

Grimston Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting on Monday 27 January 2020
Grimston Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Israel(Chairman),Coleman, Coe, Packer, Fraser, Johnson, Pitcher, Twite and Barnicoat.

In Attendance: Mrs P Sewell (Clerk) and 15 members of the public

20.001 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the January meeting in particular new councillor James Barnicoat and wished all a Happy New Year. Apologies were received from Cllr de Whalley who was at Congham Parish Council and B.Cllr Manning.

20.002 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

20.003 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF 2 DECEMBER 2019 AS A TRUE RECORD

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

20.004 MATTERS ARISING (INFORMATION ONLY)

Website: The Council noted that the Council’s website was now compliant with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No.2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

WW1 Plaque: The Council noted that the legal notice of intention to install the WW1 plaque at the church was posted on 3 January, following the Diocese meeting. If no objections were received, the application should be approved at the next meeting.

Bank Signatories: Cllrs Johnson and Coleman volunteered to be account signatories.

20.005 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE AS LISTED

Clerk reported the Grimston Little Library was open in the BT phone Box. Residents could contact grimstonlittlelibrary@gmail.com for book donations etc. The Clerk reported on an item of late correspondence regarding the Parish Council appointed Trustee to the Fen Allotment Trust. The recommendation was to reappoint Mike Saville, this would be an item at the March meeting.

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

Cllr Manning - Both the County and Borough councillors would discuss the local traffic strategy for King’s Lynn, including parking and using the Harding’s Way bus only route for other traffic etc. The Planning Committee would also be looking at the County’s plan for a new school Gayton. The Police and Crime Panel of which Cllr Manning was a member would be reviewing the police precept for 2020-21 and would do the same at the Borough Council with its budget.

Cllr de Whalley – The B.Cllr had spoken on the impact of the development on Roydon Common – majoring on light pollution at the public inquiry for the 600 homes at Knights Hill Ben Colson had provided a very credible argument at a ‘round table session’ for expert representation on transport. The KLIC would be discussed by the Audit Committee and would be the subject of a special meeting on 10th February with an internal report having been written to assist the external investigator. The King’s Lynn Transport Study had

attracted controversy for prioritising cars over pedestrians, cyclists, mobility buggies and public transport. The County Council was also consulting on its “Local Transport Plan for Norfolk” until 28th February. Climate Change had been tabled again and was currently scheduled for discussion at the February Cabinet meeting.

Cllr Pitcher stated that the Audit Committee referred to in the report had been cancelled.

Parishioners

A Representative from HUFFL said that the group had been considering providing refreshments on site to cover car boots and other events. Power would be required, and it was likely that the cost to bring power to the site would be in the region of £5000, the Council was asked if it might help fund. The Clerk said that as the item was not on the agenda Council could not make a decision.

A Parishioner complained that he had not had a response to a letter sent last year about the access opposite the Methodist Church. The Chairman said that when signs had been erected the Council had looked into the matter at the request of a number of residents. It had confirmed that the access had been de-registered as a Right of Way, therefore concerns about signs and gates was a civil matter, and it could not help with ownership.

Concerns were raised about the access to the Footpath off Ashwicken Green which was overgrown with nettles. The Clerk reported that the fence panels had been reported to Norfolk County Council, but she would arrange for the entrance to be strimmed when the weather improved.

A report was made about sewage in the Grove. Cllr Fraser said she would speak to the resident at the end of the meeting as she had been in touch with Anglian Water. The Chairman reported that water coming up in Chapel Road was surface water and not sewage.

Complaints were made again about speeding in Leziate Drove and the issue about it being 50mph. The Clerk confirmed that the Council had taken this up with Norfolk County Council last year and it was not prepared to reduce the speed limit.

A complaint was made about parking in Chapel Road, the Clerk said that the cost of providing hard surface for parking on the verge was prohibitive, the Council had instead opted to purchase a SAM2 unit in partnership with NCC to support the speed reduction measures.

20.006 TO FILL COUNCIL VACANCY BY CO-OPTION

The Chairman reminded all that due to the resignation of Cllr Willis there remained one vacancy on the Council. Anyone interested to contact either himself or the Clerk.

