

# Great Elm Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Great Elm Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7:30pm

**Present:** Edmund Thompson Chairman  
 Ric Swann Vice Chairman  
 Jim Duffus Council Member  
 Gerry Peachey Council Member

1. **Apologies:** Kevin Whitmarsh Council Member
2. **Public Participation:** none
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman.
5. **Actions from the previous meeting**
  - 5.1 Improvements to duck pond area  
 JD has dug a channel to the side of the bank to form a drain from the road run-off that seems to be working. This will be reviewed over the next few months.
  - 5.2 Superfast internet connection  
 Has been installed to main hop points and is now being rolled out to houses.
  - 5.3 Talybont Ltd – Community electricity projects  
 Information has been circulated by RS to mill owners in the area. JD volunteered to discuss opportunities for funding with Giles Baker-Smith at Ironstone Mill
  - 5.4 Grass outside Village Hall – damage by vehicles  
 JD has levelled area of grass that was rutted by delivery vehicles to adjacent building site, the area has had a layer of stone scalplings and JD volunteered to overlay with soil and seed grass to area with donated materials and seed. GEPC agreed to review the situation with cars parking on the grass over the next 6 months.
6. **Planning matters**
  - 10.1 Proposal for land at Chubbs Yard  
 No planning submission has been notified to GEPC yet. All agreed with the Parish Council summary position set out in the previous minutes.
  - 10.2 Planning applications  

**2018/0210/HSE** Construction of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing glasshouse. Addition of extended eaves and verges to existing roof and associated works. Construction of replacement front porch  
 - Comments have been passed on to Mendip by JB, no objection
  - 10.3 Mendip decisions  
 2016/1848/LBC Glebe House alterations- amended – Granted  
 2017/3036/HSE Millstone, Hapsford Mill - Granted

**7. Highways/footpaths:**

- 7.1 Reduction of speed limit between Hapsford and Mells  
It is apparent that Somerset Highways (SH) would be unlikely to reduce the speed limit due to their points based system. It was agreed that GEPC investigate the possibility of asking a Highway officer to come to the village to look at and discuss the issues encountered in the village with councillors. ET suggested investigating some form of road width reduction through the centre of the village as a way of calming traffic and possibly creating some designated parking spaces. RS and ET to consider further and report back to next meeting.
- 7.2 Trees across footpaths :no new reports.

**8. Financial report and matters:**

8.1 Accounts

<i>Payment of 50% Insurance for Great Elm Village Hall</i>	£281.35
<i>HMRC PAYE Periods 10-12</i>	£26.00

Agreed.

8.2 Provisional year end total for 2017-2018: £6,020.90

**9. Correspondence:** none

**10. Clerk's matters:**

None.

**11. Items for next agenda / Items for Report:** *(no decision is made on these items at this meeting)*

None.

**Meeting closed at 9.10pm**

**Date of the next Meeting**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. (Bank Holiday Monday – subject to agreement)

**Signed by E Thompson  
(Chairman)**

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**Date**

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