

**GRIMSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 13th May, 2019 at East Grimstead Reading Room.

Present: Cllr G Doran, vice chair, presiding, Councillors, Daffern, Christie, Wilkinson, Shrapnell, and Clark. together with Wiltshire Councillor, Richard Britton, seven members of the public and Martin Litherland of Wiltshire Council Recycling Department. Apologies were received from Cllr G Sowerby
Cllr Doran welcomed Martin and members of the public to the meeting.

The talk given by Martin Litherland was very interesting and it all seems very encouraging for the future of Recycling for Wiltshire A number of questions were raised regarding recycling.

There were no questions on other subjects from the Public

Minutes The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 9th April 2018 having been circulated were taken as read and signed.

Matters Arising

60.2019 Hazel Hill Members of the Parish Council had visited the site.

61.2019 Windwhistle Lane It was good to report that there are now very few lorries using the lane.

62.2019 Chairman's Report In the absence of Cllr Sowerby, Cllr Doran read out the Chair's report, a copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

63.2019 Treasurer's Report Having carried forward a healthy balance from last year, it was agreed to precept for £10,000, a reduction of £1500. Other than the clerk's salary and expenses, the major expenditure was a donation to East Grimstead Reading Room to improve the acoustics; the construction of a petanque terrain in the Playing Field at West Grimstead; and ditching in Bugmore Lane although a donation to cover most of the cost was received from the Brook/Evelyn/Thistlethwaite Charity. Smaller expenses were grass cutting and insurance.
The precept from Wiltshire Council and the VAT refund have been received for this financial year. There is now over £30,000 in the Lloyds bank accounts. The accounts have been passed and returned by the Internal Auditor.

There being no other business to discuss the meeting closed and was followed by the ordinary Parish Council Meeting.

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council meeting at East Grimstead Reading Room following the Annual Parish Meeting on Monday 13th May, 2019.

Present: Councillors Doran, chair presiding, Shrapnell, Clark, Wilkinson, Daffern and Christie together with Wiltshire Councillor R Britton plus seven members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr Sowerby.

There were no Declarations of Interest

	<p>Election of Chair and Vice Chair It was proposed by Cllr Shrapnell and seconded by Cllr Wilkinson that Cllr Sowerby be elected as chair for the forthcoming year. It was proposed by Cllr Clark and seconded by Cllr Christie that Cllr Doran be elected as vice chair for the forthcoming year. All in favour.</p>	
	<p>Ten Minutes for Public to speak A member of the public raised the question of planning gains (Community Infrastructure Levy) regarding the four new dwellings in East Grimstead (two have yet to be built. He wondered if this money could be used for the clearing of the large pond in the village. The clerk to enquire how much will be available.</p> <p>Declarations of Interest None</p>	Clerk
64.19	<p>Wiltshire Council Report. Cllr Britton explained about all the meetings he had attended throughout the year. There was a lot of concern about the number of houses being applied for in Alderbury. With regard to fly tipping, court cases are still awaited. There are boundary changes in the pipe line and the Grimsteads will be with Winterslow, Pitton, Farley and Alderbury. Elections for these councillors will be in May 2021 with one councillor for the whole area.</p>	
65.19	<p>Minutes. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st April, 2019, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed.</p>	
61.19	<p>Playing Field. The grass is now being cut twice a month during the growing season. However if the weather is exceptionally dry, only one cut will be required. The mounds of earth left over from the petanque area are being trimmed and left for the children to play on. Replacement bars have been bought to secure the goal posts. It has been suggested that a cycle path be provided around the field, the cost of which will be looked into by Cllr Sowerby. Another bench is required by the play area.</p>	
62.19	<p>Highways <i>Bugmore Lane</i> Although the Brooke/Evelyn/Thistlethwaite part of the ditch has been dug out, the area belonging to Mr Knapman has not been attended to. The clerk to write to the Footpath Warden to see what can be done.</p> <p><i>Parsons Cottage</i> The necessary remedial work has now been carried out.</p> <p><i>Flooding by Charcoal Track</i> This is still a very untidy site. The Highway engineer has passed the issue regarding BT work on to the Streetworks Team. Also it appears that the grips were filled in during the recent works and these need re-opening. It was agreed to try and contact BT Open Reach and inform Highways about this.</p> <p><i>Crockford Road Potholes/road edges.</i> These are still not judged to be at intervention level to warrant any work being done. However, the clerk was asked to enquire what the compensation rules are if vehicles are damaged by these potholes.</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk
63.19	<p>Footpaths. The footpath map on the Village Hall at West Grimstead has been cleaned and the framework has been renewed.</p> <p>There is a broken stile at the start of Footpath 9 running from Long Drove through Browns Copse. Anthony Cooper agreed to look at this and also the clerk to write to the footpath warden to see if a kissing gate is available.</p> <p>A new coloured map has been received for the whole parish.</p>	Clerk

