

Grimston Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting on Monday 7 October 2019
Grimston Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Israel (Chairman), Coleman, Coe, Johnson and de Whalley

In Attendance: Mrs P Sewell (Clerk) and 14 members of the public

19.110 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Packer, Willis, Fraser and B.Cllr C Manning.

19.111 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

19.112 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF 2 SEPTEMBER 2019 AS A TRUE RECORD

- **Cllr Johnson proposed: Council to receive and accept the Minutes of 2 September 2019 as a true record - *Resolved***

19.113 MATTERS ARISING (INFORMATION ONLY)

BT Phone Box: The Council noted that the Defib unit had been ordered and paint for the refurbishment would be provided free of charge. Cllr Johnson would organise the refurbishment of the Phone Box. The Clerk had also discussed the little book swap/library with the volunteer, they would install shelves and manage the library once the Defib unit was in place.

19.114 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE AS LISTED

Council reviewed list of correspondence, key items included:

Consultation by Local Government Boundary Commission for Norfolk. The Clerk would respond on behalf of the Council to support current arrangements.

The Council noted the offer from the King's Lynn group which offered Dementia Friendly Training for councils and staff. The Clerk would make further enquiries.

The Council noted that the King's Lynn Transport Study had released its Draft Strategy Report.

The Clerk said that late correspondence from a parishioner registered concern about how the provision of housing which was actually affordable was being met.

Resolution to suspend business to receive Ward Reports and Parishioners' Questions

B. Cllr Manning submitted a written report. Cllr Manning had attended a number of meetings: Planning Committee and planning training, Corporate Performance Panel, Regeneration and Development, Audit Committee and the Audit/Cross Party group which examined both the NWES/KLIC issue and remit of the Major Projects Board. The last Regeneration and Development Panel had been held at Hunstanton Town Hall after visiting certain sites with borough council officers. Subject to finance and planning permission considerable improvements to the council's assets could be made for the benefit of both residents and visitors.

There had been a number of successful events held; The Classic Car show on Heritage Day and the Soap Box Derby in Hunstanton.

The Shakespeare Guildhall Trust (King's Lynn) had been granted charitable status by the Charity Commission.

The recent very heavy rain led to flooding in Low Road Congham/Grimston. NCC Highways had checked the drain and pipe and in normal rainfall it coped, but not so if an abnormal amount fell over a short period. Highways would check to see if any further work was required and also monitor the pipe to ensure it was clear of debris at the outfall.

B.Cllr de Whalley – reported that he had drafted a climate emergency motion to be brought before Council and was also working on rewording the Local Plan review to take account of climate change. The refused application to build 600 homes at Knights Hill had gone to appeal, the Borough Council would fight the appeal although according to legal advice it would be a difficult case to win. The Corn Exchange would be closed between January-March 2020 for repairs and installation of 2 new cinemas.

Parishioners' Questions

A Parishioner mentioned that there was a Dementia support group in the Parish.

A Parishioner requested the speed limit on a section of Vong Lane be reduced to 30mph. The Clerk advised that despite the case made Highways were unlikely to support such a request as it had no budget to meet the cost of the process and that section of road would not meet the Highways Speed Management Strategy requirements.

A Parishioner asked for an update on her request for a sign on Chapel Road indicating the school. The Clerk confirmed that Highways had been asked but had not provided this type of signage for some time. The Clerk had also asked if there had been a school safety audit, however Highways no longer carried out such audits. The Highways Officer did report however that she had had several meetings with the previous Head Teacher the results of which included the installation of footpath bollards and the flashing 30mph sign. The Clerk reported that the cost of the advisory 20mph school signs, mentioned by Cllr de Whalley were around £6000 a pair, at that cost the Council need to be sure they would be effective. A parishioner suggested that traffic calming might be more effective than flashing signs, whilst another suggested that the Council should check the extent of the speeding problem.

19.115 TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCIES BY CO-OPTION

The Chairman invited candidates to come forward to fill the parish council vacancies.

- **Cllr Coleman proposed: Council to co-opt Mr Nigel Twite as a Councillor - *Resolved***
- **Cllr Johnson proposed: Council to co-opt Mr Michael Pitcher as a councillor – *Resolved***

19.116 FINANCE

19.116.1 To approve payments due

- **Cllr Coleman proposed: Council to approve payments due as listed - *Resolved***

Mrs P Sewell	Salary (Sept) incl NHP	642.55	0.00
HMRC	Salary (Sept) PAYE	35.40	0.00
CGM	Grass cutting	153.12	25.52
CGM	Grass cutting	154.18	25.7
Com.Heartbeat Trust	Defib - Equipment	2120.00	0.00
Com.Heartbeat Trust	Defib - Annual Service	162.00	27.00
R Staffs	Maintenance	36.00	6.00

Coll. Com Planning	NHP	330.00	0.00
Office Depot	Office supplies	61.69	0.00
Pearce and Kemp	Street Lighting (Sept)	85.20	14.20
EON	Street Lighting (Sept)	140.91	6.71
Total		3921.05	105.13

19.116.2 Notice of Conclusion of Audit 2018/2019

The Council noted the External Audit had been concluded with no issues to draw to Council's attention.

