

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 28 November 2016 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 Chair 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:* Jim Duffus reported that the Land Registry had no record of any registration of the area of land concerned at the duck pond, and also reported that none of the owners of adjacent properties (Ironstone Cottage, Jackdaws, and Glenthorne whom he had consulted) owned the land. The land is therefore, presumably, common land, a surmise supported by the historical and relatively recent use of the land to water driven cattle by local farms. After discussion it was decided that a notice be put on the village noticeboard/website soliciting parishioner interest and suggestions of what to do to resurrect the bench (apparently knocked over by contractors working on a nearby property) and to tidy up the area.
 - 5.2 *Parish Clerk vacancy:* Advertisements have been placed, but no applicants have as yet come forward. In the event that none ever do, it was suggested, as a contingency, that council members ask around to see if any kindly parishioner might oblige, perhaps someone new to the village and keen to get involved in village life.
6. **Highways/footpaths**
 - 6.2 *Reinstatement of white lines – The Beeches to Cooks Lane:* White lines have appeared but are not in the previous position, being too close to the lane edge and therefore not providing the walking space the white lines are meant to demarcate. Edmund Thompson to draft a letter to the appropriate person/department to request the work be rectified.
 - 6.3 *Large lorries – Elm Lane/Vallis:* Still awaiting the installation of the signs.
 - 6.4 *Surface water run off – Elm Lane:* Jim Duffus reported that no drainage is apparent.
7. **Financial report and matters**
 - 7.1 *Accounts*

a)	PAYE HMRC (Periods 7-9)	£25.80
b)	SALC subscription	£24.72
b)	Land Registry enquiry	£19.95

All approved.

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Jim Duffus to be reimbursed £23.94 rather than £19.95 as Land Registry charges prove to be higher than anticipated.

7.2 *Budget for 2017-2018:* Approved after discussion. Precept to remain unchanged on last year.

8. **Planning** – None known of.

9. **Correspondence** - none

10. **Clerk’s matters** - none

11. **Any Other Business:**

11.1 **Fly-tipping:** Jim Duffus reported that he had notified Mendip about fly-tipping around the village and also complained that nothing had in fact subsequently been done, indeed no acknowledgement of the reporting or response as to how the problem would be dealt with by Mendip. If no response has been received by next meeting, GEPC to ask district councilor to take up the matter.

11.2 Ric Swann reported that tree cutting at Fussell’s old iron work is imminent.

Meeting closed 9pm.

Date of the next Meeting

Monday 23 January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

**Signed by E Thompson
(Chairman)**

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