

**GROVE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON TUESDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2023**

**Present:** Cllr J M Stock (Chairman) Cllr J Leggott  
Cllr S K Dexter (Vice Chairman) Cllr C T McCarthy  
Cllr W R Ackers Cllr F D Parnell  
Cllr L M Foster-Hill Cllr K Rowland  
Cllr K Jones Cllr G Smeddle

**Clerk:** Mr G M Mundy

**1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence had been received from Parish Cllr R Batstone and County and District Cllr J Hannaby.

**2 Declaration of Personal or Pecuniary Interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting**

No declarations were given.

**3 Planning application P23/V2416/DIS**

Planning application **P23/V2416/DIS** - Discharge of condition 7 (Development Brief - Local Centre) on application P17/V3130/FUL. (Variation of condition 7 of Planning Permission P12/V0299/O to provide the development brief prior to the occupation of the 250th dwelling rather than before the submission of reserved matters adjoining the Local Centre on land on the Former Grove Airfield West of Grove to the West of Newlands Drive Land North of Denchworth Road.

Comment: Grove Parish Council believe the Local Centre Development Brief to be a vast improvement on the original application with many improvements which is to be welcomed.

There are two questions the Council would like an answer to:

1. What happens after the 18 months marketing period if there is no or limited take up of the retail units? would the marketing period be extended? would the retail units still be built?
2. Is there a movement plan for the primary school children who will be using the Secondary School facilities/transiting in the future?

Grove Parish Council echo the comments made by the Vale's Senior Flood Risk Engineer regarding filter drains to be incorporated in the SUDS system.

Grove Parish Council also agree with all of the comments from the District Council's Landscape Architect.

**4 Recent flooding on the Recreation Ground**

The Clerk informed members about the recent and on-going flooding issues on the recreation ground due to Persimmon Homes connecting the new football pitch drainage system to a network of drains on Wasbrough Field and then connecting to a drainage system under the recreation ground. The drainage system then goes under the Park Homes estate and apparently discharges in the Letcombe Brook.

The Clerk added that at the Development Forum meeting on Thursday 16 November 2023, Persimmon Homes (Wessex) informed the Forum that the flooding had nothing to do with the development as all of the surface water run off from the houses goes North and that this flooding was caused when the connection was made.

The Clerk said that the developers and the District Council confirmed that as land owner, the Parish Council was responsible for the maintenance of the drainage pipe. The Clerk contested this. The Clerk explained that he had been the Clerk since 2004 and was not aware of any drainage pipes across the recreation ground.

The Clerk informed the Council that Persimmon Homes (Wessex) had committed to carry on investigating the drainage pipe in its entire length across the recreation ground.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk continue to work with the developer and the District Council to try and resolve this matter.

Meeting closed: 8.39pm

Confirmed: 5 December 2023

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Chairman