

GRIMSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council held on the 7th January 2019 at East Grimstead Village Hall. Present: Councillors Sowerby (chair presiding), Clark, Shrapnell, Doran, Christie, Daffern, together with Wiltshire councillor R Britton plus seven members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr Wilkinson.

	<p>Public Speaking Time Cllr Sowerby explained about the clearing of the ditch in Bugmore Lane. Payment to the contractor will be made by the Parish Council on behalf of the Brooke, Evelyn Thistlethwaite Charity and then reclaim the VAT back. Wiltshire Council is sorting out the problem near Parsons Cottage.</p> <p>Declarations of Interest Cllr Sowerby declared her interest in Planning Application 18/11109 – Springfield House</p>	
01.2019	<p>Wiltshire Council Report. Very little to report. The Budget for 2019/20 is being finalised. There is only going to be one Community Area Board member for south Wiltshire who will cover 50 parish councils. The next Area Board Meeting is on the 31st January.</p>	
02.2019	<p>Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd December 2018, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed.</p> <p>Items dealt with by the Clerk</p>	
03.2019	<p>Recreation Ground The new ropes are still awaited for the climbing frame. The soil which was dug out of the petanque area is still under discussion.</p>	
04.2019	<p>Highways <i>Bugmore Lane Ditch</i> No further news regarding Mr Knapman’s refusal to dig out the ditch. The clerk to contact Graham Axtell, Highways Engineer, again. The ditch belonging to the Brooke, Evelyn Thistlethwaite Charity has been attended to. <i>Flooding at Parsons Cottage, Bugmore Lane</i> The clerk to write to Highways again. The <i>Parish Steward</i> is in the parish on the 15th January 2019. . <i>Crockford Road</i> Highways to be informed of the large pot holes in Crockford Road. <i>Butterfurlong Road</i> None of the trees have been cut back. The hedge bordering Karapiro is in need of cutting back but this could prove difficult due to the fact that the road is very narrow at this point. Wiltshire Council to be consulted. There are also deep ruts along the edge of the road especially at the building site at Nursery Farm. Councillors were disappointed that Wiltshire Council has no plans as yet to repair the barriers along this road. The clerk to write and say that the situation is not acceptable. <i>Chapel Hill</i> The hedge at Wilsomdor needs cutting back. The clerk to write <i>Signs</i> As yet none of the requested signs have been replaced. Cllr Britton suggested these could be purchased through the CATG system (Community Area Transport Group).. The clerk to write to Julie Watts for her help. The Crockford Road sign is still awaited.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
05.2019	<p>Footpaths It was reported that vehicles/cycles are still using the circular footpath near Willow Cottage. Cllr Doran to liaise with Mr Sharpe over footpath sign near willow cottage. Large rectangular sign to be replaced by circular signs for footpath and circular path. Also Mr Sharpe, the owner of Willow Cottage, is considering erecting a “Private Road” sign at the entrance to the track</p>	

	Cllr Sowerby agreed to see the new owner of Home Farm regarding the footpath which runs through that property. The stile is fenced at the bottom thereby making it difficult for dogs to go through.	
06.2019	Vison Update The two letter boxes have been erected and labelled.	
07.2019	Hazel Hill Email received from the General Manager stating the application to build the Hideaway does not seek to increase the permitted occupancy of 120 days of education use and 400 days of conservation use per year. The outcome of the application should be known shortly.	
08.2019	Precept It was proposed by Cllr Sowerby and seconded by Cllr Daffern that the precept for 2019 should be £10,000. A vote was taken, the result being 4 for the proposal, 1 against and 1 abstention.	
09.2019	Speed Indicator Device This item will be raised at the Southern Area Board Meeting on the 31 st January.	
10.2018	Planning 18/11178 – <i>Roof conversion, extension and alterations at Joladima, West Grimstead.</i> The new plans were a great improvement and the Parish Council had no objections subject to the oak trees not being damaged. 18/11109 – <i>Removal of existing shed and construction of garage with storage space.</i> There were no objections to this application but concern was shown that the new garage could not be converted to a dwelling in the future. 18/11024 – <i>Proposed replacement dwelling. Garage Annex, Stable and all associated works at Lyvers Farm, East Grimstead.</i> Cllr Sowerby explained the application. There were no objections but the space above the new garage must not be used for separate accommodation. Dillons Farm/Valley View Cllr Sowerby to contact Enforcement again as there is definitely a new mobile home on this site.	GS
11.2019	Bus Shelters Letter received from Tom Bray asking if parishes needed improvements/additions to the bus shelters in the various parishes. There is only one in Grimstead and the condition of that is alright at the moment.	
12.2019	Milk Vending Machine Councillor Wilkinson contacted Alderbury PC over possible siting of milk vending machine. No news yet.	Clerk
13.2019	Accounts for Payment The following account was passed for payment Hurdcott Landscapes Ltd (grass cutting) 70.22 Craftmore Ltd (ditch clearing Bugmore Lane) £840.00 T Shrapnell (supply of letter boxes x 2) £39.98 East Grimstead Reading Room (hire of hall) £65.00 Mrs E Bayford (Clerks salary) £759.96 “ (Clerk’s expenses) 32.18	
14.2019	Date of Next Meeting – 4th February 2019 at West Grimstead Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.	