

**Grimston Parish Council Grimston Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting on Monday 18 January 2021**  
**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

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

The Chairman wished everyone a Happy New Year, despite being in Lockdown 3.

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

**21.002 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

*Cllr Israel declared an interest in planning application 20/01344/F as the applicant was a relative, he did not speak on the item or vote.*

**21.003 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF 7 DECEMBER 2020 AS A TRUE RECORD**

Cllr Barnicoat clarified his report that it was in fact tankers on Chapel Road near junction with Chequers Road. The report would be amended.

- **Cllr Johnson proposed: Council to receive and accept the Minutes of 7 December 2020 as a true record, subject to amendment as discussed - Resolved**

**21.004 MATTERS ARISING** (Information only)

**School Meeting:** The Council noted the Clerk’s report of the meeting between Holly Meadows School and Norfolk County Council.

**School sign outside the Church:** The Council noted the sign and flashing unit had been removed and would be replaced in due course with a dangerous bend warning.

**Clock Tower:** The Council noted that the clock had stopped working again, the current contractors had been unable to attend so the Clerk had asked another company to carry out an inspection that week.

**SAM2 Unit:** Council noted that the unit had been on Congham Road for the past month. There had been 14749 vehicle movements recorded: 68.92% of vehicles had travelled at 30mph or below but nearly a third of vehicles had been speeding between 31 and 65mph. A total of 1320 vehicles had travelled between 41-65mph. Cllr P Coleman reported that the sign had now been moved to Lynn Road.

**Broken Fingerpost Sign:** Cllr Johnson reported that he and Cllr P Coleman had removed and disposed of the broken post.

**21.005 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE AS LISTED**

The Clerk also reported that in addition to the list, details had been received about Warmer Greener Homes Online Workshops on 8 and 11 February, details of which had been circulated.

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

B.Cllr Manning reported that KL&WN BC panel meetings with the exception of Planning, Licensing and Appeals would be suspended so that staff could concentrate on Covid-19 relief. The Crime panel would review and vote on the Norfolk Police budget proposals.

B.Cllr Manning advised that residents should report flooding issues on the Norfolk County Council website where possible.

**B.Cllr de Whalley** reported that details of the CIL grant would be launched at the end of January and open for applications for a 3-month period. The Government would announce grants for improvements to the Cycling and Walking infrastructure. Cllr de Whalley also reported that the bid for £21Million from the High Street Fund for King's Lynn which had included the Guild Hall had been rejected. The revised Local Plan should be available to Parishes in about 8 weeks for consultation. The Parkway project in King's Lynn had been put on hold.

### **Parishioners**

A resident and business owner reported his concern about the possible impact on his business of the flooding.

A resident said that a letter had been sent to the Council regarding a local group's plans to write to the Charity Commission. The letter requested the Council to hold a no confidence vote in the Grimston and Fen Allotment Charity.

## **21.006 FINANCE**

### **21.006.01 To approve payments due**

<b>Payments</b>	<b>Heading</b>		<b>Gross</b>
Mrs P Sewell	Salary	December	487.06
Mrs P Sewell	Clerk's Expenses	Home Office	17.00
		Inks	22.98
		Shredding ( Shred Station)	48.00
Mr B Roper	Highways	Rights of Way FP 18	160.00
Earth Anchors	Dog Bins	New Bin	160.74
Parish and Support	Training	Barnicoat	50.00
Norfolk Alc	Training	Planning Webinar 2	30.00
Pearce and Kemp	Street Lighting	January	85.20
EON	Street Lighting	December	136.36
EON	Street Lighting	January	140.91
<b>Total</b>			<b>1338.25</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
<b>NCC</b>	Parish Partnership		1853.50
Santander	Interest	December	0.26
Santander	Interest	January	0.27
<b>Total</b>			<b>1854.03</b>

▪ **Cllr Twite proposed: Council to approve payments due - Resolved**

The Chairman thanked Mr Roper for stepping into Mr Giles' role to keep the well-used footpath free and clear.

*The Chairman lost Zoom connection, therefore the Vice Chairman acted as Chair.*

### **21.006.02 To receive Quarter 3 Budget Report ( April to December 2020)**

▪ **Cllr Pitcher proposed: Council to approve 2020-21 Quarter 3 Report - Resolved**

## **21.007 BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2021-2022**

### **21.007.01 To approve Budget 2021-2022**

The Council discussed the draft budget. The Clerk confirmed that in addition to the amount in the budget for the Clock Tower additional funds were also kept in the reserves which could be accessed if required.

