

Great Elm Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Great Elm Parish Council

held in the Village Hall on Thursday 7 June 2017 at 8.00pm

Present: Edmund Thompson Chairman
Richard Swann Council Member
Kevin Whitmarsh Council Member
Gerry Peachey Council Member
Jim Duffus Council Member

Attendance: Representatives of Tellisford Parish Meeting, Anthony Battersby (Planning Committee) and Jeremy Young (Chair).

1. **Apologies: None**

2. **Election and acceptance of officers.**

Edmund Thompson was proposed, seconded and agreed as Chair, Ric Swann was proposed, seconded and agreed as Vice Chair, with both accepting.

3. **Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting**

Agreed as correct by those present at meeting.

4. **Matters Arising: None**

5. **Chairman's Report**

6. **Treasurer's Report**

Year end total £6,020.90. Accounts have been approved by the internal auditor.

7. **Discussion regarding merger of Great Elm Parish Council with another local Parish Council**

Following an excellent and greatly appreciated briefing from representatives of Tellisford Parish Meeting, the issue of how and in what form to run a Great Elm Parish Council was discussed in light of (i) the GEPC's failure to attract and retain a Clerk to handle the burgeoning legal formalities now incumbent upon it (ii) and the costs of conforming to these legal formalities. Possible mergers with neighbouring parishes, grouping with neighbouring parishes, dissolving the Parish Council, and transforming to a bi-annual Parish Meeting were all mentioned and discussed in some degree. It was agreed that the matter would be discussed further in at the next GEPC bi-monthly meeting.

8. **Comments/Resolutions from the floor: None**

Meeting ended at 9pm

Signed by Edmund Thompson
Chairman

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