

GRIMSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting at West Grimstead Village Hall on Monday, 5th February 2017

Present: Councillor Sowerby (Chair), Councillors Doran, Shrapnell, Clark, Daffern, Wilkinson and Christie together with Wiltshire Councillor R Britton plus three members of the public.
There were no **Declarations of Interest**

14.18 Ten Minutes for Public to speak Nobody had any items to bring up

**Cular
Foot**

15.18

Wiltshire Council Report With regard to the fly tipping in our area, the camera has uncovered a lot of evidence and there are 12 prosecutions in the course of preparation at the moment.

The forthcoming CATG meeting had to be cancelled through lack of business.

The Budget for the full council will be known later in the month.

6% in the Council Tax is being proposed together with various changes in the business plan. The Police precept has been increased by 7% by the Police and Crime Commission panel.

The Strategic Planning Committee has refused the Old Sarum Scheme of 400 houses but this application will go to appeal.

Clerk

16.18 Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on the 8th January 2018, having been circulated were taken as read and signed.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Agent for Manor Farm, East Grimstead explained the application to erect a 4 bedroomed dwelling using the same entrance to Manor Farm.

Items dealt with by the clerk

17.18 Field behind Maypole Farmhouse Cllr Sowerby reported that she had visited the site which is very wet. The large pond is common land but the Parish Council is responsible for making sure the water from this pond drains away and wondered whether a ditch could be dug alongside the hedge, although the actual footpath is not near the proposed ditch. The Parish Council to look into the cost of hiring a digger. The owner of the land will not undertake any work.

18.18 Playing Field Letter received from Nick Adams (the person responsible for inspecting the play equipment) regarding the 2018 Inspection. The Parish Council was very much against having Mr Adams to inspect the equipment again as it was felt the last report was copied from the previous year and that a lot of the repair work had in fact been carried out. The clerk was asked to contact Alderbury and Whiteparish Parish Council to see which firm they used for inspecting their playing fields.

Clerk

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With regard to the petanque terrain, Boswells have been very

19.18 helpful and also a person from Pitton is very willing. More information will be available at the next meeting. A grant from the Southern Area Board to be sought.

Highways

A letter had been received from the Highways team stating that the culvert along Long Drove, East Grimstead (just past the road narrow sign) is scheduled for repair despite the fact that this has never been reported by the Parish Council. Highways are now looking into the matter and are also inspecting the culverts along the Butterfurlong Road which have been on the agenda for a long time.

Cllr Sowerby has the new sign and this will be painted in readiness for the letters to go on. These have been ordered. **Clerk**

It is still not sure whether Highways will provide the Crockford Road sign so it was suggested a CATG grant be looked into.

Councillors were asked if there were any other signs needed that could be included. Julie Watts to be contacted **Clerk**

With regard to the erection of the SID, the clerk had met with people from the Community Farm and unfortunately there was not a suitable sign in West Grimstead for the SID to be put on. It has to go on a pole which is on the same side of the road as the traffic passing along it. Tom Bray to be informed. **Clerk**

Concern was shown over the amount of advertising signs along the Grimstead/Whaddon Road by Mr Fencing. The clerk had been in contact with Alderbury Parish Council. The telegraph posts on which the signs are erected do in fact belong to Mr Fencing. Councillors were not happy with all the signs and the clerk was asked to contact the firm to see if the larger sign by the entrance could be taken down. **Clerk**

With regard to the flooding at the Charcoal Burners track, the clerk was asked to write to Highways to see if one large drain (instead of the two small ones) could be built which would alleviate possible flooding. **GS/Clerk**

Mud – East Grimstead Bridge. The Parish Steward will look at this every month. There is also a lot of fly tipping just past the bridge and it was hoped this could be picked up during the forthcoming litter pick.

On the subject of Gays Drove, Cllr Sowerby felt it would be a good idea to meet the land owners of the fields along the track and ask them if they would be interested in putting up bollards/gates to prevent vehicles from using the track (other than permitted farm vehicles). Maybe another matter for the CATG.

20.18 **Footpaths** With regard to the Circular Footpath, a meeting has recently taken place with nine people present. They were very keen to be members of the group and do work on the path if necessary. Nothing can be done at the moment as the ground is so wet. Tom Bray is being kept informed of progress and the Southern Area Circular Footpath Group are also willing to help.

21.18

Vision for the Parish A questionnaire has been sent out to councilors. Cllr Christie is in the process of preparing the questionnaire for all parishioners to respond. It was decided that replies would be forwarded to the Clerk/Chair/Hotmail list. **Clerk**

22.18

Planning

18/00378 – Claremont Cottage, Long Drove, East Grimstead - Single Storey extension to front of property. No objections. **Clerk**

17/12401 – Manor Farmhouse, East Grimstead – Erection of

detached dwelling. As this new dwelling is on agricultural land, the Council objected to this.

18/00502 – 5 Dean Road, East Grimstead – Replacement dwelling. The Parish Council objected to this as it is a new dwelling in the open countryside. A mobile home is considered to be a caravan in planning terms and there is no policy regarding the replacement of a caravan with a permanent dwelling.

23.18 DATA Protection Officer Wilts Cllr Richard Britton and Tom Bray are looking into this. Cllr Sowerby will be the officer for Grimstead Parish Council.

24.18 Correspondence Letter received from the resident of *Treetops, East Grimstead* regarding the state of the track over Bugmore Green over which he has right of way to his property. Highways have also been informed and it was agreed to wait and see what Highways say. However the clerk was asked to acknowledge his letter. **Clerk**

Audit As neither our income or expenditure exceeds £25,000 the Parish Council will have the right to certify that it is an exempt authority and in normal circumstances no audit fee will be payable. However an annual return will need to be completed and published. **Clerk**

25.18 Buckingham Palace Garden Party Invitation Cllrs, Doran, Wilkinson, Daffern and Clark stated they would like to be considered for an invitation.

26.18

East Grimstead Reading Room It was reported that the acoustic panels have now been erected in the Reading Room with the quality of the sound being very much improved.

Annual Parish Meeting This will now take place at West Grimstead Village Hall on the 9th April followed by the normal Parish Council Meeting. Members of the Police, Fire Brigade and Hazel Hill to be invited to attend.

27.18 Date of Next Meeting 5th March 2018 at East Grimstead Reading Room.