

**Minutes of Grafton Parish Neighbourhood Planning Meeting held at Thatched Barn,
Wilton on Monday 29 April 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 Peter Lemon.</p> <p>Members of the Public: Mr Bill Clemence, Mrs Ellen Harris, Mrs Emma Dawney, Mr Jonathan Lyle</p> <p>Apologies for absence: Mr Edward Nelson</p>
1.	<p>Matters arising from Neighbourhood Planning Meeting held on 26 February 2024: The minutes of the meeting were approved.</p>
2.	<p>Review of Draft Strategic Environmental Assessment: Mr Pash presented the draft Strategic environmental Assessment (SEA) for Grafton Parish, which is now in the process of consultation with Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency until May 23rd.</p> <p>He explained that this is an independent report based on National and other policies impacting the parish looking at a number of different lenses, including Biodiversity, Community Wellbeing, Flood Risk and Transport, among others. The group concluded that the policies are in line with the aims of the Grafton Neighbourhood Plan. Mr Pash raised a question over the accuracy of the flood map in Marten.</p> <p>Action: Mr Pash together to share an update at the next meeting.</p>
3.	<p>Next Steps for Grafton NP: Mr Pash explained that as we conclude the writing of our neighbourhood plan, we are waiting for a Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) for each development proposal submitted.</p> <p>It was agreed that once these were complete that we would 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.</p> <p>Action: Mr Pash to discuss options for community engagement with the Parish Council on May 15.</p>
4.	<p>Grant Funding – position: Mr Pash shared a summary written by Mr Nelson.</p> <p>Following the end of the 2023/4 financial year we have returned unspent funds from our Groundworks grant as follows. £8,670 received from Groundworks for fy23/24. Two bills received and paid from Andrea Pellegram £2,404.27 (SI188) Oct 2023 and £462.36 (SI222) Feb 2024. Due back to Groundworks £5,803.37 for fy23/24. Once applications open we will apply for grant funding for Andrea Pellegram to conclude the NP process in support of our work.</p> <p>Action: Mr Nelson and Mr Pash to provide an update at the next meeting.</p>
5.	<p>AOB: Following the support of Grafton Parish Council, we have written to the owners of the Swan, about the proposed nomination of the Swan Inn as an ACV.</p> <p>Further meeting dates for 2024 were agreed as: 24 June, 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 form the NP meeting can be brought for further discussion and approval.</p>

Next Grafton Neighbourhood Planning Meeting: Monday 24th June 2024 at 19:30, Thatched Barn, Wilton

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