

GRIMSTON ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Grimston Village Hall - Monday 14 May 2018 at 7.00pm

Present:

Parish Council - Cllr Israel (Chairman), De Whalley, Coleman, Rudd, Smith, Coe, Packer, Willis.
Borough Council – Cllr S Fraser,
Parish Clerk – Mrs P Sewell
18 Members of the Public

Apologies: Cllr Moore

1. Apologies and Welcome

Cllr K Israel, Chairman of the Parish Council opened the meeting. The Chairman paid tribute to all the volunteers in the parish who did so much to provide facilities and activities for residents. The Chairman also expressed sadness at the recent loss of Cllr Von Johnson, he thanked councillors, parishioners and Clerk for their support.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved to approve the minutes of 8 May 2017

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting

The Fen and Allotment Trust: A question was asked about the size of the balance. The Clerk to the Trustees wrote to explain that with Brexit on the horizon the Trust were insuring against the removal of subsidies which provided maintenance income. The Trust was also considering the purchase of additional allotment land, and some income was being held in reserve should a new community building be required.

War Memorial: Mr and Mrs Hall had raised the question of adding **Sargent Fred Hunter's** name to the War Memorial. The matter had been investigated by the Parish Council and the case for his inclusion was approved. The Council now had planning permission to make the addition as part of the village's commemorations for the centenary of WW1.

4. Grimston Parish Council Accounts

The Report was given by the Parish Clerk

Receipts - £23,548.96 Payments-£18,122.91 Closing Balance- £44,187.70

Meeting resolved to accept the report

5. Grimston Fen & Allotment Trust Accounts

The Report was given by Cllr Michael de Whalley

Receipts-£22,187.30 Payments-£20,937.08 Closing Balance-£70,191.37

Meeting resolved to accept the report

6. Village Hall Committee Accounts

The Report was given by Cllr K Israel:

Receipts-£9,949.32 Payments-£4,453.99 Closing Balance £18,979.58

Meeting resolved to accept the report

7. School Trust Accounts

The Report was given by Mr R Coe. The full accounts were not available; however, it was reported that the current balance stood at £30,350.00. Mr Coe reported that both tenants appeared to be satisfied with the respective properties and Norfolk County Council was looking to expand at Pott Row School.

Meeting resolved to accept the report

8. Hudson Fen Leisure Ltd Accounts

The Report was given by Mr K Kavanaugh

Receipts- £3,372.60 Payments- £3372.60 Closing Balance: £13,612.99

Meeting resolved to accept the report

9. Neighbourhood Plan Report

Cllr De Whalley – Chairman of the Grimston, Roydon and Congham Neighbourhood Plan

Meeting resolved to accept the report

10. Report from Borough Councillor

Cllr Sue Fraser reported on matters relating to the Borough Ward, these including the Boundary Review, Anglian Water/Sewage, the encampment of Roydon Common and her work as the Borough Disability Champion.

11. Report from County Councillor

Cllr Simon Eyre was not present.

12. Open Forum for Grimston Electors

Issues raised:

Buses: The Parish Council was asked to continue to lobby Norfolk County Council for an extension to the bus service to include a Sunday and/or bank holiday service.

Triangle Green: The Parish Council was once again asked to review the management of Triangle Green to allow wildflowers, specifically lady's smock to grow.

HFL: There was a plea from Hudson Fen Leisure Ltd. The Charity which ran the recreation facilities on Hudson Fen off Chapel Road urgently needed people to fill roles on the management committee. It was hoped that as the facilities were mainly used by children and young people, parents would come forward to support the Charity, however a recent letter sent to parents of children at Holly Meadows School had netted no interest. The Charity faced an uncertain future if more volunteers could not be found. It was suggested that the Charity approach the Parish Councils for a meeting if it could not recruit more members.

Dog Fouling: Frustration was expressed at the appalling level of dog mess, despite there being a dog bin within easy reach, on Derby Fen. Derby Fen was Site of Special Scientific Interest.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairman

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