

Grimston Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting on Monday 5 July 2021
Grimston Village Hall

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

In Attendance: Mrs P Sewell (Clerk), C. Cllr N Daubney and 13 Members of the Public

21.80 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed condolences following the death of Mr Robert Taylor.

B.Cllr Manning sent his apologies.

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

C.Cllr Daubney reported that money had been allocated to bring Superfast Broadband coverage in Norfolk up to 90%. Additional funds had been allocated for road resurfacing and potholes, details of a new speed reduction scheme to which the west of the County would be given priority was also in the pipeline. £3Million had been allocated for Library upgrades. The County would also be considering the important issue of the future of elderly care.

B. Cllr Manning submitted a written report. Cllr Manning would attend the full Council meeting on Thursday 8 July at the Town Hall, the Council will be asked to support a motion giving the Borough's support for a new QE hospital. There would be an extra Regeneration and Development panel meeting next week to discuss ideas for the £25m Town Fund award. On 13 July there would be the Norfolk Police and Crime Panel AGM at County Hall, panel members had already had a private Teams meeting with the new PCC. The Borough and County Councils would continue to use virtual meetings for non-public meetings where no decisions were made, such as working groups and councillor training, which would save on unnecessary mileage.

B.Cllr de Whalley reported that there had been a positive response to his application for TPO on the Oak Trees in Philip Rudd Court as the notice had now been served. The Cllr and Cllr Manning would meet with the local Police Inspector to talk over the anti-social behaviour issue at Bawsey/Leziate. It was estimated that it would take about a year to develop the Business case for the programme of improvements in the Town Fund. Cllr de Whalley had been appointed to the CIL panel although there was no meeting date set, but it should be by the end of the month. The local Cycling Initiative would focus on KL/Woottens/Winch, but the group remained keen to include a link to Grimston.

Parishioners

- Concern was expressed about a horse and rider on the narrow public footpath FP8. Reference was also made to the lack of Bridleways in the Parish.
- Respects were paid to Mr Robert Taylor.
- Grimston Fens For All reported that there was still no meeting date with GFAT. It was also mentioned there had also been no response to the request for the risk assessment regarding horses on the Fen

- Concern was expressed about the safety of 50mph speed limit on Leziate Drove
- Council was asked to look at Gateway signs to help mitigate speeding in Leziate Drove. The Clerk stated that a second SAM2 sign had been ordered and would be used within the 50mph section of Leziate Drove.
- A request was made for a warning sign in Leziate Drove alerting motorists to riders and horses.
- It was reported that small motorbikes had been using the FP18 to go from Low Road to Lynn Road
- A dip in the road surface in Vong Lane was reported, thought to be a water leak.

21.081 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr P Coleman declared an interest at 21.090 as he was a GFAT Trustee, he would speak but not vote.

Cllr M de Whalley declared an interest at 21.090 as he was the currently the Appointed GFAT Trustee, he remained in the room but did not speak or vote.

Cllr Barnicoat declared an interest at 21.090 as his wife worked for the Trust and a relative was the Trust Chairman, he would speak but not vote.

21.082 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF 7 & 21 JUNE 2021 AS A TRUE RECORD

- **Cllr Fraser proposed: Council to receive and accept the Minutes of 7 and 21 June 2021 as a true record - Resolved**

21.083 MATTERS ARISING (INFORMATION ONLY)

Audit: The Council noted the AGAR20/2021 had been sent to the Auditor PKF Littlejohn. The Exercise of Public Rights period would run from 30 days from 21 June, notices were online and on the noticeboards.

Villager Award: The Council noted that the proposal discussed at the last meeting had since been withdrawn.

Committees: The Council noted that each committee now had its own section on the website as agendas and minutes would be published online only. The Council noted that the PROW's first meeting would take place on 7 July at the Hall at 7.30pm

SAM2 sign: The Council noted that following the grant agreement the Memorandum of Understanding with NCC which accepted responsibility for the second unit and formal agreement of locations: Vong Lane, Low Road, Leziate Drove and Gayton Road had been signed.

Grass cutting: The Clerk reported that there had been staffing difficulties with the contractors, a further cut was planned next week but the Clerk would monitor.

21.084 TO NOTE CEO REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE AS LISTED

CEO: Cllr Fraser said that as there was some confusion about the title CEO, she would change it to make it more relevant. Cllr Fraser said if there was no objection she would also promote charities who could be of benefit and support to parishioners. The main source of contention on the local group had been issues around speeding.

Correspondence:

It was agreed that the Council Land and Property Inspection would meet at Pott Row Green at the earlier time of 10.00am

The Community Heartbeat Online Defib Training would take place in August at 7.30pm, date to be confirmed.

