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## MINUTES

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Grafton Underwood Parish Council held on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021** at 7.00pm at Grafton Underwood Village Hall

**Councillors Present:** Chair: A Wildgoose, Cllr P Sneddon, Cllr R Corney, Cllr A Medri

**Public Present:** 3 plus resident of Riverside Cottage

21/043	Apologies: <b>Resolved:</b> Apologies received from Cllr D Baker and approved	
21/044	Public address to the council: <b>Resolved:</b> Public welcomed to meeting	
21/045	Declarations of interest: <b>Resolved:</b> No declarations of interest	
21/046	<p>Planning Application NK/2021/0535: Brigstock Road (land to the North West of), Grafton Underwood, NN14 3AB Variation of condition 5 of KET/219/0369 in respect of operational life.</p> <p>Adding 10 years to the life of the solar farm was fully debated including contribution from the floor. It was not well supported but on a vote the council unanimously supported the application only if certain conditions were met:</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Maintenance of the screening is rigorously undertaken including annual inspections and reports to the planning department and PC about deficiencies and remediation appropriate to the rural environment. In particular it is recognised the east -west running tree screen to the south of the scheme which is already mature will require an ongoing replacement scheme to maintain the population of mature trees in sufficient numbers to screen the village effectively throughout the life of the farm.</li> <li>2. Sound surveys of the noise emitting equipment should be undertaken in alternate years and presented to the LPA and PC with previous year's results in graphical form. As some equipment ages it is likely to become more noisy.</li> <li>3. Maintenance of the hedging that screens Brigstock Road from the site on both sides of the road will need to be effective. <b>Action 21/046.3</b></li> <li>4. There should be continued compliance with existing planning permission conditions.</li> </ol>	Clerk
21/047	Memorial Bench:	Chair

	<b>Resolved:</b> After discussion and contributions from the floor it was resolved to write to the interested party that no suitable location had been found	
21/048	<p>Flooding issues:</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> Flooding Issue was reported on by Cllr Sneddon</p> <p>a. EA will deal with maintaining the sluices and bridge brick-work although we cannot be sure they will undertake the work or direct landowners.</p> <p>b. PS sent a letter as Deputy Flood Warden to Philip Painter who was unhappy with the extent of the work suggesting ditching will focus the flooding to certain points on the east side of the village.</p> <p>c. Volunteers will deal with a narrowing in the stream by the School House</p> <p>d. There will be maintenance of the Grafton Park Farm Bridge.</p> <p>The identification of large owners along the stream banks especially on the west side is proving expensive with the Land Registry but it was resolved that this was such useful information we would work towards a clear understanding of legal ownership that would once and for all time identify Riparian owners. Cllr Sneddon stated she had spent £25 on maps and had been unable to obtain a receipt.</p> <p>Cllr A Medri agreed to try and identify the Riparian owner of the east bank adjacent to the highway.</p>	
21/049	<p>Neighbourhood Plan:</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> ADW reported that the NP was slowly moving towards an exhibition</p>	
21/050	<p>Road Safety: Crossroads and safety. <b>It was resolved to ask the Parish Clerk to write to the Highways dept to ensure the grass and hedges on either side of the Slipton to Warkton road close to the southerly exit from the village is kept short from mid May to minimise the dangers at the cross roads.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p>	
	<p><b><u>Non – Agenda Items</u></b></p> <p>An email has been sent to the Community Payback scheme about possible help with brook and litter picking.</p> <p>In addition the meeting discussed Parking beside the Pig and Waffle with Mr Gordon who agreed to use his best endeavours to see the 12-14 parking spaces behind the premises are utilised by customers, warn customers of the nuisance and danger of careless parking close to exits onto the main road as well as look into improving LEV filtration. The use of double yellow lines to create safe sight lines for vehicles driving onto the main road was discussed and considered overly restrictive.</p> <p>A Non permitted shed at 46 GU was reported. The Chairman undertook to email the NNC planning dept.</p> <p>Finally street light failures were discussed and it turns out the street lights at 46 GU near the defibrillator has failed and need reporting to Street Doctor so the chair agreed to do so.</p>	

**Meeting closed at 20.10**