

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at East Grimstead Reading Room on Monday 6th January 2020.

Present: Cllr Sowerby, presiding, Cllrs. Wilkinson, Daffern, Christie and Sharp, Wilts. Cllr R. Britton plus 4 members of the public. Apologies were received from Cllr. Shrapnell. Cllr Doran, who is sadly standing down from the Parish Council, had sent a letter of resignation to Cllr. Sowerby. The vacancy to be advertised in the normal way.

Ten Minutes speaking Nothing was mentioned

There were no Declarations of Interest

Wiltshire Council Report. Councillor Britton had nothing to report.

Minutes The Minutes of the meeting held on the 2nd December 2019, having been circulated were taken as read and signed.

Items dealt with by the Clerk

01.20 Playing Field Update Cllr Sharp is looking into this.

JPS

02.20 Highways: *Bugmore Lane Ditch* Email from Highways stating that it is now with the Drainage Team to deal with.

Barriers – Butterfurlong Road Highways to look again at the marker posts opposite Nursery Farm. There is quite a gap where a vehicle could easily go in the ditch.

Clerk

Windwhistle Lane It was decided that a Consultation Exercise be carried out in two phases: 1) seeking broad feedback on issues of concern to the Council and possible options to resolve those issues, followed by 2) a public meeting (to be held in two months' time, once the phase 1 feedback has been analysed).

Clerk

Alderbury Parish Council to be kept informed of all meetings. A notice to go in West Grimstead Village Life magazine in due course but, initially, the Chair to draft an initial communication document and circulate to councillors for review.

Mirror and Road Signs. Cllr Sowerby and the clerk to meet Julie Watts of the Transport Team on the 15th January to see what can be done.

Road Signs Very few responses were received from the questionnaire email sent to the residents of East Grimstead as to whether or not road name plates should be installed. After some discussion, a vote was taken by the Council which resulted in 4-1 in having new signs.

Metro Count Results are still awaited.

03.20 Footpath Update The Footpath warden confirmed that the Highway Authority can contribute 25% of the cost for replacing and maintaining structures on footpaths but in most cases, a meeting would take place with the landowner to

either supply the materials or install the structure instead of them claiming back the 25% contribution. Cllr Sharp agreed to contact Mr Wilkinson regarding the problems on his land.

A Footpath sign is needed at the end of Bugmore Lane indicating the route of the footpath No 3. At present signage is inadequate as the start of the path from the road cannot be determined. The Footpath Warden to be informed. **Clerk**

04.20 Going Green It was agreed that Cllr Wilkinson and the Nature Group could built an insect hotel on Bugmore Green.

1. **Recycling Shed** Craftmore to be asked to construct the base for the new recycling shed on Bugmore Green. Cllr Shrapnell agreed to help with the construction of the shed.

05.20 Maintenance of Big Pond Cllr Wilkinson thanked Cllr Britton for putting her in touch with the Manager of Wildlife and Conservation at the New Forest National Park who is offering advice about maintaining the big pond to benefit wildlife. Email also received from WildLandscapes@wiltshirewildlife.org saying they would like to come and look at the pond. Cllr. Wilkinson to liaise with them. **RW**

06.20 Phone Box/Library East Grimstead. Cllr Sharp's wife has agreed to paint the phone box and a resident has offered to sort out the books but this to be left until the spring.

07.20 Litter Pick-up East Grimstead agreed to arrange their own event but Alderbury Scouts to be asked if they would help with the clearing of litter in both parishes later in the year. **Clerk**

08.20 Planning: *19/10383 Variation of condition. Application to relax operator condition to allow another operator at the Limeyard, West Grimstead.* Although there were no objections to the change of contractor, the Parish Council felt that certain conditions must be imposed:

1. A working wheel wash to be used every time lorries leave the site.
2. No artificial lighting.
3. Care must be taken with the opposite verge to the site which is becoming very damaged.

The Council was also very concerned about the amount and content of the huge rubble pile. **Clerk**

09.20 Accounts for Payment It was agreed to pay the following:

Hurdcott Estates (grass cutting)	£71.64
Mrs E Bayford Clerks salary and expenses	£779.63
West Grimstead Village Hall (Hall hire)	£60.00

10.20 Date of Next Meeting – 3rd February 2020 at West Grimstead Village Hall at 7.30 pm.