

**Great Elm Parish Council**  
**Minutes (draft) of meeting held at the Village Hall, Great Elm**  
**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (after several postponed meetings due to Covid 19 exigencies)**

**1. Present**

Colin Jacobs, Member  
Edmund Thompson, Chair  
Gerry Peachey, Member  
Jim Duffus, Deputy Chair  
Kevin Whitmarsh, Member

**2. Apologies**

None

**3. Public participation**

None

**4. Declarations of Interest**

None

**5. Minutes of previous meeting**

Approved

**6. Actions from the previous meeting**

See next item

**7. Rubbish around bridge/Duck Pond**

JD reported rubbish had increased considerably since the advent of Covid with many more walkers, but that the rubbish collections had been generally good. JD thanked. JD agreed to continue monitoring.

**8. Planning matters**

Noted applications and Mendip decisions:

Demolition of existing building and replace with 1no. 4 bedroom dwellinghouse.  
Court Farm, The Bungalow Buckland Lane Great Elm Frome BA11 3NS  
Ref. No: 2020/1964/FUL | Received: Mon 05 Oct 2020 | Validated: Mon 05 Oct 2020 | Status: Approved with conditions

Conversion and extension of existing former agricultural outbuildings into a 3-4 bedroom dwellinghouse.  
Manor Farm Elm Lane To Park Hill Great Elm Frome BA11 3NZ  
Ref. No: 2020/1427/FUL | Received: Wed 29 Jul 2020 | Validated: Wed 29 Jul 2020 | Status: Approved with conditions

Conversion and extension of existing former agricultural outbuildings into a 3-4 bedroom dwellinghouse. Open for Comment  
Manor Farm Elm Lane To Park Hill Great Elm Frome BA11 3NZ  
Ref. No: 2020/1428/LBC | Received: Wed 29 Jul 2020 | Validated: Wed 29 Jul 2020 | Status: Approved with conditions

Demolition of existing side extension and construction of a new larger extension  
Hapsford Farm Elm Lane To Hapsford Hill Great Elm Frome BA11 3NW  
Ref. No: 2020/1128/HSE | Received: Tue 16 Jun 2020 | Validated: Tue 16 Jun 2020 | Status: Decided

A replacement dwelling and demolition of the existing dwelling. (amendments to approved planning consent 2019/2711/FUL).

Court Farm The Bungalow Buckland Lane Great Elm Frome BA11 3NS

Ref. No: 2020/0898/FUL | Received: Thu 07 May 2020 | Validated: Thu 07 May 2020 | Status: Decided

Application for a proposed lawful development certificate for renovation to existing dwelling. Open for Comment

Amberley House Elm Lane Great Elm Frome Somerset BA11 3NY

Ref. No: 2020/0440/CLP | Received: Mon 24 Feb 2020 | Validated: Mon 24 Feb 2020 | Status: Approved

Application to vary condition 2 drawings, rooflights of planning approval 2019/2711/FUL to drawings amended to dormers.

Court Farm, The Bungalow Buckland Lane Great Elm Frome BA11 3NS

Ref. No: 2020/0188/VRC | Received: Wed 29 Jan 2020 | Validated: Wed 29 Jan 2020 | Status: Decided

Application to vary condition 2 drawings of planning approval 2019/2711/FUL to drawings amended to infill spaces at rear.

Court Farm, The Bungalow Buckland Lane Great Elm Frome BA11 3NS

Ref. No: 2020/0187/VRC | Received: Wed 29 Jan 2020 | Validated: Wed 29 Jan 2020 | Status: Decided

#### **9. Highways/footpaths**

Nothing

#### **10. Speeding through village**

CJ presented report he kindly researched and produced. Discussion concluded (i) that the objective of the GEPC should be have speed limit formally reduced to 20 mph where currently it is 30mph, and to 30 mph where currently 40 mph; that (ii) cameras, speed bumps, flashing speed signs were both only marginally effective at best and prohibitively expensive; that (iii) community speedwatches generate strong initial interest but soon pall, as noted in relation to the ephemeral enthusiasm shown by parishioners during the summer pursuant to a dog being injured; and that (iv) the only effective permanent means to reduce traffic speeds is to introduce lower speed limits in combination with road narrowing. It was suggested that inexpensive road 'narrowing' could be achieved by the introduction of painted white lines demarcating (a) parking spaces and (b) footpaths/cycle ways along the road through the parish as a means to link existing footpaths that currently simply enter onto the road with no safely delineated pathways linking to other footpaths. Noted that the use of a painted line had/has long demarcated a footpath on the road between Cottage farm and Old Court Farmhouse, although largely worn off and not corrected repainted. CJ and ET to investigate further.

#### **11. Future of GEPC, given continuing absence of clerk and lack of interest from potential applicants.**

Covid prevented progress in pursuing change to Parish Meeting. ET to progress and report.

**12. Financial report and matters**

Agreed to keep next year's precept same as this year.

Confirmed previously agreement to cover cost of Village website.

Following JD's request noted in Item 16 of GEPC Minutes Friday January 21<sup>st</sup> 2020 to raise matter of Village Hall and Church electrical expenses, JD presented these. Agreed to pay half grass-cutting and Village Hall insurance expenses as in previous years.

Feasibility of combining the GEPC, Village Hall Committee and Church Parochial Committee was raised. ET stated this would not likely be possible, GEPC being a statutory public body with a precept, on one hand, and on other the Village Hall and Church being owned by the Church of England, a private organization. JD noted the Village Hall was leased from Church and Village Hall Committee was run by trustees as an independent charity.

**13. Village Hall/Friends of Great Elm**

See 12 above.

**14. Correspondence**

None.

**15. Clerk's matters**

None.

**16. Date of next Meeting** – Agree to a Friday in April/May, to coincide with AGM, covid allowing.

**17. Meeting ended approximately 9pm**