	<p>Circular Footpath update Two new signs are still awaited. The clerk to write again. Holders for the footpath maps have been purchased for both parishes. The map is being produced by a resident of West Grimstead. It is hoped to hold the official opening at the end of July and a walk will be organised for the day.</p>	Clerk																					
64.19	<p>Planning 19/03035 – <i>Nursery Farm Buildings, West Grimstead</i> Variation of Condition to enable 2m wide grass verge with kerbing and any necessary drainage to be installed and completed prior to occupancy. No objections</p> <p>19/03109 – <i>Weavers Cottage, East Grimstead</i> – Work on TPO trees. No objections</p> <p>19/02948 – <i>Butterfurlong Farm, West Grimstead</i> - Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of an agricultural building to a dwelling house. The Parish Council is unhappy that Wiltshire Council has for this application, not informed neighbouring properties about the proposed change of use, stating that it only needs to erect the ‘green’ notice to meet its statutory obligations even though neighbouring properties were notified about previous proposed changes of use at this site. This is seen as a detrimental step by the Parish Council and Cllr Britton asked to see (and was given) the email from Wiltshire Council stating its position. Concern was expressed by the Parish Council at the extra traffic further development of the site would generate.</p> <p>17/01798 – <i>Change of use of land for the stationing of one mobile home, one touring caravan and a day/utility room for residential purposes together with the formation of hardstanding and landscaping at Valley View, East Grimstead.</i> This is the subject of an appeal in respect of the refusal by Wiltshire Council to grant this planning permission. The clerk has written to the Planning Inspectorate stating that development has already taken place. The arguments for the utility room are not convincing as modern mobile homes are designed for washing, heating, etc. The number of people living in the original encampment further along the road has grown significantly in recent years. This, along with those living in Dillons Farm and those suggested for this new application means that the total population of these sites is a significant proportion of the population of East Grimstead.</p> <p>Councillor Britten stated that Wiltshire Council is making a serious attempt to defend the refusal.</p>	Clerk																					
65.19	<p>Accounts for Payment The following accounts were passed for payment</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Mrs E Bayford Clerk’s salary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£844.40</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ditto expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><u>6.67</u></td> <td style="text-align: right;">851.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WALC (Subscription)</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">228.76</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Community First (Insurance renewal)</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">314.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hurdcott Landscapes (grasscutting)</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">140.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>East Grimstead Reading Room (hire of hall)</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs G Doran (purchase of map boxes for Circular Path</td> <td></td> <td style="text-align: right;">51.78</td> </tr> </table>	Mrs E Bayford Clerk’s salary	£844.40		Ditto expenses	<u>6.67</u>	851.07	WALC (Subscription)		228.76	Community First (Insurance renewal)		314.96	Hurdcott Landscapes (grasscutting)		140.45	East Grimstead Reading Room (hire of hall)		40.00	Mrs G Doran (purchase of map boxes for Circular Path		51.78	
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66.19	<p>Accounts for year ending 31st March 2018. These have been approved by the Internal Auditor and the Certificate of Exemption can be signed and forwarded to the external auditor.</p>	Clerk																					
67.19	<p>Going Green. Although some discussion took place, it was agreed to discuss this item at the next meeting.</p>																						
68.19	<p>Eco Bricks This item also to be on the agenda at the next meeting.</p>																						
69.19	<p>Correspondence A letter received from the Salvation Army requesting a clothing recycling container in the Playing Field. After some discussion it was decided not to go ahead with this as it was felt that there are already sufficient ways in which unwanted clothing can be disposed and previous bins on the site generated too much rubbish which had to be periodically removed. The clerk to write accordingly.</p>	Clerk																					
70.19	<p>Resignation of Cllr Clark It was with great reluctance that Cllr Clark has decided to stand down as a Parish Councillor after 37 years of loyal service to the parish. Although councillors were very sorry to hear this news, they fully understood Mrs Clark’s reasons for her decision. She was thanked for all her hard work throughout her years of service.</p>																						
71.19	<p>Date of Next Meeting Monday 1st July 2019 at East Grimstead Reading Room at 7.30 p.m. (No June meeting as it is only three weeks since today’s meeting)</p>																						

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