

**Grimston Parish Council Grimston Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting on Monday 5 October 2020**  
**Virtual Platform – Zoom at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Israel(Chairman), P Coleman, Johnson, Pitcher, S Coleman, de Whalley, Twite, and Barnicoat

**In Attendance:** Mrs P Sewell (Clerk), B. Cllr C Manning and 7 Members of the Public

**20.078 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT AND TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

The Chairman reported that this was the 5th month of Zoom meetings and thanked everyone as it had been frustrating at times but given the current situation something that would continue for a good few many months yet.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr C Coe. Cllr S Fraser was not present, apologies were submitted retrospectively.

**20.079 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Israel declared an interest in application 20/01344/F: as the applicant was a relative, he remained in the meeting but took no part in the discussion or vote.

**20.080 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF 14 SEPTEMBER 2020 AS A TRUE RECORD**

- **Cllr Johnson proposed: Council to receive and accept the Minutes of 14 September 2020 as a true record - Resolved**

**20.081 MATTERS ARISING (INFORMATION ONLY)**

**Vacancy:** Council noted that, subject to confirmation from the Electoral Officer that there had not been a call for an election, the Council would be permitted to co-opt from the November meeting onwards.

**Noticeboard:** The Council noted the Clerk’s email that the Men’s’ Shed in King’s Lynn had agreed to refurbish the noticeboard. The Noticeboard would be relocated in Chapel Road once completed.

**Dog Bins:** The Council noted that a dog bin had been ordered to replace the worn-out dog bins in Chapel Road. Cllr P Coleman had agreed to change them over.

**Postal Codes and boundary in Vong Lane:** The Council noted that KL&WN Borough Council had agreed to the changes requested by the Parish Council for the properties in Vong Lane/Church Close. The Council Officer had also offered to install signs to clarify the start and finish positions of Church Close numbering, subject to residents’ approval.

**20.082 CORRESPONDENCE**

Council noted the letter regarding the proposed move of the White House Farm Bus Stop. It was noted that the Parish Council at the time had objected to the approved relocation site. Council would revisit the matter.

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

**B.Cllr Manning** - The Boundary Commission was consulting on County wards. The flooding had occurred again on Low Road, and he hoped that it was now the time for Highways to get approval for a new scheme on the schedule. The Corn Exchange had opened its two new

screens with Covid secure seating. A new Nursing College would be established at QE Hospital with the College with the purchase of the Sandringham Hospital. Norfolk Police had purchased Heathersett School as a training facility. Council Meetings at the Borough Council would start earlier ie 4.30pm to ensure IT support cover, although it was recognised that it would not suit everyone.

**B.Cllr de Whalley** - The Borough was consulting on the Town Infrastructure plan “Vision King’s Lynn” in order to submit a bid for funds by the end of October. The Borough Council were on track to open up applications for CIL funding up to £10,000. The Cabinet had adopted a climate change policy, the new Environment and Biodiversity working group would first meet in the New Year. It was also reported that the Government’s white paper on planning covered a controversial plan to allocate land under three headings: Growth, Renewal and Protected.

**Parishioners’ Questions**

A resident asked if adders had been released onto the Fens. Cllr de Whalley said that he believed they had been released on Sugar Fen as part of a relocation project with the Borough Council. The resident was concerned that there had been no warning and that those who walked dogs would be concerned. Cllr Johnson confirmed that the local vets did hold the anti-venom, Cllr de Whalley could not confirm numbers, but advised in any case that dogs should be kept on leads. There was a general discussion about Adders and if warnings should be posted. The resident also asked why the relocation had taken place before planning permission for the project ( Parkway) had been given.

*(The information given at the meeting has since been confirmed as incorrect and that no adders have been relocated to the Fen).*

Cllr de Whalley also confirmed when asked that as GFAT Trustee he had had to declare an interest in the Parkway project as the Trust received funding from the Borough Council for habitat improvements.

A resident confirmed that since the last Council meeting they had submitted a new petition on the withdrawal of shooting permits and also just received a response from the GFAT. An offer of a meeting with those concerned had been made. Cllr Israel confirmed that he remained willing to chair a meeting if thought necessary.

A resident said that at one time GFAT used to organise an old folks’ lunch at Christmas and could something like that be arranged. The Trustees would take the suggestion back to the Trust.

**20.083 FINANCE**

**20.083.01 To Approve payments due**

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

Payments	Heading		Gross	VAT
Mrs P Sewell	Salary (September)		487.06	0.00
Pearce and Kemp	Street Lighting	September	85.20	14.20
EON	Street Lighting	October	140.91	6.71
<b>Total</b>			<b>713.17</b>	<b>20.91</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
<b>Total</b>			<b>0.00</b>	

**20.084 PLANNING MATTERS**

**20.084.01 To consider responses to Planning Applications:**

**20/01344/F:** Vertical and side extension to garage to form accommodation ancillary to main dwelling at 39 Gayton Road Grimston.

