

Draft of the Minutes of Grafton Parish Meeting held at the Coronation Hall, East Grafton on Monday 07 September 2020 at 19:15

| Item | Topic and Actions |
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| | <p>Attendees: Mr David Lemon (Chair), Mrs Annie Whitcher (Vice Chair), Mrs Ann Dudney, Mr Mike Hyslop, Mr George Hosier, Mr Kevin Burke, Mr Mike Hatherell. Miss Maria Vonsova (Clerk).</p> <p>Members of the Public: Mr Baron Philips, Mr Christopher Orssich</p> |
| 1 | <p>Apologies for absence: Mr Crispin Herrod-Taylor.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Matters arising from Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 13 July 2020: None. Acceptance proposed by Mrs Dudney, seconded by Mrs Whitcher, signed by Mr Lemon.</p> <p>Action: None.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Public Forum under adjournment: Mr Orssich expressed his concern over ever increasing speeding traffic through East Grafton. He enquired if the council can put a sign through the village “Please respect the Speed” and questioned why the Speed Watch Group was not active in the recent times. Mr Hatherell reassured Mr Orssich that the Police had suspended Speed Watch during the Covid lockdown but were restarting in the next few weeks. Mr Orssich questioned the effectiveness of the speed watch designated sites as it is easy for drivers to spot the cameras and slow down. Mr Hyslop stated that the Police risk assess and approve the sites. Mr Hyslop explained that evidence of speeding obtained from the SID device records would be used to involve the police in future but that it takes time to gather information to satisfy the authorities that further action is required. Mr Philips suggested speed bumps as the most effective way of speed control but he agreed that A road would not qualify for this.</p> <p>In response to a letter received regarding trees on the A338. Mr Lemon said that he had a response from the Wiltshire Council regarding overhanging Poplar tree on the junction of the Wilton Road/A338 opposite the Old Bakery Cottages after Mrs Livesey raised her concerns over safety. Wiltshire Council agreed it is their responsibility to deal with the tree and this issue should be sorted soon. Mr Hyslop pointed out there are other trees growing outside of the fence by Sunset cottage on the A338, protruding on the road and needing attention. Mr Hatherell added the issues of few blind spots on the Village Green from the Lime trees overgrowth. Mrs Dudney offered to contact the owners of the particular trees to ask if they would trim the overgrowth.</p> <p>Action: Mr Lemon to inform the committee on the progress with the trees growing outside the fence by Sunset Cottage on the A338.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Financial Review: Expenditure of £3,900 for the second SID, including extra brackets was reviewed. Proposed Mr Hosier, seconded Mr Hyslop. This equipment to be added to the insurance details by Mrs Dudney</p> <p>Actions: Financial report.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Parish Updates:</p> <p>Coronation Hall: Mrs Whitcher announced the hall opened this week and is already in use by Mr Tim Brew with yoga classes and by Miss Charlotte with her dance classes. Due to the Covid-19 restriction most of the exercise classes are still considering whether and when to resume. Mrs Whitcher hopes that Goslings will return in October. The Wiltshire Air Ambulance collection box has been advertised. She pointed out missing recycling bins, 2 black boxes and a blue bin.</p> <p>Mrs Whitcher asked for advice to clarifying facts on a Craft Fair event suggested by Mrs June Pearson. Mr Lemon asked Mr Burke to obtain more information from Mrs Pearson about his event and coordinate with the Coronation Hall committee. Mr Herrod-Taylor’s suggestion of a “Lockdown clear out” sale was discussed – it was decided that Mr Burke should explore these two ideas together.</p> <p>Action: Mrs Whitcher to report on the village hall on the next parish meeting.</p> |
| | <p>Community Support groups and Parish Food bank: Mr Dudney quoted the £97, 08 balance in the food bank, however the stock value has not yet been calculated. Mr Burke said that the food bank requests had ceased but expressed his concern that it could be in demand again. Mr Lemon suggested that the balance and stock should be held in reserve until the financial year end (March 2021) when the use of any remaining funds should be reconsidered. Proposed Mr Hosier, seconded by Mr Hyslop. Mr Lemon thanked Mr Kevin Burke and Mr Bill Clemence for their efforts.</p> <p>Action: None unless the food bank is reopened</p> |
| | <p>Speed Watch: Referred in point 3.</p> <p>Action: Mr Hatherell to update on the Speed Watch next Parish Meeting.</p> |

