

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

Great Elm Parish Council

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Minutes of the Great Elm Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 26 September 2016 at 7:30pm

Present: Edmund Thompson Chairman
 Ric Swann Vice Chairman
 Jim Duffus Council Member
 Kevin Whitmarsh Council Member (8.45pm onwards)
 Gerry Peachey Council Member
 Joy Book Clerk to the Parish Council

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Public Participation:** None
3. **Declarations of Interest:** None
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman
5. **Matters Arising or Outstanding from the last meeting:**
 - 5.1 *Improvements to the duck pond area:* Jackdaws have been unable to find their deeds but do not think they own the land in front of their property. In order to establish ownership, Jim Duffus requested permission to get the title for this area and the triangular area of land nearby from the Land Registry which costs £19.95 per title. If the ownership is still unclear after these investigations, Hansons and Highways will be approached. A consultation with the parish will be undertaken to establish what works the residents would like to see done to the area.
 - 5.2 *Farmers using pond to fill large containers:* No tractors and trailers have been seen filling up from the river recently so this may have only occurred when there was no water supply in the field.
 - 5.3 *Branches of tree:* Jim Duffus has removed the branches so the signs can be seen.
6. **Highways/footpaths**
 - 6.2 *Reinstatement of white lines – The Beeches to Cooks Lane:* Markings have appeared on the road which seem to indicate that their replacement is imminent. The road is especially dangerous for mothers with pushchairs and they would like to see a raised pavement. Clerk to forward Ric Swann the contact details for Highways to ensure that the lines are reinstated as required.
 - 6.3 *Large lorries – Elm Lane/Vallis:* Awaiting the installation of the signs.
 - 6.3 *Surface water run off – Elm Lane:* There is no channel in the area and the water runs from the woods onto the tarmac and around to the beach. The river water level has dropped considerably over the years and this has caused the surface water run off from the Lane to erode and loosen the slope causing it to become unstable and much steeper. A method of stopping the water going over the bridge needs to be established. The landowner is unknown. Jim Duffus and Gerry Peachey will investigate the area further for a channel.
 - 6.4 *Great Elm slip road:* Highways are unable to help and have advised to contact the Police should an obstruction occur.
7. **Financial report and matters**
 - 7.1 *Accounts*
 - a) Clerk's salary July-September 2016 £104.88
 - 7.2 *Review of Financial Regulations:* Document had previously been circulated. No changes were noted. For review in one year.

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- 7.3 *Capping consultation:* SALC has written regarding a consultation to cap precepts rising by more than 2% or £5 whichever is greater unless a referendum is carried out at the Council's expense. Councillors felt that this was not relevant to a council of this size. Await NALC's comments before responding but in principle an objection would be made against this proposal.
- 7.4 *Bank interest rates:* Interest rates will be reducing from 0.5% to 0.25% from 1 November 2016.

8. Planning

Location	Application No & Type	Proposal	PC recommendation
Glebe House Church Lane	2016/1700/LBC & 2016/1848/LBC	Internal and external alterations to joinery, replacement of ground floor fire surround, panelling, internal openings, new stone flooring replacement wood windows and formation rear garden opening.	For approval

9. Correspondence - none

10. Clerk's matters

- 10.1 *Review of Risk Management Strategy, Social Media Policy and Recording of Council Meetings Policy:* All documents had been previously circulated. No changes noted. For review in a year.

11. Any Other Business:

- 11.1 *Parish Clerk vacancy:* Clerk has tendered her resignation as she now has a position in Paignton making it untenable to attend meetings. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to give consideration to maintaining an administrative role which did not involve attending the meetings. Clerk/minute taker would be sought. Clerk will place an advertisement on the SALC website. Jim Duffus will put advert on the parish website and in the magazine.
- 11.2 *Proposed change to boundaries:* Ric Swann referred to a consultation regarding the proposed parliamentary constituency boundary change from Frome Somerton to Radstock. It is thought that the boundary change is to balance constituency numbers and is unlikely to have much effect on the parish.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Date of the next Meeting

Monday 28 November 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Signed by E Thompson
(Chairman)

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