32
Difference	£378.92

Why the increase? Energy prices have risen over last 24months - this did not effect us as we had a long term deal. Things are settling down but no where near where we were 3-4 years ago when we negotiated the current deal. Unit rates are 1/3 raw materials and the other 2/3 are non commodity charges e.g.: infrastructure , taxes etc.

Why SSE? Some other suppliers support unmetered supplies but they have minimum consumption requirements that we do not meet by some distance (30,000kwh per year). SSE are the current supplier.

Why agree new contract now? Because we know that there are further increases coming in April 2024 for non commodity charges. Prices for domestic energy are coming down but they will increase in April. World issues are also not likely to resolve themselfe. Reduces risk and allows us to fix budget.