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| | <p>SID installation and report on traffic records: Mr Lemon offered statistical numbers gained from the SID readings for two different time periods. From the West side of East Grafton the SID registered 14,000 vehicles with maximum speed of 55 mph. The readings are broken down as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6,000 vehicles recorded between 28-32 mph • 4,000 vehicles recorded between 33-37 mph • 2,000 vehicles between 38-42 mph • 594 vehicles between 43-47 mph • 112 vehicles between 48-52mph • 16 vehicles between 53-55mph <p>From the East side of the village SID registered 31,000 vehicles with maximum speed of 40mph.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6, 000 vehicles recorded between 23-27 mph • 18, 000 vehicles between 28-33 mph • 4,600 vehicles between 33-37mph • 172 vehicles between 38-43 mph <p>Mr Burke pointed out the traffic is definitely slowing down since installing the SID and the new road markings/cat's eyes. Mr Lemon suggested moving SID from West side of the village to the Village Green followed by Wilton and then in Marten. Mrs Dudney suggested placing the SID first in Wilton, this was agreed.</p> <p>Action: Mr Herrod-Taylor to update the committee on the SID progress at the next meeting.</p> |
| | <p>Playing Field Maintenance and Sunflowers of Grafton temporary gazebo: Mrs Dudney was approached by the Sunflowers for permission to erect a temporary gazebo in the playing field to meet their requirements of social distancing. Mrs Dudney agreed under condition no items should be left on the grass in order that grass growth was not impaired. She apologised for not discussing this issue with the Parish Council and asked for their support. Fully supported.</p> <p>Action: Mrs Dudney to report on the maintenance on the next meeting.</p> |
| | <p>WW1 Centenary Rowan tree planting and maintenance of War Memorial area: Mr Burke apologised for not taking the suggested photo of the suitable site for planting the Rowan tree. However, he confirmed that the Rowan tree reached 1mtr. Mr Lemon proposed to combine planting of the Rowan tree with the Remembrance Sunday service in November.</p> <p>As requested, Mrs Dudney has agreed with the contractor to split the area for which the Parish Council is responsible from the PCC grass cutting fees. An extra £12 will be paid by the Parish Council.</p> <p>Action: Plans to be made and confirmed closer to the Remembrance service.</p> |
| | <p>PCAP: There was no update in Mr Herrod-Taylor absence.</p> <p>Action: Mr Herrod-Taylor to report on the PCAP meeting on the next meeting.</p> |
| | <p>Defibrillator: Mr Hosier had nothing to report on this matter.</p> <p>Action: Mr Hosier to update on the next meeting.</p> |
| | <p>Community Calendar: Mr Burke stated even through some events may come up in the future there is too much uncertainty due to Covid-19. His plans to coordinate the Community Calendar with the Pewsey Vale "What's On" page on their website.</p> <p>Action: Mr Burke to report on the progress on the next meeting.</p> |
| | <p>Neighbourhood Planning: Mr Hatherell had nothing to report. However, he pointed out that the PCAP will hold a meeting on planning issues at October this year.</p> <p>Action: Mr Hatherell to update the committee next parish meeting.</p> |
| | <p>Parish Steward: Mr Lemon pointed out again the lack of involvement from the steward.</p> <p>Action: Mr Lemon to update the situation with the parish steward next meeting.</p> |

Meeting closed at 20:15 hours with all contributors being thanked by Mr Lemon.

Next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 09 November 2020 at 19:15 hours at the Coronation Hall, East Grafton

Next Planning Meeting: Monday 12 October 2020 at 13:00 hours at the Coronation Hall, East Grafton
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