

GRIMSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting at East Grimstead Reading Room on the 8th January 2018

Present: Councillor Sowerby (Chair), Councillors Doran, Clark, Daffern, Wilkinson and Christie together with Wiltshire Councillor R Britton plus eight members of the public.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Shrapnell

There were no **Declarations of Interest**

01.18 Ten Minutes for Public to speak Once again the question of fly tipping was raised. A telegraph pole has been erected in front of the 30mph sign along the Dean Road in East Grimstead. The clerk to inform Highways. A litter pick-up is going to be organised in East Grimstead. **Clerk Cular Foot**

A member of the public raised the question of Browns Copse but this item is one the agenda and would be discussed later. **Clerk**

Wiltshire Council Report The Planning Application for 50 houses in Alderbury has been refused. The retrospective application for Nightwood to be heard on the 10th January. Fly tipping is a huge problem throughout the area.

03.18 Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th December 2017, having been circulated were taken as read and signed.

Items dealt with by the clerk

04.18 Field behind Maypole Farmhouse Letter received from the GS landowner. This was discussed but more investigations need to be done.. The Parish Council is responsible for the pond. Cllr Sowerby to look into this.

05.18 Playing Field
The sacks have been removed and the soil still has to be moved. **GD/RC**
Cllrs Doran and Clark to look into this but at present the ground is too wet to do anything. A decision has to be made regarding the future of the petanque. It was proposed by Cllr Doran and seconded by Cllr Sowerby to go ahead with the installation of the petanque terrain. The cost would be in the region of £1000. All in favour with one absention by Cllr Wilkinson. Apparently there has been an increase in the number of people using the playing field especially with the football. A grant from the Southern Area Board to be looked into. **Clerk**

06.18 **Clerk**

Highways

The clerk had received a quotation for £295 for the cost of the **letters to the new sign post**. Another quote is awaited but if this was more than £295, the clerk to go ahead and order the letters.

An email had been received from the Footpath Warden regarding **Gays Drove**. Because of the status as a Restricted Byway it cannot be gated or have bollards erected across it. There is an

application in for Gays Drove to be made into a BOAT (Bridleway open to all traffic). W.Cllr Britton mentioned a Stopping Up Order being put in place and he will pursue this. It was felt that the landowners would welcome any form of restriction. **Clerk**

The Parish Steward is next in the parish on the 24th January. **Clerk**

The clerk to contact Highways regarding the **rodding of the drains** between Hollyville and Horsepond.

No Right Turn Sign – letter received from Highways England stating that as there has been no accidents at this junction, no funding will be allowed. The Parish Council is still concerned and the clerk was asked to write and state that it is inevitable that at accident will occur in the future. **Clerk**

Flooding – Whaddon Road. Although the ditches have been cleared out, concern was shown that the metal barriers are no longer in situ. The clerk to write to Highways asking if such barriers could be erected.

Mud – East Grimstead Bridge. Although this had been cleared by British Rail and Highways, there has been so much rain and there is now mud on the road. The Parish Steward cleans this area each month.

It was noted that our Parish Steward is very helpful and also very reliable.

07.18 Footpaths Parts of the Circular footpath are in a very poor state due to the amount of rain. Signs are required on other paths.

It was agreed to monitor the state of the various footpaths.

A Circular Path Group consisting of eight people has been formed. The group to meet within the next two weeks. Salisbury District Circular Paths Group have offered to help if necessary.

08.18 Vision for the Parish The questionnaire has still to be drafted. **Clerk**

09.18 Planning

17/10277 *Creation of new access onto the Grimstead Road with wooden gates and fencing to enable management of woodland at Browns Copse, East Grimstead.* Richard Baker from East Brothers (owners of the wood) explained the application.. Plans were presented to the Parish Council a year ago but because the wood joined the highway a full planning application had to be submitted. The timber has to be taken out of the wood. Re-ditching has been done the whole length of the wood. It is intended to extract 500 tons of timber through the year. 25 tons on each lorry with 20 lorry movements per year. No traffic would go through East Grimstead. An open morning will be organised later in the year when the weather improves. The councilors had no objections to this application. **Clerk**

17/10079 – *Retrospective application for grass planted bunds in south western corner of Nightwood Farm, West Grimstead* A planning meeting is to be held on the 10th January to determine this application. Cllrs. Sowerby and Doran to speak

Valley View - A decision is due on the 9th February. Cllr Sowerby has been in touch with the Planning Department who have had to consult Highways. The Planning Department said it would go to Strategic Planning. Cllr Sowerby agreed to speak at a meeting if necessary.

10.18 Boundary Commission After some discussion it was agreed

things should remain as they are, i.e. Grimstead Parish Council would still be East and West Grimstead.

11.18 Accounts for Payment It was agreed to pay the following accounts:

Clerk

E Bayford (Clerks salary and expenses)
£815.63

12.18 West Grimstead Village Hall (hall hire)
£60.00

East Grimstead Reading Room (hall hire) £37.50

13.18 Correspondence Letter received from Bobby Van. It was agreed to invite a representative to the Annual Parish Meeting.

Date of Next Meeting 5th February 2018 at West Grimstead Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The Annual Parish Meeting to be on the 14th May at West Grimstead Village Hall.