Parish Meeting of Electors would be held on 27 September at the Village Hall, letters of invitation would go out to the local Trusts and Charities.

21.085 COUNCILLOR VACANCY: CO-OPTION

The Chairman reminded the meeting there was a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If anyone was interested in supporting their local community he urged that they get in touch with the Clerk for more information.

21.086 FINANCE

21.086.01 To approve payments due

Payments	Heading		Gross	VAT
Mrs P Sewell	Salary (June with H.Allow.)		504.06	0.00
Mrs P Sewell	Expenses		41.52	0.00
Uptech	Office General	Domain	86.40	14.40
Office Depot	Office General		37.48	6.25
SLCC	Training	Committees	18.00	3.00
Mr N.C. Smith	Audit		90.00	0.00
Pearce and Kemp	Streetlighting (June)		85.20	14.20
			862.66	37.85
Receipts				
None				
Total			0.00	

▪ **Cllr Fraser proposed: Council to approve payments as listed - Resolved**

21.087 PLANNING MATTERS

Cllr P Coleman took the Chair

21.087.01 Development Boundary Advice

Council received the note from the Clerk on the definition and purpose of the development boundary.

21.088.02 To consider responses to current Planning Applications

21/00695/F Land Adj.To Stave Farm 3 Chapel Road Pott Row - Construction of 2 dwellings

The Planning Officer had already advised that the application would be refused - **No further action.**

21/00880/F: Field N of 3 To 23 Vong Lane Pott Row - Change of use of land to Equestrian and Stables with Post & Rail Fence.

This application is as a result of planning enforcement which has arisen following the complaint from neighbours. Clarification was needed as to whether the land included the right of way since the field had been split.

▪ **Cllr Coe proposed: Councillor to support application 21/00880/F conditional on proper stock proof fencing and no access from Back Lane - Resolved**

21/001200/F: Border Lane Farm, Fen Lane, Pott Row - Construction of detached garage with self-contained accomm above. The planning officer had already stated that in its current form it will be refused - **No further action.**

21/01117/F Dawn, 23 Lynn Road, Grimston Construction of 1 1/2 storey rear extension

▪ **Cllr Fraser proposed: Council to support application 21/01117/F - Resolved**

21/01134/LB: Ivy Farm House 37 Congham Road - Conversion and extension to outbuildings to holiday let unit. The Parish Council had approved the application for the

outbuilding conversion a few months ago, but as Ivy Farm House was a listed building and the outbuildings were in close proximity, LB permission was required.

▪ **Cllr P Coleman proposed: Council to recommend refusal of 21/01134/LB on the basis that the planned extension would adversely impact Ivy Farm House - Resolved**

21/01275/F Land At Five-Bar-Gate, Cliff en Howe Road, Pott Row - Side and porch extension & insulated render cladding

▪ **Cllr Fraser proposed: Council to support application 21/01275/F - Resolved**

21.087.02 NHP progress update

Cllr de Whalley expressed concern that the draft plan was deficient in some areas concerning Grimston and Pott Row and asked if the Council would review his proposals for inclusion at the September meeting. It was agreed, so long as the proposals were also sent to NHP group for comment.

21.088 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/ STREET LIGHTING ISSUES

21.088.01 To note fault reports

None reported.

21.089 COMMITTEE REPORTS

21.089.01 To receive Platinum Jubilee Committee Report and recommendations

The Committee Chairman (Cllr Israel) reported on the proposed programme, the details of which would be firmed up at the next Committee Meeting. It was also reported that Congham and Roydon Parish Councils had expressed an interest in working together on events.

21.090 GRIMSTON FEN ALLOTMENT TRUST: NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE

The Council noted that Cllr de Whalley’s 4-year term as the Council appointed Trustee would come to an end. On behalf of the Trust and Council, the Chairman thanked Cllr de Whalley for his service. *Cllr Pitcher left the meeting before the vote*

▪ **Cllr Boldero proposed: The Council to advertise the vacant appointment to the Parish - Resolved**

21.091 SUPPORT THE QE HOSPITAL REBUILD CAMPAIGN

The Chairman asked the Council to consider supporting the campaign to rebuild the QE Hospital, as the condition of the hospital affected all in the parish as patients as well as many parishioners who worked there.

▪ **Cllr de Whalley proposed: The Council write to the James Wild MP and the Secretary of State for Health - Resolved**

21.092 COUNCILLORS REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

Cllr Barnicoat reported that he had been asked about a dog bin at the other entrance to Hudson Fen. Cllr Coleman stated that the access was in Roydon therefore outside the Parish.

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

The next full Council meeting would be held on **Monday 6 September at 7.30pm.**

Chairman.....

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