

GRIMSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council meeting at East Grimstead Reading Room on 5th March 2018.

Present: Councillor Sowerby (Chair), Councillors Doran, Shrapnell, Clark, Daffern and Wilkinson together with Wiltshire Councillor R Britton. Apologies were received from Cllr Christie
There were no **Declarations of Interest**

- Ten Minutes for Public to speak** Nobody had any items to bring up **Cular Foot**
- 28.18 Wiltshire Council Report** The budget has been agreed for the forthcoming year but a saving of £26m. has to be met. Nightwood Farm is now on the market. It is likely that In Excess will not appeal the decision but will appeal against the enforcement notice. **Clerk**
- 29.18 Minutes** The Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th February, having been circulated were taken as read and signed.
- Items dealt with by the clerk**
- 30.18 Field behind Maypole Farmhouse/Pond** Cllr Sowerby explained the problem. It had been reported that the pond was overflowing on to the road but the pipe has now been cleared and is working normally. As the pond is the responsibility of the Parish Council, Cllr Sowerby has looked into the question of digger hire which could be free. Councillors are due to meet the owner of the field on another matter and will discuss this with him. After some discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Sowerby that when the weather is drier, a digger will be used to dig a ditch in the field. A vote was taken with four votes for the proposal and two abstentions. **GS**
- 31.18 Maypole Green** It was reported that another vehicle is being parked on the green by Friars Pardon. Cllr Sowerby has been in touch with the owner who is going to put rubber matting down when the weather improves. It was suggested that wooden posts be erected along this stretch of green. Chris Hewitt to be approached. **RC Clerk**
- Bugmore Green** Although access is allowed across the green to Treetops, the Parish Council is not responsible for the upkeep of the track. The clerk to write to the householder accordingly.
- 32.18 Playing Field**
Two quotations have been received for the Inspection of the Play Equipment.
1. The Play Inspection Company Limited £100
 2. ROSPA £66.50 for up to five items plus £3.50 for any additional items **Clerk**
- Clerk**

It was decided that The Play Inspection Company would be asked to

carry out the Annual Inspection. The clerk to organise. Mr Nick Adams, who previously carried out the inspections, to be told.

The **Petanque terrain** has been measured out and it is hoped that this will be dug out within the near future. The soil inside the gate will be moved. East Brothers have been asked if they would like to give a grant towards the cost of the installation and they have very kindly offered to supply all the timber that is required. A donation of £200 in memory of Jeanette Melville has also been received from a local resident towards the costs. The clerk to thank him. **Clerk**

The **Seesaw** is in a very poor state of repair. Unfortunately the plywood seat is separating. Mr Hogan has offered to take it away and repair it.

33.18 Highways

Road Closure Long Drove, East Grimstead is to be closed for 21 days from the 6th March in order to carry out necessary repair work to the culvert.

Drains Letter from Highways stating that the drains from Hollyville to Horse Pond will be rodded in April or hopefully before then.

Flooding – Charcoal Track This is still a problem. The Parish Steward has been asked to check this area on his monthly visit to the parish. Wiltshire Council have stated that if a bigger single size diameter pipe was put in there would not be enough depth of cover over the top of the pipe without considerable reinforcement being required to make a safe structure given the size of vehicles using the road. Longford Estate will monitor the situation. The railings are still awaited – the clerk to check. **Clerk**

Gays Drove Mr Knapman, one of the landowners is very willing to meet with the Parish Council to discuss gates/bollards, etc. It is hoped to meet with him on the 8th March. Cllr Sowerby has been in contact with the Footpath Warden. **Clerk**

Fly tipping The clerk to report the rubbish by East Grimstead Railway Bridge. Cllr Sowerby noticed a sign at Bodenham regarding Fly Tipping. The clerk to make enquiries

Signs Three issues have been put forward for consideration by CATG.

1. CROCKFORD ROAD sign
2. Cost of the letters for the new sign post
3. Height Restriction Sign Crockford Road

Litter Pick-Up Due to the heavy snow falls, this has now been re-scheduled to the 24th March

34.18 Footpaths With regard to the Circular Footpath, Cllr Doran has been in contact with Marcus Light, (Mr Ball's Contractor) regarding the diagonal path from West to East Grimstead. He will spray the field as soon as the crop starts to grow even though Mr Ball is unwilling for this to happen. It is hoped that on the 13th March a group will walk the Circular Footpath.

35.18 Vision for the Parish A questionnaire has now been sent out to all residents in the Parish either by email, parish magazines or both. The response is awaited.

36.18 Correspondence Information has been received regarding the erection of masts on churches to improve mobile phone coverage. This matter will be on the agenda for the next PCC Meeting of West Grimstead Church **Clerk**

Letter received from IDVERDE informing the Parish Council that three accounts have not been paid. These were in 2014/15. The **Clerk**

clerk had looked into this and found that in fact one of the accounts had been paid but will check again and if necessary, obtain bank statements for the dates in question. The amount owing is approximately £400.

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

Mrs E Bayford (Clerks Salary and expenses)
£688.22

Shelley Signs (letters for the new sign post)
£354.00

38.18 Date of Next Meeting 5th April 2018 at West Grimstead Village Hall - ANNUAL PARISH MEETING