

Grimston Parish Council Grimston Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting on Monday 7 December 2020
Virtual Platform – Zoom at 7.30pm

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

In Attendance: Mrs P Sewell (Clerk), B. Cllr C Manning and 6 Members of the Public

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

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Coe and B. Cllr Colin Manning

20.106 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Israel declared an interest in 20/01803/F as the applicant was a relative, he would therefore not vote.

20.107 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF 2 NOVEMBER 2020 AS A TRUE RECORD

- Cllr Fraser proposed To receive and accept the Minutes of 2 November 2020 as a true record subject to the amendment that Cllr Fraser was present - *Resolved*

20.108 MATTERS ARISING (INFORMATION ONLY)

Noticeboard: The Council noted the refurbished noticeboard had been repositioned on Chapel Road. The Clerk had added a suggested donation to the KL Men’s Shed in appreciation for the work to the list of payments for approval.

Training: Cllr Twite reported that he had completed the induction training. Cllrs S Coleman, Twite and Barnicoat were booked onto the next course in January. The second part of the introduction to Planning had been circulated.

Dog Bins: The Chairman thanked Cllrs who installed a new bin and removed the old bin on Chapel Road by Hudson Fen, after monitoring it seemed that both bins were required at that site as it was a well-used route, a further bin had been ordered for the Congham Road site.

PROW finder post Triangle Green: The Council noted that a new post had been put up, the broken one had not been removed, Cllr de Whalley said he would take it away.

Footpath 10: Council noted that the footpath had been strimmed by the Rangers.

Planning webinar part 2: The Council noted that access had been emailed to Cllrs.

20.109 TO REVIEW CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk would report the information from the Police about Money Scam and the Census 2021 in the Village Link. The Chairman reported that the reported graffiti on the bus shelter had been cleaned off by a resident.

20.110 APPROVAL OF REVISED CONDUCT AT VIRTUAL MEETINGS PROTOCOL

Council noted that it must now provide passwords and meeting ID on the published Agenda. The Clerk does not provide a direct link to the meeting as a security measure, although will still do so if requested by email. Council discussed the revised note about virtual meetings to take account of the loss of connection issue discussed at the last meeting. It was clear that the law gave little flexibility, but the restrictions of technology

- Cllr S Coleman proposed: Council to accept the protocol as drafted but to also include the requirement to postpone a vote if the item was contentious - *Resolved*

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

Cllr Manning emailed report stated that Parish Councils should receive updates about COVID re business grants for those affected by lockdown etc and to be aware students from the appropriate course at CWA were assisting the COVID Marshalls, this would give those wishing to pursue a career in the military, police etc some valuable work experience to include on their CVs at job interviews.

The PCC stated at the Norfolk Police & Crime Panel he would be consulting the public about the police precept for 2021-22 online between 14 December for a month. Cllr Manning encouraged everyone look at the budget. The PCC was aware of people's financial worries during the present pandemic and was reluctant to raise the precept however the Chief Constable said despite many savings and government funds there would be a £4m deficit this year. On a brighter note the Police establishment would be circa 1700 officers at years end, the highest number ever for this constabulary.

Cllr de Whalley reported that Stuart Dark had been made a cabinet member with a portfolio which included Emergency Planning and Waste, a new cabinet post to include Climate Change and Biodiversity had also been established. The local plan task group hope to have the local plan adopted in 2021 and would be put the draft to full council on 8 April with a 6-week consultation to follow. The CIL grant should open in the new year.

Parishioners

A parishioner asked for clarification on the GF&T statement on Adders. The Clerk said that statement made it clear no Adders had been or were intended for release on the Fen. The Borough report and survey stated that no adders had been found on the King's Lynn development site but that an arrangement subject to planning permission to transfer other reptiles such as common lizards was in place. There was some confusion because of photographs on the Gaywood Valley volunteer's website.

A parishioner stated that he was increasingly frustrated as he still had not had a response about the GF&T constitution which he had requested from the Trust directly or the question about the Christmas dinners which he had put to the Trustees at the last Council meeting. Cllr P Coleman said that he had for information but was happy to discuss it further directly.

A Parishioner asked that the Council Agenda a vote of no confidence in the Trust.

