

**Grimston Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 3 APRIL 2017**  
**Grimston Village Hall**

**Present:** Cllr Israel (Chairman), De Whalley, Coleman, Rudd, Smith, O'Brien, Moore, Johnson and Willis

**In Attendance:** Cllr S Fraser (Borough Councillor), Mrs P Sewell (Clerk) and 13 members of the public

**17.031 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Packer, Cllr Coe and Cllr J Law (County Councillor)

**17.032 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr de Whalley stated his intention to continue to offer the Council IT advice free of charge, however he declared a personal interest if the issue of purchasing computer equipment arose.

Cllr Willis declared a personal interest in Item 17.035 as Council would authorise payment to her husband for repairing the noticeboard, she took no part in the vote or discussion on that item.

**17.033 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF 6 MARCH 2017 AS A TRUE RECORD**

- The minutes of 6 March 2017 Council meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**17.034 TO REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

None.

**17.035 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE**

Cllr de Whalley confirmed that he was able to attend the finance training course on 22 May.

**17.036 FINANCE**

The Council noted the April payments for approval.

<b>Payments</b>				
		<b>Gross</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Cheque</b>
HMRC	<b>PAYE 2016-2017</b>	113.60	0.00	101768
P Sewell	<b>Broadband/Phone (March)</b>	20.00	0.00	101769
Pearce&Kemp	<b>Street Lights (Mar)</b>	85.20	14.20	101770
Mr A Willis	<b>General Maintenance</b>	150.00	0.00	101771
EON	<b>Street Lights (March)</b>	91.81	437	DD
<b>Income</b>				
Santander	<b>Interest</b>	2.34		

- Cllr Rudd proposed: Council to approve April 2017 payments as listed - *Resolved*

***Resolution to suspend business to receive reports from Ward Members and Parishioners' Questions***

**Cllr Fraser** reminded members of the open meeting with Sir Henry Bellingham MP and Lorne Green and hoped that people would take the opportunity to attend and raise issues of concern.

**Parishioners' Questions:** None.

#### **17.037 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**Mayors Award:** The Chairman was pleased to formally congratulate Mr Giles on his well-deserved Mayor's Award for voluntary service. Mr Giles thanked the Parish Council for his nomination and also thanked his wife, Violet for all her support.

#### **17.038 PLANNING MATTERS**

**Planning Committee:** Cllr Coleman reported on the last planning committee on 16 March.

**The Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr de Whalley reported that the next meeting would be held on 24 April at 7.00pm, he acknowledged the comments in the letter from Roydon PC. Cllr Coleman said that the group needed admin support and as a committee/group of the Parish Council, he asked that the Council consider allocating the Clerk/funds for assistance.

#### **17.039 HIGHWAY MATTERS**

The Chairman reported that the footpath sign on Chapel Road was broken in half.

Cllr Johnson raised the matter of speeding on Lynn Road.

#### **17.040 POLICING MATTERS**

Cllr Rudd warned that as the value of scrap metal had increased so had thefts of metals especially tools.

#### **17.041 TO CONSIDER FUNDING REQUEST FOR HOLLY MEADOWS YOUTH FC**

The Chairman referred Council to the funding request from Holly Meadows Youth FC. Mr Hurr, the Club Coach, gave a short presentation on the development of the Club and the fundraising campaign for floodlights to enable training during the winter evenings. The cost of floodlights would be over £5695.00, and would be subject to the approval of the School and require planning permission.

- **Cllr Willis proposed: Council to pledge £1000 towards the purchase of floodlights at Holly Meadows School for the Club – Resolved**

There was a brief discussion about other sources of funding including the Borough Council.

#### **17.042 TO REVIEW MANAGEMENT OF TRIANGLE GREEN**

The Chairman reported that the Clerk had received clarification from the Insurers regarding the use of a paid contractor. The advice, emailed to councillors, was that the Council's volunteer policy did not cover a third party contractor. This meant that the grass cutter must have their own public liability insurance. The Clerk had written to Mr Skerry advising him of the fact. The Council noted that this might also affect other contractors/volunteers and asked that the Clerk clarify each arrangement.

#### **17.043 TO REVIEW THE CONDITION OF ALLEYWAY ON FOOTPATH 18**

The Chairman referred to Cllr Johnson's report on the condition of the alleyway on Footpath 18, photographs of which had been circulated. Cllr Johnson said that the surface was poor in

wet weather and asked if it was worth considering re-surfacing that section. Cllr Johnson also raised concern about the trees which appeared dead and did not appear to belong to anyone.

- **Cllr Johnson proposed: Council to ask Highways to cut back the trees - *Resolved***

#### **17.044 REPORT ON GRIMSTON PARISH COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS**

The Clerk reported that Council's current standing orders had been agreed in February 2000, and although there have been several amendments, they did not encompass some new legislation or recommended practices.

- **Cllr de Whalley proposed: Council to prepare a new set of Standing Orders - *Resolved***

#### **17.045 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

**Cllr de Whalley** reported that work on power cables in Chequers Road had been completed, although he had had to ask that the poor surface be restored.

#### **17.046 DATE, TIME OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

The date for the next meeting was Monday 8 May at 7.00pm.