

# Great Elm Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Great Elm Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 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 (Edmund arrived at 7.50)**
2. **Public Participation: None**
3. **Declarations of Interest: None**
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Agreed as correct and signed by the Chairman subject to 9.2 being amended to the name of Alex Slade.
  - 4.1 Kevin 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:** Darren Brown approached by Ric but he feels the EA would need to be involved so Darren to give this further thought and he will revert with a plan. Until we have a clear plan no material action will be taken but Jim will maintain the vegetation growth and keep it tidy.
  - 5.2 **Superfast broadband:** Action All council members to register interest in either Gigaclear, Bt or supplier of their choice and Jim to email the villagers to suggest they do the same. This will build our case it was felt.
6. **Highways/footpaths:** It was noted that there are two new weight limit signs on the Whatley end of Elm Lane. No further action required.
7. **Financial report and matters:** Budget was approved subject to inclusion of a £2000 provision for work on the duck pond. Regarding the precept it was agreed that we would aim for a 10% increase subject to clarification from Joy Book that this was acceptable.
  - 7.1 *Accounts*  
 HMRC PAYE Periods 7-9 £26.00  
  
 Agreed and cheque signed.
8. **Planning:**
  - 8.1 **2017/2527/FUL & 2017/2528/LBC** – Creation of new vehicular access and driveway (revised from previous granted planning application 2010/044) – Manor Farm. No objections.  
  
 The planning application for Mill Stone reference 2017/3036/HSE was discussed and no objections were raised.
9. **Correspondence:**
  - 9.1 Somerset County Council – Salt bag collection day. Noted and Jim to empty bags into the main container on the hill.

**10. Clerk's matters:**

10.1 Annual review of Financial Regulations, Social Media Policy, Recording at Meetings Policy, Risk Assessment and Management. All approved without amendment and it was noted that Jim was the nominated webmaster

**11. Any Other Business:**

**Meeting closed at 9.10pm**

**Date of the next Meeting**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

**Signed by E Thompson  
(Chairman)**

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**Date**

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