

**Minutes of Grafton Parish Neighbourhood Planning Meeting held at Thatched Barn,
Wilton on Monday 16 December 2024 at 19:30 hours**

Item	Topic and Actions
	<p>Attendees: Mr Richard Pash (Chair), Mr Edward Nelson, Mr Mike Hatherell, Mr David Lemon, Mr George Hosier together with Members of the Public: Mr Jonathan Lyle, Mrs Ellen Harris.</p> <p>Apologies for absence: Mrs Emma Dawney, Mr Bill Clemence, Mr Peter Lemon.</p>
1.	<p>Matters arising from Neighbourhood Planning Meeting held on 21 October 2024: The minutes of the meeting were approved.</p>
2.	<p>Findings of the Strategic Environmental Assessment: The group reviewed the Strategic Environmental Assessment. This looked at the impact of the Neighbourhood Plan on biodiversity, climate change, community wellbeing, flood risk, historic environment, land soil and water resources, landscape and transportation. The report was prepared by AECOM for Grafton Parish Council and consulted Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency.</p> <p>It found the Grafton Neighbourhood Plan performs well by creating significant and minor positive effects and avoids any likely significant environmental effects. As such, no recommendations were made. Mr Pash noted the positive outcome and support for the policies in the Neighbourhood plan. Mr Lyle suggested there is need to improve resilience of the parish to the increased risk from flooding and other weather-related problems.</p> <p>Action: Mr Lemon to summarise the actions taken by the parish to improve flood and climate resilience and to bring for discussion at the next meeting.</p>
3.	<p>Review of draft Neighbourhood Plan document and Housing Allocation Policy. The group reviewed the draft Neighbourhood plan document which had been drawn up by Mr Pash, working with Andrea Pellegram Ltd. Mr Pash explained there had been a call on December 16th with Michael Kilminster and Aidan Clark of Wiltshire Council. During the call the group agreed that the draft Neighbourhood plan will be submitted for HRA screening to see whether a Habitats Regulations Assessment is required.</p> <p>The group were in support of the document. Mr Lemon commented that the AONB had supported the original proposal for development of Machinery field. Mr Nelson requested that hard copies of the plan were made available for those in the parish who did not have access to computers. Mr Lyle commented that it was a quality document and well written which would help people who wanted to read it. Mr Pash explained the reference to the new Wiltshire Planning policy https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planning-policy. The group noted the progress that had been made and thanked all involved.</p> <p>Action: Mr Pash to bring a summary of progress at the next meeting.</p>
4.	<p>Budget – position: Mr Nelson explained that a request for further grant funding of £2890 would be made to Locality for Andrea Pellegram Ltd to support the Neighbourhood Plan process in FY 2023/4.</p> <p>Action: Mr Nelson to provide an update at the next meeting.</p>
5.	<p>AOB: Meeting dates for 2025 are 24 February, 28 April, 23 June, 1 September, 1 November, 15 December.</p>

Next Grafton Neighbourhood Planning Meeting: Monday 16th December 2024 at 19:30, Thatched Barn, Wilton

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