

**GREAT GRANSDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Those present were:

Andrew Pett Chairman

Stephanie Beaumont Vice Chairman

Diane Taylor Clerk

Michael Capps Parish Councillor

Nick Ginn Parish Councillor

Ann Cosgrave Parish Councillor

Debi Pearce Parish Councillor

Jeff Gorton Parish Councillor

Giles Scott Parish Councillor

**1.** The meeting was opened at 7.30 pm with a silent prayer. The Chairman welcomed Nick Ginn and Giles Scott to the meeting as the newly co-opted members of the Parish Council. They signed the acceptance of office form.

**2. Apologies.** Apologies were received from Parish Councillor Alan Rowbotham.

**3. Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Planning. 1. 17/01460/FUL Demolition of existing commercial premises and erection of single dwelling with detached garage and garden store, Leycourt Farm, Eltisley Road.**

Andrew Pett spoke about this application being a departure from the Local Plan as evidenced by HDC's departure plan notice posted on the site. He also referred to the exceptions rules for building in the countryside and the National Policy Framework. The proposal is outside the village limits with only 2/3 houses in the nearby vicinity. Councillors commented that none of the exceptions for building in the countryside apply. Councillors also commented that the existing commercial building is not at the end of its economic life and no justification has been made for a new dwelling. It is also on the site of a listed building. Jeff Gorton proposed '**Refusal**' on the grounds (1) this application, which is a departure from the development plan is outside the village limits, (2) there is no justification for building a new dwelling in the open countryside, (3) there has been no attempt to justify the need for the replacement of the existing building which continues to be viable as commercial premises and (4) a precedent would be set for further development in the countryside which would contravene planning policy. Seconded by Stephanie Beaumont and carried unanimously.

**The Next Meeting has been arranged for Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2017**

This meeting closed at 8pm.