

GREAT ELM PARISH COUNCIL (GEPC)
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Minutes of the GEPC Meeting
7.30pm Monday 26 November 2018
Great Elm (GE) village hall (VH)

Present:

Edmund Thompson (ET)	Chair – from 8.15pm
Rich Swann (RS)	Vice - chair
Jim Duffas (JD)	Council member
Gerry Peachey (GP)	Council member
Kevin Whitmarsh (KW)	Council member

1 Apologies: None

2 Public Participation: None

3 Declaration of interest: None

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting: Agreed and signed off by [Ric Swann]

5. Actions from the previous meeting:

5.1 Improvements to duck pond area- rubbish

GP queried who ties the plastic bin bag, which is next to the bin, on the lamp post and whose responsibility it is to empty the bin. Discussion about whether it is worth removing the bin altogether, as it's unsightly, and put up a sign asking the public to take their rubbish home.

RS said he would give GP the contractor's number to follow-up with them about the bin.

5.2 Future of GEPC

Alyson Curtis has agreed to take over the role of parish clerk. Discussion about changes to the GEPC meetings, should they take place less regularly, on a different evening during the week or not at all to allow parishioners to get more involved in village matters and run/decide what should happen in the village rather than the GEPC.

5.3 Renovation/replacement of posts around VH/church

ET and JD have looked at the posts. A couple need replacing, there's some corrective work to do to other posts and the chain. GP confirmed he'd provide two replacement posts, the money for the posts and replacement chains will be met by GEPC. Andrew Cray will be asked to carry out the work.

5.4 Beech tree and oak overhanging road around triangle by VH

ET and JD have looked at both trees. The beech tree belongs to Glebe House so any overhang is a private rather than GEPC matter. The oak tree looks ok and is not deemed a hazard at present.

6. **Approval of Private Policy Notice:** Signed by ET
7. **Annual Review of Financial Regs., Risk Management Strategy, Social Media Policy and Recording and Meetings Policy:**
Reviewed and passed.
8. **GE website:** there is a GEPC website (RS thought JB applied for a grant to set this up) which the GEPC wish to keep going (RS will ask JB for the passwords etc to be able to access and update it) but it was agreed to merge the village website JD has set up and run to date, JD to liaise with JB.
9. **Planning**
9.1 Planning applications: done
9.2 Mendip decisions: 2018/2044/PAA has been turned down by Mendip.
10. **Highways/footpaths**
10.1 & 10.2 Reduction of speed limit between Hapsford and Mells and speed indication device : there was a long discussion about ways to reduce the speed in this area, particularly as there has been a couple of serious accidents recently. It was agreed the village should be canvassed about what action to take, it was also agreed to see if any useful information/advice could be provided by a Highways/traffic officer and/or the Highways Authority.
11. **Financial report and matters**
(a) accounts
(b) receipts
(c) Preliminary budget and precept discussion
12. **Correspondence**
(a) N/a
(b) It was agreed a donation would not be given to Mendip Citizens' Advice as requested by it.
13. **Clerk's matters:** None
14. **Items for next agenda/items to report:** None given

Date of next meeting - TBC