19.116.3 To consider Holly Meadows YFC Grant Application

The Council noted that although the School would be able to use the changing rooms, neither it nor the education authority would contribute financially to the cost. Cllr Coleman reported that following a recent discussion with HMYFC, the School Trust had agreed to meet the shortfall, therefore Council funding would not be required.

19.116.4 Budget preparations 2020/2021

The Council noted that the Clerk would start to prepare for next year's budget for discussion at the December meeting. Councillors who might have proposals or projects not already in the pipeline should advise the Clerk.

19.117 PLANNING MATTERS

19.117.1 To consider responses to Planning Applications as listed:

19/01606/O: Threeways, 89 Lynn Road- Division of garden to create a residential dwelling

- **Cllr Johnson proposed: Council to object to the application on both Highway and privacy grounds - Resolved**

19/01680/RM: Stave Farm 3 Chapel Road Pott Row - Construction of 15 dwellings for phase 2

- **Cllr Coleman proposed: Council to raise no objection - Resolved**

19.117.2 Borough Council Planning Briefing Update

Cllr Coleman reported on the briefing, a copy of planning material considerations was circulated to each member present. A copy of the presentation would be emailed to councillors.

19.117.3 Local Plan Review Update

The Council noted that KL&WN Borough Council had concluded that they would not be seeking to allocate land for more housing as they had sufficient supply in other areas.

19.117.4 Minerals and Waste Local Plan - Consultation

The Council noted that the plan was being reviewed, although no proposals in the revised plan directly affected Grimston, the Clerk would respond that the Council was pleased to note proposals to which the Council had raised previous objections had not been reinserted. Cllr de Whalley was invited to send further comments for inclusion in the Council's response.

19.117.5 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Chairman thanked those who helped with the Drop in Session in particular Mr Roper and Cllr Willis with set up, Mrs Roper and Mrs Coleman who provided baked goods as well as Holly Meadows School for the loan of their Urn. Cllr de Whalley also thanked all those involved and confirmed that the analysis document was on the website. It had been a worthwhile exercise as the event had been well attended. The Group had also been successful in gaining technical expertise to help with the reviewing the suitability of sites for housing allocation.

19.118 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/ STREET LIGHTING ISSUES

19.118.1 Footpath 18 improvements

Cllr Coleman reported that he had visited Footpath 18 and although some of the issues had been resolved by the removal of a section of dead trees and brambles, it was still very overgrown in parts.

- **Cllr Coleman proposed: The Council remove the hedge from the Lynn Road section to open up the path - *Resolved***

19.118.2 To note other fault reports

Cllr Johnson had reported a number of issues to the Clerk with hedges obscuring signs and damaged street name signs which had been passed to Highways and the Borough Council respectively.

19.118.3 NCC Parish Partnership grant

The Council noted that the grant scheme had opened for 2020, subject to support from Highways measures around the school could be put forward for match funding. The Clerk would invite the Highways Officer to carry out a site visit at the School to review what options might help resolve residents' concerns.

19.119 ANNUAL PROPERTY INSPECTION

The Clerk updated the Council on progress following the Inspection.

The Council noted that the Church Green had been tidied up. Cllr Packer had also met with the Clerk to look at the suggestion to re-landscape the Green, ideas for this would be presented at a later meeting.

The Council noted that strimming around the bus shelter and a second strim around the dog bins had been carried out.

The Council noted that work on the Pott Row willow tree would take place October/November, the Clerk had also asked that the oak tree be shaped as branches would soon start to impede the footpath.

The Council reviewed the selection of replacement bench designs.

- **Cllr de Whalley proposed: Council to select the Earth Anchors Evergreen seat design to replace the metal seats- *Resolved***

19.120 COMMUNITY BULB PLANTING 2019

The Council noted that Cllr Packer had suggested that a community Bulb Planting be organised. Cllr Packer had offered to coordinate the planting and source bulbs.

- **Cllr Coe proposed: Council to organise a bulb planting on Saturday 2 November - *Resolved***

19.121 COUNCILLORS REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

Cllr de Whalley reported flooding on Low Road and a streetlight on permanently in Chequers Road, he would confirm address details.

Cllr Johnson reported that although not within the Parish he had had repeated complaints about the overgrown trees/bushes on Lynn Road through Roydon Common

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

The next meeting would be held on Monday 4 November at 7.30pm.

Chairman.....

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