

Grimston Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 6 November 2017
Grimston Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Mrs P Sewell (Clerk) and 10 members of the public

17.127 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Rudd, B. Cllr Fraser and C. Cllr Eyre
 Cllr O'Brien was not present.

17.128 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

17.129 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF 2 OCTOBER 2017 AS A TRUE RECORD

- **Cllr Willis proposed: Council to accept the minutes of 2 October 2017 as a true record - Resolved**

17.130 TO REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Dog Bin: The Council noted that the new dog bin was now operational, and thanked the Gaywood Valley Volunteers for organising the installation.

Speed Watch: The Council noted that the Clerk had received two expressions of interest in response to the article about a Community Speed Watch team.

Transparency Code Grant: The Council noted that the grant application had been successful, and it had been awarded £193.30 grant to offset staff costs for 2017-2018.

17.131 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Council received correspondence as listed:

The Clerk confirmed that she would attend the Data Protection seminar.

The broken flashing speed sign had been reported to Highways.

17.132 FINANCE

To approve payments due

- **Cllr Smith proposed: Council to authorise expenditure as listed - Resolved**

Payments		Gross	VAT	Cheque No.
P Sewell	Salary (October)	460.72	0.00	101808
P Sewell	Broadband/Phone (October)	20.00	0.00	101809
P Sewell	SLCC Subscription	54.00	0.00	"
P Sewell	Computer Equipment (Case)	12.99	0.00	"
P Sewell	Travel Expenses	45.99	0.00	"
Mazars	External Audit	150.00	25.00	101810
Gaywood Valley Conservation	Dog Bin	50.00	0.00	101811
Mr D Giles	Footpath Maintenance	160.00	0.00	101812

Getmapping Plc	Administration	33.60	5.60	101813
CPRE	CPRE Subscription	36.00	0.00	101814
Royal British Legion	s.137 Poppy Wreath	55.00	0.00	101815
Norfolk Parish Training	Training (Data Protection)	17.50	0.00	101816
Pearce & Kemp	Street Lights (October)	85.20	14.20	101817
CGM	Grass Cutting (September)	281.95	46.99	101818
CGM	Grass Cutting (October)	140.98	23.50	"
EON	Street Lights (October)	100.42	4.78	DD
Total		1704.35	120.07	
Income				
Santander	Interest (October)	3.13		BACs
Beales	Dog Bin	189.05		Cheque
DCLG	Transparency Code	193.30		BACs
Total		385.48		
Total		767.83		

Finance Report - Quarter 2 (July – September 2017)

Council noted and received the second quarter financial report.

Resolution to suspend business to receive Parishioners' Questions

Parishioners' Questions

It was reported that the manhole cover in Vong Lane was very low in the road. The Clerk would report this to Highways.

It was reported that a resident had tried to report to King's Lynn Police Station an attempted break-in, but had been sent to Hunstanton Police Station instead. The Clerk said that Grimston and Pott Row did come under the Hunstanton District, but that any station that was open should have been able to take the report.

17.133 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman expressed his and the Council's gratitude to Bill Hone for once again laying the wreath on the Parish Council's behalf.

17.134 PLANNING MATTERS

To receive Report and note Resolutions of the Planning Committee

Cllr de Walley presented a verbal Report and Resolutions of the Planning Committee held on 6 November 2017

To receive an update on The Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr de Whalley presented a report on the meeting held on 23 October. The meeting had focussed on a presentation with Norfolk Wildlife Trust and relevant policies the group might consider for the plan. Cllr Coleman reported that he had had a very good meeting with the School about involving the younger generation in the consultation process.

17.135 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Parish Partnership Scheme: The Clerk confirmed that no proposals had been submitted thus far.

To consider the request for a white line outside 2a Congham Road

Council noted the letter and expressed sympathy for the problems faced by the resident. The Clerk reported that Highways had already agreed, at the request of the C. Cllr Eyre, to provide a white line at the homeowners' expense. The Clerk would also put an item in the Newsletter to ask drivers to be more considerate around this area. Cllr Coleman reported the proliferation of cones on the opposite side of the road, some of which had been placed on the footpath, the presumption was that these had been put out to keep driveways clear.

To consider the request for an additional Bus Stop in Lynn Road

Cllr de Whalley explained that he had received this request. Cllr Smith confirmed that Lynx already viewed the old post office in Lynn Road as an official stopping point, so buses could be hailed and asked to stop. Cllr Johnson also reported that the Lynx bus could be hailed from anywhere along Lynn Road, the bus would stop if a clear signal was given and it was safe to do so. The Clerk would confirm the position with Lynx and agree a statement for the Village Link.

17.136 POLICING MATTERS

The Council noted the Chief Constable's proposal to remove all PCSO's from service, to be replaced by an additional 80 police officers.

Cllr Coleman warned the Council that there had been a spate of thefts/attempted thefts from outbuildings and garages in the local area.

17.137 BOROUGH WARD REVIEW - TO CONSIDER DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council noted that the Commission has supported the local view that the parishes of Grimston, Roydon and Congham should be linked in the new the ward. The Commission's solution to ensure an electoral balance would be to create a much larger 2 Councillor ward which would include Gayton and other villages.

17.138 TREE ASSESSMENT SURVEY - TO APPOINT CONTRACTOR

The Council reviewed the quotes for the survey which included:

-Survey of the trees on Pott Row Green, Ashwicken Green, Triangle Green and Chequers Green.

-An inventory of the trees including tagging with reference numbers and plotting on a map.

-A health and safety risk assessment.

-Assessment of tree health (Visual) along with recommended work.

The Council noted that Tree-Vista had offered to carry out the survey work for no charge, although he would provide quotes for the work.

- **Cllr de Whalley proposed: Council to invite Tree-Vista to provide a survey - *Resolved***

17.139 CONDITION OF SURFACE ON FP 18 – POSSIBLE ACTION

The Council discussed the condition of a well-used section of FP 18.

- **Cllr Willis proposed: Council approach Highways with a view to having work to upgrade the section of path from Lynn Road to Briar Close being carried out under the partnership scheme – *Resolved***

17.140 THE COMMEMORATION OF WWI CENTENARY 1918-2018

The Council discussed nationwide plans to mark the Centenary of the ending of World War 1 next year. It was recognised that there might be other organisations like the church and school who had plans to mark the occasion.

- **Cllr Willis proposed: Council to organise a meeting of interested parties and organisations to discuss preparations for the event - *Resolved***

17.141 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Packer asked about the street name plate for Candlestick lane. The Clerk stated that it had been reported by the Borough Councillor and its replacement was in hand.

Cllr Coleman reported that the Church would be hosting a "Songs from the Trenches" evening.

Cllr de Whalley passed on concern about the trees on FP18.

17.142 DATE, TIME OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

The next meeting would take place on Monday 4 December at 7.30pm

Chairman.....

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