

GRIMSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council held on the 2nd July 2018 at East Grimstead Reading Room.

Present: Councillors Sowerby, Clark, Wilkinson, Shrapnell, Daffern and Christie, Wiltshire Councillor R Britton plus three members of the public.

Apologies were received from Cllr Doran

There were no Declarations of Interest.

77.18	<p>Ten Minutes for Public A person from East Grimstead wondered if money could be spent on clearing out the small pond opposite the Reading Room and also to tidy up the Big Pond. This to be an agenda item for the next meeting.</p> <p>The subject of gypsy sites in the County was raised, especially with regard to Valley View and Dillons Farm. Cllr Britton said that as there was an inadequate number of sites in the County, planning officers felt that if it went to appeal, planning permission would be granted. Cllr Britton will oppose the Valley View application. This particular application will go to Strategic Planning for determination because it is a new gypsy and traveller site. Although the meeting will be in Trowbridge, it is very much hoped that the Parish Council will be represented. It is not yet know whether the meeting will be on the 18th July.</p> <p>Gays Drove was another item raised by another resident of East Grimstead. The position was explained to her by Cllr Sowerby.</p>	
78.18	<p>Wiltshire Council Report. A Certificate of Lawfulness at Nightwood Farm is being applied for on the grounds that this was permitted development. The Environment Agency has stated that the asbestos does not pose a risk and would not intend to take any action and therefore Wiltshire Council may have no reason to withhold the Certificate. If they do, In Excess may appeal and if successful may apply for costs.</p> <p>There will be a full Council Meeting next week when the number of councillors will be known following the Border Review. A formal submission has to be made to the Border Control.</p> <p>The next meeting of the Southern Area Board will take place at Alderbury Village Hall on Thursday, 12th July.</p>	
79.18	<p>Minutes The Minutes of the meetings held on the 4th and 27th June, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed.</p> <p>Items dealt with by the Clerk</p>	
80.18	<p>Recreation Ground The sleepers for the petanque area are supposed to be installed this week. Concern was shown over the cutting of the grass especially under the play equipment.</p>	
81.18	<p>Highways <i>Gays Drove</i> An email had been received from the Footpath Warden expressing his disappointment at Mr Knapman's response. A3 size notices that say "Restricted Byway, no Vehicles" are being produced and these will be erected at either end of the lane. The clerk to check if anything has been done.</p> <p>The Parish Steward is in the area on the 18th July.</p>	Clerk

82.18	<p>Footpaths The Circular Footpath group have erected signs along the way. Cllrs Sowerby and Doran will walk the paths that run through White House Farm. Other footpaths in the parish need cutting back.</p>									
83.18	<p>Vision Update Some discussion took place. Cllr Christie would like a volunteer to take the next step to categorise the comments collected into distinct themes action plans can then be developed around. Cllr Sowerby offered but Cllr Doran could also be approached. In the absence of other volunteers at the meeting, Cllr Christie volunteered to progress this himself. This item to be discussed again at the next meeting. More mention of the Vision should be made in the Parish Magazines and parishioners should be encouraged to come to PC meetings.</p>									
84.18	<p>Chess Set Cllr Britton agreed on behalf of the Area Board that this could be donated to Alderbury and West Grimstead School. Cllr Wilkinson to organise the removal.</p>	RW								
85.18	<p>Planning 18/04897 – Retention and alterations to an existing agricultural building and the retention of a stable block and tack room in connection with the use of land for equine and agricultural purposes. It was decided to hold a site meeting and in view of the shortage of time left for the Council’s comments, the Parish Council delegated Cllr Sowerby to pass on our comments following the site meeting (to be arranged by the chair)</p> <p>An application in respect of Dillons Farm (18/05023) was before the Council but it arrived too late for it to go on the notices to be discussed. Another meeting to be arranged by the Clerk.</p>	GS Clerk								
86.18	<p>Grass Cutting It was felt the grass under the play equipment in the Playing Field should be cut more often. Although it would be good to have volunteers to undertake the work, the clerk to write to the contractors and ask if this could be possible.</p>	Clerk								
87.18	<p>Man in Car He is not homeless and has in fact been rehoused in Burbage but he doesn’t like it as it is too far away. Apparently he still lives at the Limeyard. No action to be taken.</p>									
88.18	<p>Training and Networking event Cllrs Sowerby and Wilkinson reported on the recent training event at Trowbridge. Amongst other things, it was suggested a “Repair Café” be set up in the parish where parishioners could use their skills to help each other fix things.</p>									
89.18	<p>Standing Orders These concern the legal requirements of the Parish Council and although some discussion took place, it was agreed to review this item at the next meeting together with the Financial Regulations.</p>									
90.18	<p>Privacy Notice The Council has to be aware of any information held. A Privacy Document has to be published. This again to be discussed at the next meeting.</p>									
91.18	<p>Accounts for Payment The following accounts were passed for payment:</p> <table data-bbox="272 1780 1039 1927"> <tr> <td>Community First Insurance Renewal</td> <td>£349.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hurdcott Estates (grasscutting)</td> <td>£70.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E Bayford (Clerks salary)</td> <td>£541.94</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Clerk’s expenses)</td> <td>£79.41</td> </tr> </table>	Community First Insurance Renewal	£349.55	Hurdcott Estates (grasscutting)	£70.22	E Bayford (Clerks salary)	£541.94	Clerk’s expenses)	£79.41	
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92.18	<p>Correspondence Email received from a resident in East Grimstead regarding the planting of verges with wild flowers. This item also to be on the Agenda for the next Meeting.</p>									

93.18	Date of Next Meeting 6 th August 2018 at West Grimstead Village Hall	
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