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**MINUTES**

**Minutes of the virtual Ordinary meeting of Grafton Underwood Parish Council  
 held on Wednesday 17 February 2021 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

**Councillors Present:** Cllr A Wildgoose, Cllr P Sneddon, Cllr Dean Baker

**Public:** Robert Corney (resident) - throughout meeting

**Clerk:** Ruby Cole

21/02/01	<p><i>Apologies Resignations And Welcomes members to approve apologies for absence.</i></p> <p><i>Grateful thanks for service of Karen Furze who resigned 31-1-21</i></p> <p><i>Warm Welcome to Ruby Cole</i></p> <p>Robert Corney attended meeting to be co-opted as parish councillor. This was proposed by Cllr Wildgoose and seconded by Cllr Sneddon</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b>          Cllr Wildgoose expressed thanks on behalf of Council to Karen Furze and welcomed Ruby Cole as the newly appointed clerk. He also welcomed Rob Corney to the council. Clerk to send Rob Corney the necessary forms for acceptance of office. <b>Action 21/02/01.1</b></p>	<b>Clerk</b>
21/02/02	<p><i>Declaration of Interests –members to declare any pecuniary or prejudicial interests in relation to items on the agenda</i></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b>          There were none</p>	
21/02/03	<p><i>Learning points from flooding on 23-12-20</i>  <i>The police were overwhelmed by flooding in more important places.</i></p>	<b>All PS RC</b>

	<p><i>At least 3 drivers cars died in flooding and several ploughed through with a bow wave that flooded houses opening on to the street and made wading about difficult.</i></p> <p><i>Post in the fence beside stream has collapsed</i></p> <p><i>Perhaps we need: 2 Road Impassable signs as flooding is obvious and about 8 cones ( about £175) but where to store and do we have them already! If we do they need locating and labelling</i></p> <p><i>There seems to be no legal emergency powers to close a road for a parish council This should be checked.</i></p> <p>Council had various discussions regarding the above.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p><b>a.</b> Council to investigate if 2 extra smaller sluice gates are required <b>Action 21/02/03.1a</b></p> <p><b>b.</b> Cllr Sneddon to arrange with flood wardens for a skip to clear reeds <b>Action 21/02/03.1b</b></p> <p><b>c.</b> Debris gathering at overflow pond. Cllr Sneddon to contact Environment Agency for clearance <b>Action 21/02/03.1c</b></p> <p><b>d.</b> R Corney may be able to obtain a digger to help with clear up <b>Action 21/02/03.1d</b></p>	
21/02/04	<p><i>Examine accounts and discuss future expenses and arrive at a precept.</i></p> <p><i>We are promised no surprises from our principal council this year</i></p> <p><i>Discussion was had relating to a piece of vacant land in the village and whether to finance the registration with Land Registry.</i></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>Council approved payment of approx £40 for land registration enquiries regarding the ownership of the land to the West of the brook and opposite the restaurant. Cllr Sneddon to investigate <b>Action 21/02/04.1</b></p>	PS
20/02/05	<p><i>To discuss policy regarding planting of new trees in view of Richard Daykins email of November :When things get back to normal next year would it be possible to have a couple of matters on the PC agenda. There are two or three trees in the village that are of safety concern and footpaths.</i></p> <p><i>1. One has been in contact with BEL and was told that the matter " was in hand" and nothing has happened to date</i></p> <p><i>2. The footpath between no 17 and Grafton Park Farm on the village green. again BEL land and in severe disrepair. Becoming a hazard.</i></p> <p><i>3. The old pond at the bottom of your drive . Could it be landscaped? A. Village project perchance?</i></p> <p>Cllr Sneddon has received a letter from Richard Daykins regarding the above. Various discussion was had and it was agreed that Council would look into the felling of hazardous trees. It was also agreed to plant new trees by the old pond and to hold a charity event to finance it</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b></p> <p>Cllr Sneddon to be forward letter from RD to Clerk <b>Action 20/02/05.1a</b></p>	PS

	Further discussion required to action charity event <b>Action 20/02/05.1b</b>	
20/02/06	<i>Report of progress of Neighbourhood Plan</i>  <b>Resolved:</b> This item was deferred to next meeting as not all councillors had site of the plan	
20/02/07	<i>State of parish footpaths especially between School House and Grafton Park Farm</i>  It was noted that action was required for repair  <b>Resolved:</b> Cllr Baker to report to Street Doc <b>Action 20/02/07.1</b>	<b>DB</b>
20/02/08	<i>Litter Pick on 27-02-21 10.00am Meet outside Bistro. Equipment Supplied</i>  This is all in place and ready to go ahead. Tom Empey is making all the necessary arrangements.  <b>Resolved:</b> To monitor progress	
20/02/09	<i>Any other business</i>  Clerk reported that invoices and payment receipts were missing from files Clerk reported that an annual subscription was being made to Wordpress but was not able to access parish council website  <b>Resolved:</b> Clerk to obtain copies of invoices where possible <b>Action 20/02/09.1a</b> R Corney to help the clerk with the website <b>Action 20/02/09.1b</b>	<b>Clerk RC</b>
	<i>Next Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> May 2021</i>  <b>Resolved:</b> Date of next meeting was noted and accepted as 19/05/2021	

**Meeting closed 9:05pm**

**Action points for tracking**

21/02/01.1	Clerk	To send Rob Corney the necessary forms for acceptance of office
21/02/03.1a	All	To investigate if 2 extra smaller sluice gates are required
21/02/03.1b	PS	Arrange with flood wardens to arrange for skip to clear reeds
21/02/03.1c	PS	To contact Environment Agency to clear reeds
21/02/03.1d	RC	To look into possibility of borrowing a digger to help with clear up of debris by overflow pond
21/02/04.1	PS	To make land registration enquiries
20/02/05.1a	PS	To forward correspondence to Clerk
20/02/05.1b	All	To investigate charity event
20/02/07.1	DB	To report road path damage to Street Doc
20/02/09.1a	Clerk	To obtain copy invoices
20/02/09.1b	RC	To work with clerk for website update