20.007 FINANCE

20.007.1 To approve payments due as listed

- **Cllr Johnson proposed: Council to authorise payments due as listed – Resolved**

Payments	Heading	Gross	VAT
Mrs P Sewell	Salary (Dec/Jan)	976.72	0.00
Mrs P Sewell	Expenses Dec/Jan	34.00	0.00
Norfolk AIC	Training (Elections)	36.00	6.00
PFK Littlejohn LLP	Audit	288.00	48.00

Coll.Community Planning	Neighbourhood Plan	1800.00	300.00
Pearce and Kemp	Street Lighting (Dec/Jan)	170.40	14.00
EON	Street Lighting (Dec)	136.36	6.49
EON	Street Lighting (Jan)	140.91	6.71
Total		3582.39	381.20
Receipts			
Santander	Interest December/Jan	23.85	
Mr Lloyd-Hayes	Bus shelter	136.80	
Total		160.65	

20.007.2 To approve Budget 2020-2021

The Council reviewed the draft budget for 2020-2021.

- **Cllr Coleman proposed: Council to set budget as drafted - Resolved**

20.007.3 To set Precept for 2020-2021

The Council reviewed the required income based on agreed expenditure and reserves.

Precept 2020-2021

Tax Base	715.30
Band D Charge	29.17
Precept	20865.30
Support Grant	120.00
Income	20985.30

- **Cllr Pitcher proposed: Council to set the Precept 2020/2021 at £20865.30, holding Band D at £29.17 - Resolved**

20.008 PLANNING MATTERS

20.008.1 To consider the response to the Planning Application as listed:

20/00042/F:Lime Barn 31 Leziate Drove Pott Row - Vary condition 3 - permission 17/01635/F. The Council noted that it had objected to the original planning application for conversion to a holiday let. Permission had been granted, with the condition that the holiday let could only be used with the main property on short term lets. The applicant sought to remove this condition.

- **Cllr Fraser proposed: Council to recommend refusal of 20/00042/F on the basis that the property was outside the development boundary and supported Highways view the access was not suitable for a permanent residence - Resolved**

20.008.2 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Council noted that the Group was to have an internal meeting on 3 February to review the Character Assessments prepared by the Consultants and to assess what more needs to be done on the Green Space and Landscape and Protected View annexes. It was hoped that the first draft of the plan with the key policies should be available in March.

20.009 Highways/Rights of Way/ Street Lighting Issues

20.009.1 Footpath 18 improvements

Council noted that work had begun on the path last week, unfortunately the hedge was

tangled with an old wire netting fence and barbed wire, which meant the plan to chop the hedge off at the ground had not been possible, all the barbed wire had been removed. The Council would consider what further work needed to be done.

20.009.2 To note other fault reports

Hawthorn Avenue: The resident’s complaint was raised with NCC as the overgrown brambles had reached the road, however the narrow strip of land from whence the bramble comes is part of the car park area and as such the NCC would ensure the road was clear but would not clear brambles from private property.

Cliffe en Howe Road: The Council noted that the bridge fence had been damaged again, all posts had been knocked over this time.

20.009.3 Holly Meadows School - Approval of Speed Awareness Signs

The Council reviewed the costs, the preferred option; the black sign option was more expensive due to the large commutation required by Norfolk County Council.

1. To install a complete new black sign similar to the existing sign the other side of the school, £7172.00 plus vat.
2. Wig Wag Sign - To remove existing black sign and fit new sign and install second complete sign the other side of the school, £5446.00 plus vat.

The Clerk confirmed that the County Cllr Eyre had agreed to contribute £2000.00 to the cost of the project.

- **Cllr Packer proposed: Council to purchase the Wig Wag sign for outside Holly Meadows School a cost of £3446.00 - Resolved**

20.010 PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR

The Council noted that The Heartbeat Trust had not provided suitable dates in February, so the training would take place in March. The Council considered the offer by the WI to help raise funds for second defib unit (Pott Row). The Clerk had also allocated some funds in next year’s budget in case. Council supported the plan in principle but noted that it would need to need to confirm a suitable site and volunteers to check the unit on a regular basis. Councillors would give some thought to a suitable site close to a power source.

20.011 COMMUNITY TRANSPORT/TAXI SERVICE

Cllr Fraser reported on the West Norfolk Community Transport Dial-a-Ride Service which would collect you from home and take you plus one another to an appointment/shopping and then return when you were ready to leave. The vehicles were equipped for wheelchair or assisted travel. WNCT also offered a ShopMobility service where for a small charge you could get around King’s Lynn any weekday between 9am and 4pm.

20.012 COUNCILLORS REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

Cllr Johnson stated that he would carry out an evening inspection of parish streetlights within the week.

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

The next meeting would take place on 2 March 2020 at 7.30pm

Chairman.....

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