

**Minutes of Grafton Parish Neighbourhood Planning Meeting held at Thatched Barn,
Wilton on Monday 24 June 2024 at 19:30 hours**

Item	Topic and Actions
	<p>Attendees: Mr Richard Pash (Chair), Mr Edward Nelson together with Members of the Public: Mr Bill Clemence, Mrs Ellen Harris, Mr Jonathan Lyle</p> <p>Apologies for absence: Mr Mike Hatherell, Mr David Lemon, Mr George Hosier, Mr Peter Lemon, Mrs Emma Dawney.</p>
1.	<p>Matters arising from Neighbourhood Planning Meeting held on 29 April 2024: The minutes of the meeting were approved. Mr Pash noted on the subject of the flood map for Marten that Environment Agency maps cannot be amended even if this does not fit with local experience.</p> <p>Action: Mr Lyle offered to support Mrs Harris with the development of the Policy on sustainable Transport / footpaths.</p>
2.	<p>Outlook: Mr Pash presented a summary of parties' manifesto commitments which could impact the neighbourhood plan following the General Election on July 4th. The group noted two changes in particular (1) for an immediate review of the UK planning framework, which would strengthen planning obligations for affordable homes and (2) The plans for warm homes as part of work on clean energy, with planned doubling of investment to upgrade 5 million homes in order to cut bills for families.</p> <p>It was agreed that these developments would support proposals in the Grafton Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
3.	<p>Next Steps for Grafton NP: Mr Pash explained that the consultation period for the Strategic Environmental Assessment closed on May 23rd and that AECOM are now finalising the report. Preliminary findings were discussed including the impact on assessments.</p> <p>Community Consultation. It was agreed that we will arrange an open meeting with the Parish to discuss the Neighbourhood Plan recommendations and to listen to any feedback. This would be used to fine-tune proposals before putting them to the parish in a referendum. The group agreed to work towards a meeting on September 20th in the Coronation Hall, and to encourage members of the parish to attend, using features in the August and September editions of Community News as well as being advertised around the Parish.</p> <p>Action: Mr Pash to bring a summary of the proposed agenda and presentation for the Community meeting discuss options for community engagement with the Parish Council on August 19.</p>
4.	<p>Grant Funding – position: Mr Nelson explained that we have applied for grant funding for Andrea Pellegram to support NP process in FY 2024/5 for £8023. This covers the work to assist in finalising masterplan proposals for agreement with landowners. And once the site allocations have been agreed, the SEA will require finalisation, and the Reg. 14 consultation around Christmas / early in 2025.</p> <p>Action: Mr Nelson to provide an update at the next meeting.</p>
5.	<p>AOB: Further meeting dates for 2024 are 19 August, 14 October, 16 December. 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 19th August 2024 at 19:30, Thatched Barn, Wilton

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