

**DRAFT Minutes of Grafton Parish Annual Parish Meeting held at the Coronation Hall**

**on Monday 15 May 2017 at 1915 hours**

Item	Topic and Actions
1	<p><b>Attendees:</b> Mr Lemon (Chair), Mrs Witcher, Ms Bullock, Mrs Dudney Mr Hosier, Mrs Parkin (Clerk)</p> <p><b>Members of the Public:</b> 8 members of the public in attendance: 4 Grafton Parish organisation representatives, PC Teresa Herbert, Councillor Stuart Wheeler, Mr and Mrs Beazley</p>
2	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Mr Hyslop, Mr Herrod-Taylor</p>
3	<p><b>Parish Reviews</b></p> <p><b>Grafton Parish Council</b> – Mr Lemon advised that Gareth Morris had resigned as a member of the parish council and that there were two vacancies and encouraged people to apply. The parish had seen change in the past year: Mr Lemon remembered long-standing parish residents who had passed away, including Goff Beese, who had served on the parish council for many years, Bob Browning and Rita McVittie; the new, five house development at Grove Place in East Grafton had been completed bringing five new sets of parish residents; and the parish playing fields, where younger people in the parish were benefiting from the introduction of various sports and play activities throughout the year.</p> <p><b>Wiltshire Council (WC)</b> – Councillor Stuart Wheeler reported a positive record over the year regarding jobs, with a significant investment from Boeing bringing 1,500 jobs to the area and around 3,500 jobs with Dyson, many of which are apprenticeship roles. The construction of the Pewsey health and leisure centre progresses with opening planned for July/August 2018. Broadband services continue to be a priority, with a new contract currently being evaluated. The 5 year plan for housing supply has been recommended which means speculative developments can be robustly defended. Road surface improvements have taken place, recently in particular along the A346 Burbage to Marlborough road. Attention is being given to the volume of traffic at the Marlborough ‘Tesco’ roundabout and leading down to Marlborough, and to the planned new housing development to the side of the ‘Tesco’ roundabout and the additional traffic and access needs that will arise. Mr Wheeler recognised concerns within Grafton parish regarding by-way access to 4x4 vehicles and the related damage and potential crime and is progressing discussion with lawyers on ways to manage this. Mr Wheeler referenced also Crofton Beam Engine, advising that its grant application was focusing on the building structure and that it had moved away from the original suggestion of re-locating the Canal Museum to the Beam Engine premises.</p> <p>The full Wiltshire Council 2016-17 report can be obtained from <a href="mailto:clerk@graftonparish.com">clerk@graftonparish.com</a></p> <p><b>Wiltshire Police</b> – PC Teresa Herbert advised that the priorities for the Community Police Team were dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries with 200 targeted patrols taking place in the area in the past 12 months and thefts from motor vehicles where 91 targeted patrols had taken place coupled with awareness and educational communication with local organisations. By-way access continued to present issues with illegal hare coursing, for example, and she advised that the Police would be pleased to attend any meetings arranged to discuss the issue. The number of crimes in Grafton parish had reduced over the previous year, but the Police continue vigilance communication to residents. The Police hold a community consultation the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in the month and all are welcome to attend. Mr Lemon thanked PC Herbert and the team for their efforts, commenting that the local crime situation had seen improvement over the past 5 years.</p> <p><b>Coronation Hall Committee</b> – Mrs Witcher reported a busy and successful year. The accounts showed</p>

£2,000 profit over the prior year, noting that in 2016 the refurbishment project costing £4,000 had been undertaken. Bookings had increased over 2016. Four gazebos had been acquired using an Area Board grant which were well used by at resident held events and by users of the Hall. It is hoped to increase regular and ad hoc bookings over 2017. Mrs Whitcher thanked Fran Barclay of the Horticultural Society for ongoing maintenance of the planters at the Hall.

