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Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Grafton Underwood Parish Council held at Grafton Underwood Village Hall on Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Rob Corney (chair), Cllr Penny Sneddon (vice-chair), Cllr Alastair Wildgoose, Cllr Rob Davies, Cllr Sam Rees, Pat Bird (clerk)
6 members of the public.

- 24/001 All members of the council were present, so no apologies were received
- 24/002 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the council meeting held 29th February 2024 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting, and these were then subsequently signed by Cllr Corney, as chair
- 24/003 It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the extraordinary council meeting held 18th March 2024 be approved as an accurate record of the meeting, and these were then subsequently signed by Cllr Corney, as chair
- 24/004 The following matters arising, from both sets of minutes, were noted
- 23/085 – The flooding meeting was well attended, and it was agreed that everyone needs to work together to support those at risk from flooding. It was acknowledged that the problem will not go away and Sam Rees will be working with Philip Painter to alleviate some of the flooding issues in the fields. A number of villagers have agreed to help out with tasks such as clearing the brook. The council will purchase further equipment such as waders and gloves when necessary, but the idea of getting a sump pump has been put on hold for now.
- 23/087 – The Draft Neighbourhood plan is to be considered for approval by the council at its next meeting
- 23/091 - The council has a new website <https://griftonunderwood-pc.gov.uk>
- 23/094 – Nigel Searle has completed the council's internal audit and the clerk is awaiting the internal audit report.
- 24/005 There were no declarations of interest from the members in relation to any items on the agenda
- 24/006 Following consideration of the amended plans for the planning application [NK/2024/0051](#) 10 Cranford Road, Grafton Underwood NN14 3AA together with the Heritage Impact Assessment, and clarification from the applicant, it was **RESOLVED**

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that no objections be raised by the council to the amended planning application subject to the size of the extension being within that allowed

- 24/007 Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that the council object to the proposed Draft Masterplan for the Kettering Energy Park, the main reasons being
- a) The proposal is for a distribution park, not an energy park
 - b) Issues caused by an increased traffic on local roads which are already in a poor state of repair
 - c) The rural character and ecological nature of the Wold should be protected, not developed when there are plenty areas of developed land/ brownfield land which could be used
 - d) Desire to maintain rural identity rather than be consumed into urban area

It was **RESOLVED** that the council sign the open letter in support of the other local parish/town councils concerns with the proposal for the Kettering Energy Park.

- 24/008 Following consideration, it was **RESOLVED** that the council purchases the solar powered Movable Speed Advisory Sign from SWARCO
- 24/009 It was **RESOLVED** that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Tuesday 28th May and be in a similar format to last year's Annual Parish Meeting.
- 24/010 It was **RESOLVED** that council meetings would be generally held on a Tuesday and that the council's Annual Meeting would be on Tuesday 28th May, not Thursday 23rd May, as previously advertised. The council's Annual Meeting would follow on from the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 24/011 The meeting was closed at 8:05pm

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