

**Draft of the Minutes of Grafton Parish Council Meeting held at the Coronation Hall, East Grafton
on Monday 10 January 2022 at 19:30 hours**

| Item | Topic and Actions |
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| 1. | <p>Attendees: Mr David Lemon (Chair), Mrs Annie Whitcher (Vice Chair), Mrs Ann Dudney, Mr George Hosier, Mr Kevin Burke, Mr Mike Hatherell, Mr Richard Pash, Mr Edward Nelson, Mr Rupert Bentley, Miss Maria Vonsova (Clerk).</p> <p>Apologies for absence: None.</p> <p>Members of the Public: Miss Tamara Reay, Miss Viktoria Rusnakova.</p> |
| 2. | <p>Matters arising from Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 08 November 2021: None. Minutes proposed by Mr Hosier, seconded by Mrs Whitcher, signed by Mr Lemon.</p> |
| 3. | <p>Public Forum under adjournment:</p> <p>Mr Lemon expressed his gratitude to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mr Dougie Wilcox and his helpers for making the pond in Wilton Christmassy and the gifts Father Christmas gave to the kids at the "Wilton Illuminations". -Mrs Whitcher and Mrs Dudney for organising the Carols on The Green, providing food and wine which was a great success attended by many. Mrs Gabby Walker for playing the keyboard and Nick Evans for leading the singing. -Father Christmas and his helpers for their trip around the Grafton parish on Christmas Eve followed by Christmas morning on the Swan's car park and to Mr Bill Clemence for hosting this event again. -Mrs Liz Hosier for organising the Christmas morning service at St Nicholas' church and to Reverend Michael McHugh for delivering it. -To all members of the Parish Council for their contributions in 2021. <p>Action: None.</p> |
| 4. | <p>Planning Application: None.</p> <p>Action: N/A.</p> |
| 5. | <p>Financial Review: Mrs Dudney presented financial accounts to 05 January. The precept for 2022/2023 was agreed and signed by Mrs Whitcher.</p> <p>Action: The parish clerk to send off the precept to financial department at Wiltshire Council asap.</p> |
| 6. | <p>Parish Updates</p> |
| | <p>Coronation Hall: Mrs Whitcher reported smooth running of the hall. The emergency fittings will be replaced with the LED fittings. The hiring of the village hall is continuous with regular hires. There is an increased hire demand for social bookings. A community market is planned before Easter.</p> <p>Action: Mrs Whitcher to report on the running of the Coronation Hall on the next meeting.</p> |
| | <p>Youth Activities: Mrs Whitcher stated the November Ghost Walk in Devizes was received with mixture of reviews. Mrs Whitcher to develop a new strategy to attract a young audience to the Youth Group.</p> <p>Action: Mrs Whitcher to report on the progress on the next scheduled meeting.</p> |
| | <p>Playing Field Maintenance: Mr Hatherell confirmed the ash trees to be taken down by March/April this year. It was agreed to erect a safety barrier in proximity of 10 meters of the perimeter of 3 ash trees deemed at high risk for safety reasons. Mr Lemon recommended taking pictures of the safety barrier when is done. Mr Hatherell volunteered to undertake this task. It was agreed to look for a different company for visual inspection of the Playing Field to ensure the Certificate of safety is in order. Mr Hatherell is to investigate this matter further.</p> <p>Action: Mr Hatherell to report on the process of falling ash trees and safety barrier at the next meeting.</p> |
| | <p>Speed Watch/SID: Mr Hatherell extracted data analysis from the SIDs in East Grafton. The data from Wilton SID were omitted due to technological difficulties. Mrs Reay stated 85% of passing traffic is speeding over 37mph, 20 % is speeding over 35mph. The highest speeding was recorded at 65 mph. Mr Lemon raised his concerns over the speeding issues and he is planning to contact Transport Department, Highways and Police to address this problem. Mr Nelson is to contact CATG regarding this matter and Mr Hatherell is to inform the speed watch group.</p> <p>Action: Mr Lemon, Mr Hatherell and Mr Nelson to report on the next parish meeting.</p> |
| | <p>PCAP: Mr Pash announced the next meeting is on 20 January.</p> <p>Action: Mr Pash to update the committee on the next scheduled meeting.</p> |
| | <p>Defibrillators: Mr Hosier reported the defibrillator in Marten needs a new battery.</p> <p>Action: Mr Hosier to obtain the new battery and report on the next parish meeting.</p> |
| | <p>Community Calendar: Mr Nelson presented the committee with the updated community calendar</p> |

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| | <p>detailing the events at Grafton Parish and surrounds. Action: Mr Nelson to update of any changes on the next scheduled meeting.</p> |
| | <p>Community Event for June: Mr Lemon proposed setting up a sub-committee to organise this event. Action: The subcommittee to report on the progress next meeting.</p> |
| | <p>Website: Mr Pash suggested making small changes to the Grafton parish website to make it more attractive for the visitors. Action: Mr Pash to report on the progress next meeting.</p> |
| | <p>Neighbourhood Planning: Parish Clerk informed committee of not sending the Neighbourhood application to the Wiltshire council due to missing important documents. Mr Hosier to pass on the Wilton map to Parish Clerk immediately. Action: The clerk to report on the progress next meeting.</p> |
| | <p>Parish Steward: Mr Lemon noted the state and number of potholes in this parish are beyond parish steward control. He proposed to share an online link - MyWilts for reporting potholes directly to the Wiltshire Council on the community villages WhatsApp as a most efficient way to solve this issue. Action: Parish Clerk to send a direct link for reporting potholes through MyWilts on the Grafton Parish WhatsApp.</p> |

Meeting adjourned at 20:30 hour with all contributors being thanked by Mr Lemon.

Date of next Parish Council Meeting: Monday 07 March 2021 at 19:30 hours at the Coronation Hall, East Grafton.

Date of next Planning Meeting: Monday 07 February at 18:00 hours at Thatch Barn, Manor Farm, Wilton.
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