

**Minutes of Grafton Parish Council Extra-Ordinary General Meeting**

**held at Coronation Hall, East Grafton on Wednesday 25 November 2015 at 1930 hours**

Item	Topic and Actions
1	<b>Attendees:</b> Ms Bullock, Mrs Dudney, Mr Hyslop, Mrs Whitcher, Mrs Parkin (Clerk)
2	<b>Apologies:</b> Mr Hosier, Mr Lemon, Mr Morris, Mr Herrod-Taylor
3	<b>Precept 2016/17 -</b> The Precept requirement for 2016/17 was discussed. It was noted that for the coming year Wiltshire Council had indicated that parishes will need to contribute funding to some activities and services. For Grafton Parish this particularly relates to the provision of traffic calming measures (such as speed indicator devices) and potentially to maintaining ditches and verges. Commitments such as the one to PCAP to fund £100 towards its running costs also to be recognised. It was unanimously agreed that an uplift of maximum 12% to the 2015/16 Precept be proposed. <b>Actions:</b> Mrs Dudney to revise the draft Precept proposal for circulation Mr Hosier to review the provision of playing fields maintenance, the cost of which had increased significantly in the past 12 months
4	<b>Planning/development -</b> Further to the Parish Council (PC) meeting of 9 November, attended by Action Hampshire who presented a proposal to undertake a housing needs survey in Grafton Parish, the PC discussed its potential support for the survey. It was agreed that a survey to canvass community opinion on housing and housing needs would refresh input to the village design statement. It was agreed that the PC was willing to lend its support to the survey; that it would require input to the questions and ultimate approval of the survey and introductory letter to parish residents. Mr Hyslop agreed to be the lead liaison point with Action Hampshire. <b>Action:</b> Mr Hyslop to advise Mr Hosier of the discussion and to arrange a meeting with Action Hampshire for early in 2016

**Meeting closed at 2040 hrs**