

GRIMSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting at East Grimstead Reading Room on Monday 1st July, 2019.

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

There were no Declarations of Interest

Mr. Peter Ford,	<p>Ten Minutes for Public to speak</p> <p>Mr Ford, a resident of West Grimstead and in charge of the defibrillator had purchased new batteries for the machine at a cost of £32.80. The pads need renewing, having a shelf life of only five years. A spare is also needed. He would like permission from the Parish Council to go ahead and order the new pads at a cost of £111.60. from St John Ambulance. At present the spare battery is stored at Mr Ford's house but this may be moved in the future.</p>	
There	<p>A resident from East Grimstead thanked Mr Cooper for mending the stile on Long Drove. With regard to the proposed new seat around the oak tree on Bugmore Lane, as this land is Common Land, approval has to be sought from residents of the village. The clerk to contact the person in charge of the email list for East Grimstead. He also enquired if the money from the various planning applications could be used for clearing of the pond. Cllr Sowerby confirmed this was the case. WC Britton to confirm that £8508.48 is available from the CIL</p> <p>Declarations of Interest There were none</p>	Clerk
	<p>72.19 Wiltshire Council Report. A report is due from the Boundary Commission this week. The project has been extended for a further three months so that the issue regarding Laverstock can be resolved.</p> <p>There is a new leadership of Wiltshire Council following the retirement of Jane Scott. Richard Clewer of Whiteparish has been nominated. The outcome will be known by the 8th July.</p>	
	<p>73.19 Minutes. The Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th May, 2019, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed.</p>	
	<p>74.19 Playing Field. In view of Mrs Rosemary Clark's long service to the council, Cllr Sowerby proposed that a new seat, together with plaque, be designated to her and erected in the field. All in favour</p>	
	<p>75.19 Highways <i>Bugmore Lane</i> Nick Cowen still trying to contact Mr Knapman. <i>Ditching by Charcoal Track</i> This should be done in the next month <i>Replacement of the culvert in the same location</i> Replacement will be carried out by the Drainage Team – budgets permitting <i>Reactive patching on West Dean Road through the trees</i> – should be in next three months <i>Patching on Long Drove</i> – programme is due to start in September. <i>Overruns</i> – these will be dealt with at some stage. Anyone wishing to make a claim needs to contact the legal team to obtain the necessary form. <i>Road by Limeyard</i> – email from Enforcement stating the road was in good order. The wheelwash is immune from Enforcement action on the breach of condition as it has not been used for many years. Both this site and the East Grimstead Chalk Pit are up for rental. <i>Barriers along Butterfurlong Road</i> – these have been removed. The clerk to ask for them to be replaced <i>Popes Bottom Road</i> – the edges of the road are in a bad state of repair. Highways to be informed <i>Windwhistle Lane</i> – another large lorry came down the lane. The clerk to write again to Highways England</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk

76.19	<p>Footpaths. The <i>broken stile</i> at the start of Footpath 9 running from Long Drove through Browns Copse has been repaired by Anthony Cooper. Thanks were expressed to him. <i>Circular Path</i> It is hoped that Nick Cowen, Wiltshire Council Footpath Warden, will open the new Circular Footpath on the 21st July. This will take place at West Grimstead opposite Hollands Well. <i>Stiles by Railway Line</i> – it has been reported that the stiles either side of the railway line are too high. The footpath warden agrees and a third step to each stile will be added but may take a few months. Also the clerk to request that all stiles should be dog friendly. The clerk to write A new stile/kissing gate is needed on Footpath 6.</p>	Clerk												
77.19	<p>Going Green Cllr Wilkinson has formed a Nature Group in East Grimstead. It was agreed to focus on biodiversity. Hurdcott Landscapes have been asked to cut green pathways (nectar bars) on Bugmore Green so that wild flowers or wild flower seeds can be down in these bars. A plan was to hand showing the various strips to be cut. However as the green is common land, residents will be notified of the plan via the email list. It was also suggested that Crockford Green in West Grimstead should be cut in a likewise manner but the bracken must be cut back each time Wiltshire Council cut the green. The clerk to ask Highways if this can be done. The Parish Council was in favour of such schemes. It was agreed to leave Maypole Green as it is.</p>	Clerk												
78.19	<p>Eco Bricks Cllr Wilkinson to attend a workshop but she did state that the making of such bricks was very hard work.</p>													
79.19	<p>Repair Café It was reported that these are spring up in various villages, Lover (near Redlynch) being one which is open on Wednesday mornings from 10.00 to 12 noon. This item to be looked at again.</p>													
80.19	<p>Planning 19/05060 – <i>Nightwood Farm, West Grimstead</i> – Change of use of 2 agricultural barns to B8 storage. The Council was concerned that there is no evidence whatsoever of the predicted volume of heavy lorries which uses the only access road through Alderbury, thus breaching the 7.5 tonne limit. The Parish Council object to this application because of the unknown volume of lorry movements. 19/05472 – <i>Butterfurlong Barn, West Grimstead</i> – proposed roof alterations to permitted change of use from agricultural building to a dwelling. The Parish Council objected to this application on the grounds that these were agricultural buildings with permitted development rights. The roof height should be kept the same as the house. 19/05299 – <i>Nursery Farm</i> - Provision of balancing pond for surface water drainage in conjunction with the development on this site. The Parish Council had no objections.</p>	Clerk												
81.19	<p>Accounts for Payment The following accounts were passed for payment</p> <table data-bbox="354 1419 1190 1560"> <tr> <td>Mrs E Bayford Clerk's salary</td> <td>£590.94</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ditto expenses</td> <td><u>13.12</u></td> <td>604.06</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hurdcott Landscapes (grass cutting)</td> <td></td> <td>71.64</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mr Peter Ford (defib batteries from St Johns Amb.</td> <td></td> <td>32.08</td> </tr> </table>	Mrs E Bayford Clerk's salary	£590.94		Ditto expenses	<u>13.12</u>	604.06	Hurdcott Landscapes (grass cutting)		71.64	Mr Peter Ford (defib batteries from St Johns Amb.		32.08	
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82.19	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A member of the public would like to use Bugmore Green for parking. No objections. 2. A letter had been received regarding another large lorry using Windwhistle Lane. This lorry was unable to turn left at the end of the lane and started to go towards Emmotts Farm. The clerk to write again to Highways England. 3. Mrs Clark's resignation letter had been received. A notice advertising the vacancy to be erected on the Notice Boards, email systems and also placed in the village magazines. 	Clerk												
83.19	<p>Date of Next Meeting Monday 5th August 2019 at West Grimstead Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.</p>													