

**Minutes of Grafton Parish Neighbourhood Planning Meeting held at Thatched Barn,
Wilton on Monday 18 December 2023 at 19:30 hours**

Item	Topic and Actions
	<p>Attendees: Mr Richard Pash (Chair), Mr Mike Hatherell, Mr David Lemon, Mr George Hosier Members of the Public: Mr Bill Clemence, Mrs Ellen Harris, Mrs Emma Dawney, Mr Peter Lemon Apologies for absence: Mr Edward Nelson</p>
1.	<p>Matters arising from Neighbourhood Planning Meeting held on 23 October 2023: The minutes of the meeting were approved.</p>
2.	<p>Review of Draft Grafton Neighbourhood Plan: Mr Pash shared the first draft of the Grafton Neighbourhood Plan, based on the policies discussed by our group and working with Andrea Pellegram.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy policy. The first draft of this policy was discussed, focussed on improving energy efficiency in homes in the parish, contributing 40% of total energy consumption. EPC certificates show 90% of homes in the parish fall into energy efficiency categories D, E and F. The policy proposes to actively promote and support initiatives for parishioners to share ideas, gain information and take action to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. The work of the Great Green Bedwyn Scheme was discussed as a good example. • Dark Skies Policy. This policy has been drafted but was not discussed as Mr Nelson did not attend the meeting. It will be reviewed at the next NP meeting on February 26th. • Community Infrastructure and Green Spaces. The descriptions of each piece of community infrastructure and each green space were discussed and supported, ready to include in the policy • Sustainable Transport / footpaths. Mrs Harris explained that she had been in contact with the PROW team in Wiltshire Council and was planning further discussions with them about the proposed footpaths in the neighbourhood plan. It was agreed to discuss this policy in further detail at the next meeting, together with a parish map showing the routes. <p>The group supported the direction of the document and agreed to progress the work further for the next meeting. The different parts of the policy are in development with the members of the group. The revised version of the plan will be discussed at the meeting on February 26th.</p> <p>Action: Mr Pash together with owners of each policy to discuss the document at the next meeting.</p>
3.	<p>Grant Funding – position: Mr Pash reported that Mrs Pellegram most recent invoice had been paid. He explained that he had been in further contact with Wiltshire Council about funding to support policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Action: Mr Nelson and Mr Pash to provide an update at the next meeting.</p>
4.	<p>AOB: Mr Pash thanked the members of the Neighbourhood Planning Group for their hard work during 2023 and on behalf of Grafton Parish Council.</p> <p>Meeting dates for 2024 were agreed as: 26 February, 29 April, 9 September. Dates for 2024 are planned to be the Monday two weeks before Grafton Parish Council meeting, so that matters from the NP meeting can be brought for further discussion and approval.</p> <p>It was noted that the group still needs a Secretary for Neighbourhood Planning. Volunteers for this role would be gratefully received.</p>

Next Grafton Neighbourhood Planning Meeting: Monday 26th February 2024 at 19:30, Thatched Barn, Wilton

Contact: clerk@graftonparish.com
website: www.graftonparish.com