

**Grimston Parish Council Grimston Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting on Monday 2 November 2020**  
**Virtual Platform – Zoom at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllrs Israel(Chairman), P Coleman, Johnson, Pitcher, S Coleman, de Whalley, Twite, Barnicoat and Boldero (following co-option)

**In Attendance:** Mrs P Sewell (Clerk), B. Cllr C Manning and 14 Members of the Public

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

The Chairman opened the meeting and stated that on the eve of Lockdown 2 Council work would continue subject to Covid restrictions. The Chairman thanked Mrs Liz Packer who organised and sponsored the bulb planting as well as all who attended.

Apologies received and accepted from **Cllr Coe**.

**20.093 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

*Cllr Barnicoat declared a personal interest in item 20/01190/O as it was close to his property, he remained in the meeting but did not speak or vote on the item.*

**20.094 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF 5 OCTOBER 2020 AS A TRUE RECORD**

- **Cllr Johnson proposed: Council to receive and accept the Minutes of 5 October 2020 as a true record - Resolved**

**20.095 MATTERS ARISING (INFORMATION ONLY)**

**Parishioners Questions:** The Clerk read out the statement from the Grimston and Fen Allotment Trust correcting the information given at the last Council meeting. The statement confirmed that no Adders had been released on the Fen, nor was there a plan to do so at this time.

**Holly Meadows School Meeting:** The Council noted that Norfolk County Council had agreed to organise a meeting, date to be advised.

**Noticeboard:** The Council noted that the refurbished noticeboard would be collected before lockdown, the actual cost for the work was £27.46, but the Council would also make a donation to the Men’s Shed commensurate with the work done.

**Poppy Wreath:** The Council noted that the poppy wreath had been delivered to the Chairman, wreath laying would be subject to the Lockdown restrictions as there would be no service.

**Greenways Cycle Path:** Cllr de Whalley reported that the cycle path had been given priority status within the vision for King’s Lynn, however there were still matters to be resolved such as the bridge across the A149. The cost of the project was estimated at between £2/3Million

**20.096 Correspondence**

The Clerk read out the correspondence.

**20.097 Co-option – To fill Casual Vacancy**

Councillors noted the letter from Michael Boldero submitted for consideration for the casual vacancy.

- **Cllr S Coleman proposed: Council to co-opt Michael Boldero to fill the casual vacancy on**

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Cllr Boldero signed the Declaration of Acceptance and joined the meeting.

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

**B.Cllr Manning** advised that parking charges at the Hospital had been reinstated and warned against increased scams in particular calls about Amazon Prime.

**B.Cllr de Whalley** reported that the Town Fund submission included plans for The School of Nursing, Innovation and Collaboration incubators, Youth and Retraining, Active and Clean connectivity, River front Regeneration and repurposing the upper tiers of shops in the High Street.

### **Parishioners' Questions**

A resident asked what the Council was doing to combat climate change. Cllr de Whalley mentioned the support for the Cycle Way, planned LED lights and that he was happy to talk further.

A resident raised concern about the protection of local trees as there was no longer a tree warden. The Clerk said that the Borough Council tree and landscape officer was consulted on all planning applications and the Parish Council also considered the impact on trees and hedges when reviewing planning applications.

A resident reported that the meeting with the G&FA Trust following the petition had not yet taken place and that some conditions had been placed on the meeting, she was disappointed that not all the Trustees would be present to hear the petitioners' case.

A resident asked if there had been any progress on his question about the reintroduction of the G&FA Trust Christmas lunch. Cllr Coleman (Trustee) said in the current Covid climate it was unlikely that a lunch could be arranged but he had raised the matter and was looking into why the event had been stopped and what might done in its stead for this year. The resident also stated that he had previously asked for a copy of the new constitution but had not received it.

## **20.098 FINANCE**

### **20.098.01 To Approve payments due**

#### **▪ Cllr Pitcher proposed: Council to approve payments due as listed - Resolved**

<b>Payments</b>	<b>Heading</b>		<b>Gross</b>	<b>VAT</b>
Mrs P Sewell	Salary (+ NHP)		706.24	0.00
Mrs P Sewell	Clerk's Expenses	Home Office	34.00	0.00
	Parish Partnership	Sam2 unit	43.64	7.29
	Printer/Laptop	Ink	22.98	3.33
	Office.Gen Costs	Postage	11.50	0.00
CGM	Grass Cutting	September	304.90	50.82
RBL Poppy Appeal	Poppy Wreath		50.00	0.00
GeoXphere Ltd	Office Gen. Costs	Mapping	42.00	7.00
Office Depot (UK)	Office Gen. Costs	Stationary	43.90	7.32
NTParish and Support	Training	Induction	50.00	0.00
NALC	Training	Planning Webinar	30.00	5.00
Pearce and Kemp	Street Lighting	October	85.20	14.20
<b>Total</b>			<b>1424.36</b>	<b>94.96</b>

Receipts			
Santander	Interest	September	0.27
Santander	Interest	October	0.26
<b>Total</b>			<b>0.53</b>

### 20.098.02 To Receive and Approve Quarter 2 Financial Report

The Council received the Quarter 2 Financial Report which covered April to September 2020.

