

**Minutes of Grafton Parish Neighbourhood Planning Meeting held at Thatched Barn,
Wilton on Monday 26 February 2024 at 19:30 hours**

Item	Topic and Actions
	<p>Attendees: Mr Richard Pash (Chair), Mr Mike Hatherell, Mr David Lemon, Mr George Hosier, Mr Edward Nelson</p> <p>Members of the Public: Mr Bill Clemence, Mrs Ellen Harris, Mrs Emma Dawney</p> <p>Apologies for absence: Mr Peter Lemon</p>
1.	<p>Matters arising from Neighbourhood Planning Meeting held on 18 December 2023: The minutes of the meeting were approved.</p>
2.	<p>Review of Draft Grafton Neighbourhood Plan: Mr Pash shared a revised draft (fourth 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"> • Dark Skies Policy. Mr Nelson led a discussion on this policy which shows how well preserved the dark skies are already in the parish and how identifying the area as a dark sky zone would not detract from careful development in the Parish. The policy was supported by the group. • Community Infrastructure and Green Spaces. Mr Pash shared further information on Assets of Community Value (ACV), and how they are defined, nominated and what protections there are from development. The proposed list of ACV in the Neighbourhood Plan was supported. It was agreed to write to the owners of the Swan Inn that the Parish Council intends to protect the Swan Inn as an ACV. • Sustainable Transport / footpaths. Mrs Harris explained that she had a meeting with the PROW team in Wiltshire Council and that they were in support of the proposals in the Neighbourhood Plan, including the proposed footpaths and routes for sustainable transport. They agreed next steps / process and shared indicative costs. It was agreed to discuss the policy further with landowners in Marten. <p>The group supported the direction of the document and agreed to continue to progress work on each policy for the next meeting.</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 following a successful funding application, there had been discussions with AECOM on the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to support the Grafton Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>In addition that we have been in discussion with Michael Kilminster at Wiltshire Council on the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) for each development proposal submitted.</p> <p>Action: Mr Nelson and Mr Pash to provide an update at the next meeting.</p>
4.	<p>AOB: Meeting dates for 2024 were agreed as: 29 April, 24 June, 19 August. 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>

Next Grafton Neighbourhood Planning Meeting: Monday 29th April 2024 at 19:30, Thatched Barn, Wilton

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