

**Minutes of Grafton Parish Neighbourhood Planning Meeting held at Thatched Barn,  
Wilton on Monday 23 May 2023 at 19:00 hours**

Item	Topic and Actions
	<p><b>Attendees:</b> Mr Richard Pash (Chair), Mr David Lemon, Mr Mike Hatherell, Mr George Hosier.  <b>Members of the Public:</b> Mrs Emma Dawney, Mrs Ellen Harris, Mr Bill Clemence, Mr Peter Lemon.  <b>Apologies for absence:</b> Mr Edward Nelson.</p>
1.	<p><b>Matters arising from Neighbourhood Planning Meeting held on 23 April 2023:</b> The minutes of the meeting were approved.</p>
2.	<p><b>Overview Neighbourhood Plan Policies:</b> Mr Pash explained that a general update from the Neighbourhood Planning Group and approach to the communication for the Call for Sites was shared at the meeting of the Grafton Parish Council on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Following this the Call for Sites had begun on May 16<sup>th</sup> and is due to run until July 28<sup>th</sup>. The communication has been published on the Grafton Parish website and in the June edition of Grafton Parish News. It is being posted on parish notice boards in each village and sent out by email to anybody likely to be interested.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Mr Clements and Mr Pash to share an update of progress at the next meeting</p>
3.	<p>Sustainable Transport Policy – review and discussion</p> <p>Mrs Harris explained there has been generally good management and improvement of tracks and paths and we will make some small adjustments to help connect our paths better. The group noted the positive attitude of local landowners. Mrs Harris shared proposals to further improve the quality of footpaths with the aim of improved connectivity between villages, improved safety around main roads and removal of ‘dead ends’. The group provided feedback on the proposals based on a number of factors, for example on the difficulty of making the changes and thanked Mrs Harris for the thorough way she had approached the task.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Mrs Harris to present a revised set of proposals at the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr Pash proposed a scheme called Grafton Green Lanes, a safe cycleway / walking / riding paths connecting the four villages, linked to the station at Bedwyn. Aimed at allowing people to be able to travel safely around the parish without needing a car, currently most travel by car rather than on public transport or by bicycle. He explained changes coming to the way we travel, with no new petrol or diesel cars on sale from 2030, and that for a rural area, the roads are fast, with speed watch data showing motorists are driving in a dangerous way along the A338, reaching 65mph in Grafton. The group gave feedback on the proposals, encouraging the location of the routes where possible to follow existing quiet roads with safe crossing points introduced.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Mr Pash to present a revised set of proposals at the next meeting.</p>
4.	<p><b>Progress of Grant Application:</b> No update was given this month, Mr Nelson did not attend the meeting.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Mr Nelson to provide an update at the next meeting</p>
5.	<p><b>AOB - Dates for Neighbourhood Planning Meetings:</b> An amended date for the next meeting (previously June 26) was agreed as Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Remaining meeting dates for 2023 are: 21 August, 23 October, 18 December.</p>
	<p><b>Other business:</b> 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: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at 19:30, Thatched Barn, Wilton**

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