

Minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Griston Parish Council held at St Peter and St Paul's Church, Griston on Monday 27th March 2017.

The meeting began at 8.30pm

Attending: Takis Zachariades (Vice-Chairman), Peter Ginger, Nicky Hornsey, Tracey Johnson, Marie McGuinness, Rose Woolhouse, Margaret Parker (Clerk) and four members of the public.

The meeting was chaired by the Vice-Chairman due to the resignation of David Barnett on 9th March 2017.

1. Public participation – The public raised various questions regarding the membership and purpose of the newly formed 'Griston Festival Committee' that has been created as a body entirely separate from the Parish Council. There followed an open discussion involving the public, the members of this group who were present and the other members of the Parish Council.
2. Apologies received: There were no apologies for absence.
3. Declarations of interest: Councillors Hornsey, McGuinness and Woolhouse all declared an interest in the items on the agenda as they are members of the 'Griston Festival Committee'.
4. Babes in the Wood Festival -
A decision was made that the Parish Council would play no further part in the organisation of the 'Babes in the Wood' Festival.
5. Financial – The 'Griston Festival Committee' requested that the £1000 that was originally put aside by the Parish Council for the 'Babes in the Wood' festival be given to this organisation. It was explained that this amount would be repaid to the Parish Council at a future date. The members of this new organisation include the following: Nicky Hornsey (Chairman), Rose Woolhouse (Treasurer), Caroline Archer (Secretary), David Barnett, Kathryn Hird, Marie McGuinness, Bryan Reece and Jean Williams.
It was decided that £1000 would be given to the 'Griston Festival Committee' upon receipt of an official written request to the Parish Council that will include the terms of agreement to repay this amount.
The issuing of a cheque for £1000 payable to 'Griston Festival Committee' was approved with the signing of the cheque to take place outside of the meeting when appropriate.

The meeting closed at approximately 9.15pm.