**Bedwyn and Grafton Link Scheme** – Mr Mike Fleckney reported that the Scheme has continued to provide transport to medical appointments and other very welcome community services, such as taking residents to shops and other appointments. The scheme has a good number of volunteers although matching volunteer availability to customer requirements remains a challenge. As well as driving people to appointments, the scheme is now supporting other activities such as gardening and befriending. Currently, there are relatively few Grafton parish residents who use the service compared with other locations. Mr Fleckney thanked Grafton parish council for its contribution to the running of the Scheme and requested that the support continue. Mr Fleckney encouraged anyone who may be interested to join - volunteers help when they can and can do as little or as much as they want.

**Grafton PCC** – Mr Peter Horne reported that the PCC accounts for 2016 indicated a small loss of £145.00. Outgoings amounted to £17,300, including the largest amount of around £9,500 to the Diocese and running costs for the church of £5,000. The church is looking to reduce insurance premium costs in the current year. Expenses remain a challenge. The PCC continues with its fund raising towards installing heating in the church. Liz Hosier had recently attended a church in the diocese to observe its heating installation; the cost is of the order of £20,000. It is believed that the cold temperature of the church has an impact on attendance levels. Mr Horne thanked the Rev'd Michael McHugh and June Pearson for supporting, planning and attending church services at St. Nicholas' and also remembered Goff Beese, who passed away recently, who gave his services to St. Nicholas for many years.

**Horticultural Society** – Mrs Marijke Craig reported a successful year for the 'gardening club' now expanded to 42 members meeting 10 times a year from March to December. The programme of activities includes 4 evening lectures, visits to private gardens not usually open to the public coupled with lunch at a local pub beforehand, a summer buffet with a garden visit, and a Christmas buffet. Financially the Society is healthy, therefore membership fees have been retained at £15.00 per annum. The age group is from around 40 years old upwards, which is encouraging. The result of the programme is that the club has become a very social and friendly group and new members would be very made very welcome.

**Pewsey Community Area Partnership (PCAP)** – Mrs Susie Brew reported on a number of achievements made by PCAP during the past year including helping resolve parish issues and that the majority of parish councils had contributed to PCAP running costs. She thanked Grafton parish for its donation. Mrs Brew reported a number of areas supported by PCAP including the Youth Activities developments in Grafton; the memory café for dementia sufferers in Pewsey; the Spice Time credit scheme - now to be replaced with a local reward scheme - for youth volunteers; Safe Places, where participating shops and pubs are there to help elderly people who find themselves in distress or concerned when out. Current issues are the Connect2 bus services East to West across the Pewsey Vale, where PCAP is campaigning on behalf of local users.

**Wilton Cricket Club** – Mr Lemon reported that the cricket club had a good season to-date, playing 15 matches and 1 20/20. It had lost 5 and won 6 games and 4 games had been cancelled, either by the opponents or due to the weather. It had been successful in encouraging new members and there was a 60 year age difference between the younger and older players. 15 games are scheduled in 2017. Nets are 6pm on Friday in Wilton and anyone interested is encouraged to come along.

**Sunflowers at Grafton** – Mrs Parkin reported on behalf of Mrs Sue England regarding Sunflowers. Now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year is continues to operate at close to capacity. The external space is used as much as possible during Spring/Summer months to expand experiences. In 2016 just under £1,000 was raised for investment in equipment and resources, along with £600 for other causes – Macmillan Cancer Support and Children in Need. Sunflowers continues to remind parents and staff of the speed limit across The Green and that caution needs to be taken given local residents out walking and walking dogs.

**Grafton Goslings** – Mrs Parkin, on behalf of Mrs England, reported another good year for Goslings. 20 or so babies and toddlers meet on Thursday mornings at the Hall for an hour of play, craft and songs.

**Wilton Windmill Society** – Mr Kevin Challen was unable to attend. Mrs Brew advised that Wilton Windmill had created a very good and helpful new guide book, shortly to be launched, which would cost £1.00 available from the Shepherd's Hut.

A question was raised regarding number and frequency of sewage tankers travelling through Wilton and the potential for collision. Mr Lemon agreed to contact Thames Water to investigate why so many tankers were travelling that route.

**Action: Mr Lemon to investigate with Thames Water regarding sewage tanker routes.**

**Meeting closed at 2015 hours** with all contributors being thanked by Mr Lemon.