

Great Elm Parish Council

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL Quarterly MEETING of the above named Parish held at THE VILLAGE HALL, GREAT ELM on Thursday 28th February at 7.30pm

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Minutes

1 **Present**

Edmund Thompson – Chair
Jim Duffus – Member
Gerry Peachey - Member

2 **Apologies**

Ric Swan
Kevin Whitmarsh

3 **Public participation**

None.

4 **Declarations of Interest**

ET declared interests under Planning.

5 **Minutes of previous meeting**

Agreed as correct by meeting and signed by Chair. JD to confirm minutes approved on GEPC website.

6 **Actions from the previous meeting**

6.1 *Improvements to duck pond area*

Bench in hand and progressing, thanks to JD and GP.

6.2 *Future of Great Elm Parish Council*

The suspension at her own request by Alyson Curtis of her recently assumed Clerkship was noted, along with the personal reasons for this. A discussion ensued about the merits of furthering prior discussions about becoming a Parish Meeting rather than Council to circumvent some of the more off-puttingly onerous and time consuming administrative arrangements entailed in being a Council. It was concluded that careful consideration of the effects of becoming a precepted versus non-precepted Parish Meeting would be needed due to effects on Village Hall and Church finances, and that discussion of the matter and how to proceed should be postponed until a meeting with all five Members in attendance is held. JD noted to broad agreement that our priorities should be the Parishioners' interests first and foremost, with ET suggesting GEPC should seek to involve itself in no administrative matters beyond what is strictly a legal obligation to help alleviate workload for the Clerk and Members, whether a Parish Council or Parish Meeting in future.

6.3 *Renovation/replacement of posts around Village Hall/Church*

GP has kindly supplied JD with oaken posts and JD kindly has matter in hand.

6.4 *Website*

Clerk: None – position vacant
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JD now has access to GEPC website and will liaise with Joy Book about how it is funded with a view to putting hand the agreement of the last meeting that the GEPC and the Village website instituted by JD be merged and, henceforth be funded by GEPC.

6. Planning matters

8.1 Planning applications

In view of applications 2019/0264/CLP, 2019/0126/HSE and 2019/0089/CLP appearing to be repetitive of some already approved applications (see 8.2 below), and each being for his own property, ET, while noting again his interest, explained the rationale for the applications, this latter being to consolidate as Householder Planning Applications already approved applications for Lawful Development Certificates under Permitted Development Rights.

8.2 Mendip decisions

2018/2564/FUL | Proposed demolition of existing dwelling and replace with a No.1 two storey residential dwelling. | The Bungalow Court Farm Buckland Lane Great Elm Frome BA11 3NS. Approved.

2018/2968/PAH | The erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 8 metres, with a maximum height of 3 metres and an eaves height of 2.4 metres. | The Bungalow Court Farm Buckland Lane Great Elm Frome Somerset BA11 3NS. Prior approval not required.

2018/2960/HSE | Proposed single storey side and rear extensions and alterations | The Bungalow Court Farm Buckland Lane Great Elm Frome Somerset BA11 3NS. Approved.

2018/3178/FUL | Remodelling of roof of west wing. New single storey extension to north-west elevation. | Junefield Elm Lane To Hapsford Hill Great Elm Frome BA11 3NY. Approved.

NB: The Council reserves the right to consider planning applications not listed on this agenda that may have been received by the Council after the agenda was issued.

7. Highways/footpaths

Reduction of speed limit between Hapsford and Mells

Matter ongoing. GP noted an apparently new horse riding sign seems to have appeared between Hapsford and Great Elm. Members to view to see if it is new and then, if so, ET to enquire of local highway authority about how to get more signs and speed reduction.

8. Correspondence

Somerset County Council – This is an automated notification for Rights of Way Issue#50986 regarding: Signpost#32700 in the parish of Great Elm CP, reported on 21/02/2019. ET and JD had attempted to identify the location of the signpost but could not find reference to it on the interactive map link sent with the notification and wondered if there had been an error. The signpost base was reported as rotting. ET noted that he thought it was a Highways and not GEPC responsibility to repair or replace.

9. Items for next agenda / Items for Report

Possibility of advertising on GEPC website.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Date of next Meeting – Thursday 30th May 2019 starting at 7.30pm

Signed by E Thompson

(Chairman) **Date**.....

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