

GRIMSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at West Grimstead Village Hall on the 7th October 2019.

Present: Councillors Sowerby, Chair presiding, Wilkinson, Shrapnell, Daffern and Sharp together with Wiltshire Councillor R Britton plus four members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Doran and Christie

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| | <p>Ten Minutes Speaking Nothing to report</p> <p>New Councillor John Sharp was welcomed on to the council and the Declaration of Acceptance was signed.</p> | |
| 110.19 | <p>Wiltshire Council Report. The divisional boundaries have now been finalised. Cllr Britton will be standing as the Conservative candidate at the elections in 2021.</p> | |
| 111.19 | <p>Minutes. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd September, 2019, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed.</p> | |
| 112.19 | <p>Playing Field. The bench for Mrs Clark will be unveiled on the 13th October at 2.30. The Inspection of the field is still awaited. Once three viable quotes have been received for the path around the field, a questionnaire will be sent to Village Life for feedback from the villagers. It is hoped to have a village petanque group meeting to play in the week commencing 14th October.</p> | |
| 113.19 | <p>Highways <i>Barriers along Butterfurlong Road</i> – Still awaited. <i>Windwhistle Lane</i> – a meeting has been arranged between Neil Winter of Highways England and the councillors for the 24th October at 11 a.m. <i>Hedge between Hollyville and Horsepond</i> It was agreed to contact the tenant of the field and ask for the hedge to be cut back <i>Signs</i> An email had been received from a resident in East Grimstead asking for clearer road signs to be erected. Cllrs Sowerby and Wilkinson will see where they are needed and a request will be made to CATG. <i>Mirror</i> A request was made for a mirror to be placed opposite the Butterfurlong Road to enable drivers to see oncoming traffic in both directions on Long Drove. Again CATG to be approached. <i>Parish Steward</i> He will be in the village on the 16th October.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 114.19 | <p>Footpaths. <i>Circular Path</i> The stile by the railway line on the East Grimstead side has now been changed to three steps. The kissing gate at Hollands Well has been attended to. Charles Wilkinson has carried out work to the double stile with the re-nailing of footboards with extra support under one of them. He has also strimmed around them. He will also put chicken wire on the sleepers. He has also strimmed and trimmed around the concrete bridge over the main stream coming from Lyvers and replaced a hand rail pole. He is looking into a new stile for entry into Moonlight Piece. He has been thinking of re-routing the footpath so that it avoids the garden and yard. As the owner of Holme Farm has had the footpath re-routed and exits on the road opposite the boundary line of White House Farm and Pucks Hill, Mr Wilkinson thought it would be a neat solution if the circular path could continue directly across the road, through the hedge, up the bank and follow the hedgeline across his paddock, behind the old chicken houses and down the next hedgeline to the Moonlight Piece gate. Although this would involve a lot of work with clearing, he would be happy to take it on. The clerk to write and thank him for the work he has carried out.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |
| 115.19 | <p>Going Green Work has started on the Bugmore Green Nectar Bars: the areas have been scarified and yellow rattle, together with other seeds have been sown. Stakes have been put up to mark the areas off from future grass cutting. The small triangle has been planted up with the help of children from the village</p> | |
| 116.19 | <p>Little Pond The clearing of this will be on the 13th October with volunteers from the Friends of Bentley Wood and Hazel Hill Wood. It was hoped to put up cones for safety. Cllr Sharp will help with the clearing of the vegetation, etc.</p> | |
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| 117.19 | Wild Flower Trials Wiltshire Council is looking for areas on which to trial the growth of wild flowers and has approached the Parish Councils asking for suggestions. It was considered that Crockford Green would be an appropriate place. The clerk to contact Adrian Hampton and request a meeting to discuss it. | Clerk |
| 118.19 | Recycling Handbook Cllr Wilkinson has prepared a directory of where to recycle items that cannot at present be put in the blue bins. Crisp packets are currently collected for recycling in the East Grimstead phone box library. It was suggested that a larger container could be placed outside the Reading Room in East Grimstead for people to dispose of additional items such as toothbrushes, confectionary packaging and bread bags. Cllr Wilkinson reported that a zero waste TerraCycle box costs £400 and would fill up very quickly so it was considered too expensive. Cllr Britton confirmed there are major recycling changes in the pipe line from Wiltshire Council which will be announced next year – these will not affect the East Grimstead recycling idea. | |
| 119.19 | Big Pond, East Grimstead It was decided that the clearing of the pond has to be done by professionals as there is so much work involved. The clerk to obtain quotes. | Clerk |
| 120.19 | Chairman's Announcements It was felt that the Parish Council should have a project to reduce carbon emissions. This is the main theme on the agenda at the next Area Board meeting. | |
| 121.19 | Increase in number of Councillors Cllr Sowerby is in contact with Richard Clewer about having one extra councillor. It was proposed that we increase numbers from 7 to 8 and also ask for the parish to be “de-warded”. All in favour. | Clerk |
| 122.19 | Sale of Field in West Grimstead Apparently four offers have gone to the Estate Agent. However concerns were raised of it becoming a gypsy site as there was a lack of strategy for travellers at Wiltshire Council. Cllr Britton does mention this to key figures from time to time. | |
| 123.19 | Speeding – Long Drove, East Grimstead Complaints have been received of speeding along the stretch of road from Butterfurlong to the East Grimstead sign. It was agreed to ask for a metro count to be installed. Cllrs Sowerby, Sharp and Wilkinson will meet at the road and locate the most effective position. Hopefully the new Road Narrow sign, when in place, will help. | |

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| 124.19 | Planning 19/07378 – <i>Proposed extension, roof conversion, alterations and new single garage at Three Jays, Crockford Road, West Grimstead.</i> Revised plans have been received showing a reduction in the height of the roof and windows. The Council agreed there were No Comments to make. 19/08819 <i>Notification for Prior Approval under Class Q for a proposed change of use of an agricultural building to a single dwelling house and for associated operational development at Butterfurlong Farm, West Grimstead.</i> The Council agreed there were No Comments to make. | Clerk Clerk |
| 125.19 | Accounts for Payment It was agreed to pay the following accounts: Mrs R Wilkinson – purchase of seeds/plants and hire of scarifier for Bugmore Green £205.09 Hurdcott Landscapes Limited - grasscutting x 2 £143.28 | Clerk |
| 126.19 | Date of Next Meeting – 4th November 2019 at East Grimstead Reading Room. | |