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

### **21.007.02 To set Precept for 2021-2022**

- **Cllr de Whalley proposed: Council to levy a precept increase of 1% for 2021-2022 – Not Resolved**
- **Cllr S Coleman proposed: Council to keep Band D level the same as the previous year, requiring a precept of £21256.18 to be levied for 2021–2022 – Resolved**

*The Chairman resumed the Chair after re-entering the meeting*

## **21.008 PLANNING MATTERS**

### **21.008.01 To consider responses to Planning Applications as listed:**

**20/01344/F:** Extension to garage to form additional accommodation ancillary to main dwelling - 39 Gayton Road Grimston. Council noted that there had been a change in the original application for the Annex, in that it was now a larger 2-bedroom dwelling.

- **Cllr Pitcher proposed: Council recommend refusal of application 20/01344/F due to the impact on the street scene and neighbouring properties**

### **21.008.02 Neighbourhood Plan Update**

Cllr de Whalley referred Councillors to the two reports circulated by the Clerk the previous week from the Working Group: The independent Site Allocations Assessment and the Survey Analysis report. Cllr de Whalley said that he would welcome any comments.

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

### **21.009.01 To note other fault reports**

The Council noted that all faulty streetlights that had been reported were now working. The Clerk had also reported damage to the road surface around a manhole cover in Chequers Close, as well as the water bubbling from the manhole cover in chapel road by Pott Row Green - Highways would monitor. The Clerk reported that for both financial and Covid-19 reasons the rangers would not be operating for the time being. Cllr Barnicoat advised everyone to use the online fault reporting system as it was easy to use, he asked that the link be put on the Council website for easy access.

## **21.010 WINTER FLOODING**

The Chairman said there had not been rivers of foul water in the parish, as had been reported, but he stated that this was the worst he had seen it in many years. Mr Wild MP had been informed and his prompt contact with Anglian Water was appreciated. Council noted the Clerk's report. It was accepted that it was not an issue that just Anglia Water could resolve. The Council would try to ensure current repair work was completed as quickly as possible and look at where longer term improvements could be made across the system with all the agencies responsible for water/flooding although it was acknowledged Cllr Fraser's statement that this would be costly. It was also agreed that there needed to be better communication with Anglian Water. Cllr S Colman asked that the link to Anglia Water reporting line be put on the website. The Clerk would try to organise a meeting with Anglian Water.

**21.011 TO APPROVE TENDER FOR LED STREET LIGHTING REPLACEMENT**

The Council considered the tenders for the contract to replace the existing lights. It was noted that the brackets would only be done if they were not fit for purpose, so the exact cost would not be known until completion. In addition, the concrete lampposts would require adapted sleeves to hold the LED units. The Clerk confirmed that Wescotec would offer a 7.5%\* discount on an order over 20 LED units, the other contractors had already included a bulk discount in their price.

- **Cllr Johnson proposed that the Council accept the quote from Wescotec using the Micro Highway Diamond LED lights at a cost of £198.87\* per unit - Resolved**

The Clerk stated that whilst funds had been set aside in the budget for the work to be done this financial year, it was the intention to apply to the CIL fund for support, this would mean a delay in completion of the project until the summer.

**21.012 COVID 19: LOCKDOWN 3**

The Chairman said that the community appeared to be managing fairly well but Helping Hands was not active this time round. Cllr S Coleman said that it had been wound down as the need did not appear to be there, but she agreed to speak to the coordinators and previous volunteers to ensure help would be on hand if required. The Chairman said the other key issue was to make sure residents could get to their vaccination appointments in Snettisham. It was confirmed by Cllr Boldero that the Medical Centre would coordinate transport if required. The local shops would also continue to deliver shopping.

**21.013 COUNCILLORS REPORTS (Information only)**

Cllr Johnson reported that the dog bin near the Telephone Box was leaning at a precarious angle and he would sort.

Cllr Fraser commended the Facebook community group as it had been an invaluable source of information and support.

Cllr P Coleman said he had been asked about marking the end of Covid restrictions with a community event, Cllr Fraser stated that several people on the FB Community Group on Facebook were already making their own plans for the parish.

Cllr Boldero thanked Hudson Fen Leisure Ltd for replacing the baby seat on the swings.

Cllr Boldero also thanked the Three Horseshoes for preparing Christmas meals. The Chairman said that a thank you letter had already been sent.

**21.014 Date, Time of Next Meeting and Items for Future Agenda**

The next meeting would be held on 1 March 2021 at 7.30pm on Zoom.

Chairman.....

Date.....