- **Cllr Boldero proposed: Council to accept the Quarter 2 Report for 2020/21 - Resolved**
- **Cllr Johnson proposed: Council to forward the accounts to the Internal Auditor for interim review - Resolved**

### 20.099 PLANNING MATTERS

#### 20.099.01 To consider re-establishment of the Planning Committee

The Council noted the point of order raised by Cllr Pitcher's at the end of the previous meeting. LAPCP Regulations 2020 Part 2 Reg 5 (2) (3) & (4) in that Members in remote attendance must hear, and where practicable see, and be so heard and, where practicable, be seen by all those in attendance. Cllr Pitcher stated that he did not seek to bring the item back for discussion at this time but to draw attention to the regulations. The point of order was accepted but it was also noted that stringent application, given the issues with technology, at parish council level was cause for frustration. The Clerk would amend the virtual meeting protocol for the next meeting.

#### 20.099.02 To consider responses to Planning Applications

**20/01453/F:** Rear lounge/kitchen/diner extension. Internal alterations to form new bedrooms. Porch at Doodle 55 Lynn Road Grimston

- **Cllr Johnson proposed: Council support application 20/01453/F - Resolved**

**20/01463/F:** Extension and Alterations. at Vong Farm 61 Vong Lane Pott Row

- **Cllr Johnson proposed: Council support application 20/01463/F - Resolved**

**20/01190/O:** Outline Application: House with annex and construction of new access at Land At Back Lane Pott Row

- **Cllr Fraser proposed: Council to recommend refusal of 20/01190/O as it was outside the village envelope on land designated as Countryside – Resolved**

#### 20.099.03 Planning Training ( White Paper/ Introduction to planning webinars)

The Clerk had circulated two training/information webinars and would order the next part to Introduction to Planning.

#### 20.099.04 Neighbourhood Plan Group Update

The Clerk reported the Group had now completed the run through of the first draft. The Group had also reviewed the site assessment document prepared independently; the final document would be available for publication in a few weeks. The key point was that the Group had concluded on the basis of a number of factors; Views expressed in the survey, the Borough Council intention not to require a housing allocation in the revised local plan and that Grimston and Pott Row area had already over 30 dwellings with permission in the pipeline, it was not appropriate to make land allocations at this time and the development boundary for Grimston and Pott Row would remain unaltered and Boundaries would be reintroduced in Congham and Roydon. The Group would be working to sharpen up the various annexes that would accompany the final document. On administration, the Clerk would complete the analysis report on the open questions but wind down her involvement with the project.

**20.100 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/ STREET LIGHTING ISSUES**

**20.100.01 To receive fault reports**

The Clerk had reported a streetlight out in Low Road.  
Cllr Coleman asked that the trod in Leziate Drove be cut back by the Rangers.

**20.100.02 Speeding SAM2 Sign Update**

The Council noted that the unit was now operational in Chapel Road and thanked Cllr Coleman and Johnson. It was noted that some of the posts required extenders and these had been ordered. Cllr Fraser asked if the speed was set correctly. Cllr Johnson said that it had been tested and was correct. Cllr Coleman said that the positions would change approximately every two weeks, the data downloaded and reported to the Council.

**20.100.03 Parish Partnership Scheme 2020/21**

The Council noted the information about the Parish Partnership Scheme, and that expenditure would be in 2021/22. Ideas included upgrading trods and defining parking areas in Chapel Road.

- **Cllr de Whalley proposed: Council purchase an additional Sam2 to increase coverage across the Parish - Resolved**

**20.101 PROPERTY**

**20.101.01 Jubilee Clock Tower:** The Council noted that the structural inspection took place on Tuesday 27 October, the report was not yet available. There were several issues that were evident without the need for the report which included the door, door frame and windows.

**20.102 BOUNDARY COMMISSION COUNTY WARD REVIEW – RESPONSE**

The Council noted the proposed changes for the County Ward. The Commission would reduce the number of Councillors and as such the area to which Grimston belonged had expanded to incorporate Ashwicken, Leziate and Bawsey.

**20.103 COUNCILLORS REPORT (INFORMATION ONLY)**

Cllr Boldero commended the work at the surgery with the flu jabs and asked if the Council could thank them.  
Cllr de Whalley said that the fallen trees on the Fen had been sorted out.  
Cllr S Coleman commended the work of a local volunteer who cut the grass around the village including Triangle green and asked that he too be thanked.

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

The date for the next meeting would be Monday 7 December at 7.30pm

**Chairman..... Date.....**