

Grimston Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting Monday 7 November 2016
The Village Hall, Pott Row

Present: Cllr Israel (Chairman), Cllrs Coe, De Whalley, Coleman, Johnson, Moore, Packer, Rudd, Smith and Willis,

In Attendance: Cllr S Fraser (Borough Councillor), Mrs P Sewell (Clerk) and 12 members of the public

The Chairman welcomed the new Clerk and asked that the minutes record the Parish Council's gratitude to John Missing for his long service.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Jason Law (County Councillor)

2. 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 in Item 21 if the issue of computer equipment arose.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

The minutes of Council Meeting were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT IN NOVEMBER.

Grimston Parish Council		November 2016 Meeting	
Payments			
		Gross	VAT
Cheques			
J Missing	Clerk Salary	498.95	0.00
Neville Jackson	Green Maintenance	120.00	0.00
David Giles	FP18 Maintenance	160.00	0.00
British Legion Poppy Appeal	Donation S137	55.00	0.00
CPRE	Subscription	36.00	0.00
Pearce&Kemp	Street Lights (Oct)	85.20	14.20
Direct Debits			
EON	Street Lights (Sept)	88.85	4.23
BT	Broadband (Oct)	25.00	4.16
Total		1069.00	22.59
Income			
Santander A/C	Interest	6.69	
Total		6.69	

5. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Not present.

6. BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Speeding: The Cllr had met with the Police and Crime Commissioner Lorne Green and raised Grimston's concern about speeding. The Commissioner had organised for speed checks to be carried out and it had been noted that most vehicles travelled within the limit, however in two areas: roads to Hillington and to

Gayton over 3% of traffic had exceeded the speed limit, so the police would now look at speed prevention measures (Emily Carter would contact the Clerk).

The Village Hall sign: Cllr Fraser reported that the sign had been fixed by Borough Council staff, but Cllr Fraser had also noted that they had not replaced the Cliff en Howe Road sign.

Sewage Cllr Fraser reported that Anglia Water had confirmed that improvements works had been carried out and this had been reported in the Village Link.

Late List: Cllr Fraser reported that the tree officer had a late list for trees which needed work and if there were sufficient funds at the end of the year, he would programme work in. The Chairman asked if the trees on Back Lane and Bracken Way could be included on the list.

7. PARISHIONERS' QUESTIONS

The Council was asked if the seat near the bus stop which had been removed would be replaced. Cllr Coe stated that a new seat had been purchased by the Council and it was being stored for when the base would be installed by Cllr Rudd.

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Dog Bins: The Council noted that the Borough Council had confirmed the two new bins had been put on the collection rota from 18 October. The Clerk would liaise with Sibelco and the Borough Council about the new bin agreed last month.

Back Lane Trees: The Council noted that Highways had stated that they didn't find a problem, Mr Missing had further clarified that the issue was with branches too low for riders to pass underneath.

11 Lynn Road: The Council noted that Highways said they would take action.

Village Green: The Clerk asked if there was anything further that needed to be done over the transfer of land by Mr Stebbings. Cllr Coleman stated that Mr Stebbings had arranged the transfer with his solicitors and it would be registered with land registry as Parish Council land, so no further action was required other than the letter of thanks.

9. POLICE MATTERS

None

10. APPROVAL OF NEXT YEAR'S MEETING DATES

The Council noted the meeting dates for 2017 and that the January meeting would take place on 23 January 2017. The Clerk would email the list as well as Councillors' contact details to all members.

11. QUARTERLY BUDGET STATEMENT

Cllr de Whalley stated that he had not had the time to carry out the quarterly review so had returned the accounts to the new Clerk so she could familiarise herself with the paperwork.

12. TRIANGLE GREEN

Cllr de Whalley stated that he had not yet completed the article for the Village Link as he had been busy with the neighbourhood plan business.

13. BUS SHELTERS

The Council noted that the school had not yet had the chance to look at the bus shelters, therefore they remained with Cllr Rudd.

14. LAIS 1393 PRECEPT CONSULTATION

The Clerk explained the background to the Government's proposals to introduce referendums on precept increases for larger councils. Grimston Parish Council would not be affected by the current proposals, but referendums were generally considered to be a costly exercise and in some cases might cost more than the proposed increase. The Clerk stated that planning for Grimston Parish Council's own precept should start soon as the Council's precept requirement must be submitted by the end of January 2017.

15. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Cllr de Whalley reported that first meeting had gone well with 17 attending, the Borough Council had addressed the meeting. Six attendees had agreed to move forward and it was anticipated that the plan would take between 2/3 years to complete. There would have to be a survey and a vote for adoption. Invitations had been extended to neighbouring parishes to join the process. The next meeting would be on 14 November at the Village Hall at 7.00pm.

16. COMPLAINT ABOUT THE ANNUAL CYCLE RIDE

Cllr Johnson reported two complaints directed at the Council regarding the rolling road closure put in place during the Annual Cycle Ride, specifically one complainant stated there was no access/exit to his drive for at least two hours. The Chairman stated that the event was not organised by the Parish Council, nor did it have the power over the road closure. Most Councillors considered that the event was well run and the disruption was only for a short time. The Clerk was asked to relay the complaints to the King's Lynn Cycle Club.

17. HIGHWAY MATTERS

Parish Partnership: The Council noted that the Parish Partnership deadline in mid December.

Traffic Calming: The Chairman stated that at the last meeting the issue of speeding was raised. It was felt that the volunteer speed watch was not the answer, neither was the speed limit signs for wheelie bins. The Council reviewed the Clerk's suggestions used in other rural areas to try to encourage reasonable speeds.

- **Cllr Coe proposed: Council to look at costs of signs, gates and liaise with Highways - Resolved**

18. PLANNING MATTERS

The Planning Committee's recommended revision of the Committee Rules: Council noted that the Planning Committee had made no changes to the Rules as adopted by Full Council on 3 October, other than to correct the number of additional appointees from 3 to 4.

- **Cllr Coleman proposed: The Council appoint Cllr Packer as a reserve on the planning Committee - Resolved**

Call for Sites and Policy Suggestions consultation: Council noted that the process of looking at prospective land for housing begins as the Local Plan process is reviewed.

To consider the following Applications:

16/01846/O (2 dwellings in back garden) Cllrs raised concern as to the accuracy of the plans and made reference to the plots being close to an area of archaeological significance.

- **Cllr Coleman proposed Council to object on the following grounds: Intensity of development, width of vehicular access and inadequate provision for parking – Resolved**

16/01828/BT (removal of telephone kiosk) The Council stated a preference to retain the traditional telephone boxes as a structure in itself.

19. CORRESPONDENCE

Norfolk ALC: The Council noted that the AGM would be held on 26 November. A new website had been launched and NALC had introduced a new online procedure for advice requests.

Training: Council noted the training courses programme. The Chairman advised the Clerk that the Council had agreed to organise a training session for Councillors with NTP. The Clerk said she would try to attend the Clerks' Workshop held in December.

KL&WN Borough Council : The Council noted a reminder about the *Transparency Fund* which could be used to fund up to £350 for training and/or equipment.

- **Cllr de Whalley proposed: Council should take apply for funding – Resolved**

Complaint: The Chairman reported that there had been a complaint made to Mr Missing about the dumping of cat litter on the footpath from Back Lane to Chequers Road.

- **Cllr de Whalley proposed: Council to raise the issue in the Village Link - Resolved**

20. OTHER BUSINESS, FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ONLY, BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Smith reported that an afternoon event at The Bell had caused major parking problems and should be monitored as it would become a nuisance if it became a regular occurrence.

Cllr Coleman asked if Defibrillators could be an item to be on the agenda for the next meeting

Cllr de Whalley asked that IT equipment for the consideration of planning application be on the agenda for the next meeting

Cllr Willis reported that it had been reported that the stile on Footpath 10 had been broken, she would report the matter to Mr Grimes.

Cllr Coe reported branches overhanging the road on the road up to the A148. Cllr. de Whalley would pass the information onto NWT.

21. STAFFING MATTERS - CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

- **Cllr Coleman proposed: Members of the press and public be excluded under Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act (PB(AM)A)1960 Section 12 (subsection 2) to discuss a confidential item relating to staff pay and conditions - Resolved**

A full record of the meeting will be kept with the minute book

Signed

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