▪ **Cllr Barnicoat proposed: Council to approve application 20/01344/F - Resolved**

**20/01407/F:** Rear lounge, kitchen, diner extension and associated alterations. At Green Shadows 92 Lynn Road Grimston

▪ **Cllr S Colman proposed: Council to approve application 20/01407/F - Resolved**

**20/01495/F:** Proposed triple cart shed to rear of main house at Ivy Farmhouse 37 Congham Road Grimston

▪ **Cllr Israel proposed: Council to approve application 20/01495/F - Resolved**

**Appeal - APP/V2635/W/20/3255932** – Proposed change of use from garden plot to single residential dwelling plot – single storey bungalow at Threeways, 89 Lynn Road, Grimston. The Council objected to the original application which was altered to a bungalow.

▪ **Cllr de Whalley proposed: Council to support the Borough Council in the appeal APP/V2635/W/20/3255932 - Resolved**

#### **20.084.02 To consider re-establishment of the Planning Committee**

Cllr Pitcher said that the Planning Committee should be re-established with the aim to look at planning applications in more detail and reduce the length of Council meetings. Cllr Johnson said that it might be better to re-establish the Committee once Councillors had undergone more training as current terms of reference required 8 Cllrs. It was stated that starting meetings half an hour earlier than the main meeting often did not give enough time, and the meeting was disrupted by Cllrs and members of the public attending the main meeting, although this would be more manageable on Zoom. Cllr S Coleman stated that she would struggle to attend meetings much earlier than 7.30pm, whilst others did not want to have to attend a meeting on another night.

▪ **Cllr Pitcher proposed: Council should re-establish the Planning Committee - Not Resolved - The Chairman's casting vote was required**

The Chairman stated that training on planning for all Councillors should be organised.

*At the end of the meeting, Cllr Pitcher challenged the vote as Cllr Coleman had dropped out of Zoom during part of the discussion. The matter would come back to the next meeting*

### **20.085 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/ STREET LIGHTING ISSUES**

#### **20.085.01 To receive fault reports**

The Chairman thanked Cllr Johnson for his patrols checking on the lights. Cllr Johnson confirmed that all lights had been attended to but two still had faults. Cllr de Whalley reported a light out in the Walnuts, this had been reported and had a lingering fault. Cllr de Whalley also reported damaged ROW fingerpost sign in Triangle Green.

#### **20.085.02 Speeding SAM2 Sign Update**

The Council noted that the post in Chapel Road had been installed and it was hoped that the unit would shortly be ready for delivery. Wescotec had not yet confirmed how training would be delivered. The Clerk would order a chain and combination padlock to the secure unit.

#### **20.085.03 Cycle Path proposal**

The Council noted that the proposal was included in the King's Lynn Vision and it was hoped that there would be a good response to the survey confirming the importance of the link. It was unlikely that monies would come from the Town Deal, however the Government was making available £2Billion to improve cycling and walking network. The aim was to get the link listed as a priority scheme, supported by both Borough and County and then bid for funding. It was hoped to report more at the next meeting. The stumbling blocks were NWT support ( environmental impact) and the cost of the bridge over the A149.

## **20.086 HOLLY MEADOWS SCHOOL - FACILITIES AND PUPIL PLACES**

The Council noted that the Headteacher had reported that the school have had to turn families away and also required funding for toilet facilities. This was not normally a parish council issue but as there was no County Council representative it had been brought to the Council's attention. Cllr Coleman reported that a request for funding the Toilet refurbishment had been made to the School Trust.

- **Cllr P Coleman proposed: Parish Council organise a meeting with County Council and the School - *Resolved***

## **20.087 AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY ( AONB) INCLUSION OF THE GAYWOOD VALLEY**

Cllr de Whalley advised that with the draft proposal in the white paper intending to divide land into just 3 categories, there was merit asking for the AONB which ended at the A148 be extended to include the Gaywood Valley.

- **Cllr de Whalley proposed: Council to write to the Norfolk Coast Partnership to request consideration that the Gaywood Valley be included in the AONB - *Resolved***

## **20.088 COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **20.088.01 Bulb Planting 2020**

The Council noted that planting would go ahead with additional measures due to Covid-19 i.e. bulb collection would be staggered and planting would be carried out in bubbles or with suitable social distancing. Council noted that Mrs Packer had already purchased bulbs.

- **Cllr P Coleman proposed: Council to allow up to £50.00 for the purchase of additional bulbs if required - *Resolved***

### **20.088.02 Act of Remembrance – Wreath**

The Council noted that the usual poppy wreath would be ordered and delivered to the Chairman. Cllr P Coleman said that he would accompany the Chairman to the wreath laying on 8 November.

## **20.089 PROPERTY**

### **20.089.01 Jubilee Clock Tower – Professional Inspection**

The Council noted that the tower had not been professionally inspected for a number of years and had previously advised that as a Grade II listed building. Cllr Pitcher asked about the budget, the Clerk confirmed that the Council held a specific amount in reserves for the Tower. The Council considered two quotes.

R Waite - £500 plus VAT (Architect surveyor)

J P Chick & Partners Ltd - £525 plus VAT (Structural engineers)

- **Cllr Johnson proposed: Council appoint J P Chick & Partners Ltd - £525 plus VAT to inspect the Tower - *Resolved***

## **20.090 COUNCILLORS REPORT (INFORMATION ONLY)**

Cllr S Coleman asked if there could be an update on the Neighbourhood Plan.

## **20.091 DATE, TIME OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

The next meeting will take place on Monday 2 November at 7.30pm.

Chairman.....

Dated.....