20.111. FINANCE

20.111.01 To Approve payments due

Mrs P Sewell	Salary	November	487.06
Mrs P Sewell	Clerk's Expenses	Home Office	17.00
	Laptop/ Printer	Microsoft Subscription	59.99
	Noticeboard	Paint/sealant	27.46
	Office.Gen Costs	Postage	27.24
	Subscription	SLCC 2020/21	126.00
CGM	Grass Cutting		308.35
Westcotec	Parish Partnership	Sam2	4448.40
JP Chick Ltd	Clock Tower	Survey	630.00
PKF Littlejohn LLP	Audit	2019/2020	240.00
NTParish&	Training	Coleman/Boldero	100.00

Support			
NALC	Training	Planning Webinar 2	30.00
Mr G Ess	Noticeboard	Chapel Road	110.00
King's Lynn Men Shed	Donation	s1.37	50.00
Pearce and Kemp	Street Lighting	November	85.20
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EON	Street Lighting	November	140.91
Total			6972.81
Receipts			
Santander	Interest	November	0.27
Total			0.27

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

20.111.02 COMPLETION OF EXTERNAL AUDIT 2019/20

The Council noted that External Audit had been signed off by the External Auditor. The Notice of Completion would be published.

20.112 PLANNING MATTERS

20.112.01 To consider responses to Planning Applications:

20/01803/F: Extension to dwelling at Hayfields 9A Chequers Road Pott Row

- **Cllr Pitcher proposed Council to approve application 20/01803/F - Resolved**

20.112.02 Neighbourhood Plan Group Update

Cllr de Whalley reported that the group had been meeting once a week to finalise the annexes. The group were grateful for the work of the Clerk and Cllr Fletcher who had provided an analysis of the open questions. The Clerk was preparing a further grant application to continue the work.

20.113. HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/ STREET LIGHTING ISSUES

20.113.01 To receive fault reports

Cllr Israel reported that the day burner light reported as Vong Lane remained lit all day.

20.113.02 Speeding SAM2 Sign Update

Cllrs Johnson and P Coleman reported on the speeding data which was circulated to Cllrs. Cllr P Coleman said that the aim was to provide a report of statistics on the website.

20.113.03 Parish Partnership Scheme 2020/21 Update

The Council noted that PPS bid had been submitted for a second SAM2 Sign – Cllr Johnson had added four additional sites to the bid for a second unit: Low Road, Gayton Road, Vong Lane and Leziate Drove (50mph section). The cost to the Council from next years' budget would be £1800-£1900 which represented 50% of the cost.

20.114. PROPERTY

20.114.01 Jubilee Clock Tower – Structural Inspection Report

The Council received the surveyor's report and there are a number of issues which required resolution some more complicated than others as they would require planning permission. The Clerk reported that Wakefield Joinery had quoted £75.00 plus VAT to make repairs and rehang the door.

- **Cllr Pitcher proposed that the Council meet separately to go through the report in more detail - Resolved**

20.114.02 Grass Cutting – Contract issued for Tender

The Council noted that the Clerk had issued invitations to contractors to tender for grass cutting. The deadline was 18 December so costs would be ready for the budget meeting in January.

20.114.03 Street lighting – Contract for Tender

The Council noted that the Clerk would issue invitations to contractors to tender for the replacement of the streetlights. The LED lights specification had been provided by the Street Lighting team from Norfolk County Council and was the same as provided to the Stave Farm developers. The lights would, when replaced, remain on during the night but at 50% percent power, and were down lighters to limit light pollution. The plan would be to apply for assistance from the Borough Council’s CIL grant fund which should open in the new year.

20.115 APPROVAL OF 2021 MEETING DATES AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF ELECTORS

The Council reviewed the proposed meeting dates for 2021, it was hoped that by late Spring the Council might be able to meet back in the village hall. Councillors indicated that they would prefer not meet on a bank holiday, therefore the April and May dates would be altered.

The Chairman supported the Clerk’s suggestion to host the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors on a separate evening. The Clerk would sort out with the village hall the best date but would have to monitor social distancing restrictions.

20.116 COUNCILLORS REPORT (INFORMATION ONLY)

Cllr P Coleman reported concern about the way in which Anglian Water tankers were parked when working on Gayton Road.

Cllr Barnicoat said that vehicles parked near the Chapel Road bus stop (Green end) delivering to the business caused a hazard.

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

The next meeting will take place on Monday 18 January 2021 at 7.30pm

Chairman

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