

Grimston Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting on Monday 8 January 2018
Grimston Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Israel (Chairman), de Whalley, Rudd, Coleman, Packer, Moore, Willis, Smith and O'Brien

In Attendance: Mrs P Sewell (Clerk) and 13 members of the public

18.001 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Johnson and Coe

18.002 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Willis declared a personal interest in the funding request from the Art Group as she was a member, Cllr Willis would take no part in the vote.

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 arose.

18.003 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF 4 DECEMBER 2017 AS A TRUE RECORD

- **Cllr Rudd proposed: Council to accept the minutes 4 December 2017 as a true record - Resolved**

18.004 TO REPORT ON MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Jubilee Clock: Council noted that the Clock had been serviced, the time was set to the right time, but a check was needed to ensure it kept the correct time. The Clerk reported that the lock and door was stiff, there was a clear gap between the door and frame.

General Data Protection Regulations: The Clerk reported that there had been conflicting advice issued about the appointment of Data Protection Officers. The Clerk planned to write to Sir Henry Bellingham about the likely impact of the new legislation on small councils.

Moles: The Clerk thanked Cllr Willis as the contractors had been in touch and work was in hand.

18.005 TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

Council received the correspondence as listed.

Cllr de Whalley said that there would be no neighbourhood plan meeting on 22 January.

The Clerk reported now the new audit process affecting the end of year return was in place she would attend the NALC course to ensure she understood the new procedures.

Council noted that Historic England was considering the Grimston War Memorial for Grade II listing.

18.006. FINANCE

i. To approve payments due

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

Payments		Gross	VAT
P Sewell	Salary (December)	460.72	0.00
P Sewell	Broadband/Phone (December)	20.00	0.00
P Sewell	Postage	15.68	0.00
P Sewell	Dog Bin (Cement)	5.17	0.00
P Sewell	Travel (Data Protection Course)	12.51	0.00

Smith of Derby	Jubilee Clock Tower	178.80	29.80
Pearce & Kemp	Street Lights (December)	85.20	14.20
CGM	Grass Cutting	140.98	23.50
Grimston Village Hall	Neighbourhood Plan Room Hire	105.00	0.00
Grimston Village Hall	Room Hire	222.00	0.00
EON	Street Lights (November)	97.18	4.63
EON	Street Lights (December)	100.42	4.78
Total		1443.66	76.91
Income			
Santander	Interest (December)	3.13	0.00
Total		3.13	

ii. To consider grant request from the Art Group for the Summer Art Show.

The Council noted the request from the Art Group for assistance with the costs for the summer show. Council questioned Cllr Willis about the group's membership and attendance at previous shows.

- **Cllr. Packer proposed: Council to award a grant of £100.00 for the Summer Art Show - Resolved**

iii. To approve the Budget for 2018-19

The Council reviewed the draft budget for 2018-19 presented by the Clerk.

- **Cllr Moore proposed: Council approve the draft budget for 2018-19 - Resolved**

iv. To set the Precept for 2018-19

The Council reviewed the options for the precept following the approval of the budget.

- **Cllr de Whalley proposed: Council to set precept at £19679.00 (Band D charge of £29.17) - Resolved**

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

County Councillor: Mr Simon Eyre

Cllr Eyre reported that the Digital Innovation Committee had been tasked to look at identifying mobile phone black spots, with the aim of building a better network. The 90% target for broadband coverage should be reached in March, more information could be found at the Better Broadband for Norfolk website. Cllr Eyre also reported that a new walking and cycling map was about to be released.

Borough Councillor: Mrs S Fraser

Cllr Fraser reported on the EON Energising Communities Grant which funded community energy projects, as well as UK Power Networks Register for those residents who might be vulnerable in a power cut.

The next Village Views event with Sir Henry Bellingham and Lorne Green would take place on Saturday 17 March, full details would be in the Village Link.

Parishioners' Questions

A resident presented a suggested timetable for a Sunday/bank holiday service for the No. 48. The Clerk said that the Council had agreed to invite Lynx to come to a meeting, therefore she

would pass the idea on to Lynx. Cllr de Whalley suggested the Council also write to Norfolk County Council about proposed cuts to the bus subsidies.

A resident spoke about the annual problem at his property with raw sewage, although Anglian Water took responsibility for the clear up, work to enlarge the pipes to resolve the problem had never been done. Cllr Fraser said that she had taken up this issue with Anglian Water in another part of the village and would refer the matter to her contacts.

18.007 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

The Chairman reminded everyone about the open meeting for the WW1 centenary on Friday 19 January at 7.00pm.

18.008 PLANNING MATTERS

Cllr de Whalley presented a verbal report and detailed the resolutions of the Planning Committee held on 8 January 2018.

Cllr de Whalley said that Holly Meadows School had provided an interesting insight into pupil’s views of their community of the future.

18.009 HIGHWAY MATTERS

The Council had agreed to put forward a proposal for the Parish Partnership Scheme for Footpath 18. The Clerk confirmed that she had submitted a proposal to install a metre wide trod on the section from Lynn Road at an estimated total cost of £400.00. Council was concern that the work may be delayed due to the consideration of Scheme applications. Cllr Eyre offered to fund half the project from his local budget.

- **Cllr Packer proposed: Council to withdraw its Parish Partnership application and fund the project with Cllr Eyre’s support - Resolved**

18.010 TO RECEIVE TREE SURVEY REPORT AND REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

The Council considered the report prepared by Tree Vista. There was a question of ownership of some boundary trees on Chequers Green, so they have not been assessed. where works had been identified as necessary due to power lines, the Clerk would refer the matter to power networks as it was not urgent.

- **Cllr Willis proposed: Council to proceed with the removal of the Rowan on Ashwicken Green and works recommended at Pott Row Green - Resolved**
- **Cllr Colman proposed: Council to also ask for the Willow tree on Pott Row Green to be lopped and shaped - Resolved**

18.011 COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Cllr Colman reported the theft and then recovery of his van.
Cllr Moore reported a large pothole on Vong Lane opposite No.1.
Cllr Moore asked for volunteers to help with the Christmas appeal for the League of Friends for the Hospital.

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

The next meeting would be on Monday 5 March at 7.30pm.
Cllr Willis asked that the employment of a parish handyman be put on the agenda.
Cllr Packer submitted her apologies.

Chairman Signed

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