

Great Elm Parish Council

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Minutes of the Great Elm Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 27 March 2017 at 7:30pm

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

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.

4.1 Chairman volunteered to take minutes in absence of clerk, members agreed.

5. Matters Arising or Outstanding from the last meeting:

5.1 *Improvements to the duck pond area:*

The area has begun to be cleared by JD who reported a parishioner has come forward to offer help with further clearing as part of his Duke of Edinburgh Award. Once the area has been cleared parishioners with specific knowledge of the river and working digging equipment in relation to rivers will be asked for their views on how to proceed bank/water-run-off works.

5.2 *Parish Clerk vacancy:*

Still no applicants have come forward. Advertisements and current arrangements with Joy Book are to remain in place until such time as a clerk can be appointed.

5.3 *Flytipping:*

JD reported that Mendip's enforcement officer had indicated that no progress on this matter had been made, although JD did report that requests to clear up flytipped rubbish were meeting with action by Mendip.

5.4 *Milk stand:*

JD reported the stand by the Village Hall is planned to be reinstated by its owner.

6. Highways/footpaths

6.1 *Reinstatement of white line – The Beeches to Cooks Lane:*

RS reported that original documentation relating the white line had now come to light and ET will look through these with a view to having the line put in the original position, the recent re-white lining being both approximately one foot too close to the road edge and already substantially worn away.

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6.2 Large lorries – Elm Lane/Vallis: Still awaiting new signs. No action required.

7. Financial report and matters

7.1 Accounts

KW noted that no sums for Village Day and Village Hall donation appeared, although these donations are generally made. JD, a Village Hall Committee member, will enquire as to why this might be the case, and then report to Joy Book to check bank statements as might be necessary. JD also to look through receipts for petrol for mowing the grass in the vicinity of the Village Hall and Church and supply an amount to be covered by the GEPC.

Clerk’s salary and expenses Sept 2016-March 2017	£104.19
HMRC PAYE Periods 10-12	£25.80

Approved.

Provisional year end for 2016-2017 - £5,762.34
Unapproved awaiting enquiries regarding the donations/petrol expenses mentioned above

Internal audit:

Joy Book has very kindly secured for free the services of the Internal Auditor who does this job for other parish councils for which she is clerk. The GEPC would like to record its thanks both to Joy and the Internal Auditor she has arranged for this kindness.

8. Planning –None

9. Correspondence - None

10. Clerk’s matters - None

11. Any Other Business:

11.1 Request for sites to wild camp at Great Elm by Mill on the Brue.

In a brief discussion about this it was suggested that Tedbury Camp might be an appropriate site and that the Mill on the Brue might usefully contact the Mells scout troop to enquire about how permission to use this site could perhaps be obtained.

11.2 Annual Parish Meeting

ET to obtain wine and cheese. RC to enquire if the developers of Fussell’s old iron works between Great Elm and Mells might allow him to give a short presentation of the project, with Q&A perhaps helped by the developers.

Meeting closed 8.55 pm

Date of the next Meeting

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING Monday 22 May 2017 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall preceded at 7.30 by the bi-monthly meeting.

Signed by E Thompson
(Chairman)

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