

Grimston Parish Council
Minutes of the Council Meeting on Monday 6 December 2021
Grimston Village Hall

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

In Attendance: C.Cllr N Daubney, B.Cllr C Manning, Mrs P Sewell (Clerk) and 15 Members of the Public

21.140 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no apologies required.

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

C.Cllr Daubney reported the County budget consultation had moved to scrutiny; an increase was likely to be in the region of 2.9%. C. Cllr had attended the consultation briefing on the Knights Hill development, the plans would require some mitigation to deal with the added traffic.

B.Cllr Manning thanked everyone for their kind wishes and reported that Paul Sandford would be confirmed as the next Police Commissioner. The police budget proposals were out for consultation, the link was on the PCC website. Borough Planning had approved the QE Hospital building of an endoscopy unit and acknowledged concerns raised in the meeting about the loss of 59 staff parking spaces. The B.Cllr confirmed that despite rumours the Carnegie Library building had not been earmarked for flats.

B.Cllr de Whalley reported that he had visited Holly Meadows School and taken questions from the children about Green issues. The B. Cllr would follow up with NCC plans for a cycleway which seemed to have gone quiet. The B. Cllr said that the light pollution from the new development at Knight's Hill would have an impact on Roydon Common and it would be key to ensure that the development itself had enough Green Space. The Council was committed to improving its fly tipping services. Work on the Town Fund continued at a pace and multiuser consultation was underway.

Members of the Public: None

21.141 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Boldero declared an interest 21.149, due to his close relationship to one of the applicants he would not take part in the vote.

Cllr P Coleman declared an interest 21.149 as he was a Trustee, he took part in the vote.

Cllr de Whalley declared an interest 21.149 as he was a Trustee, he took part in the vote.

Cllr Barnicoat declared an interest 21.149 as his wife was an employee of GFAT, he took part in the vote.

21.142 TO RECEIVE & ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF 1 & 22 NOVEMBER 2021 AS A TRUE RECORD

- **Cllr Fraser proposed: Council to accept both sets of November 2021 minutes - Resolved**

21.143 MATTERS ARISING (INFORMATION ONLY)

Bus Service: Cllr Fraser advised that WNCT was not in a position to discuss additional routes at the present time.

Light replacement: The Council noted that Westcotec expected to be able to start the lantern

replacement work in January 2022.

21.144 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE AS LISTED

Cllr Fraser reminded members to let her know about information she could report on the Community FB page.

The Clerk highlighted the Norfolk ALC - Code of conduct petition to introduce sanctions and advised that CIL grant scheme applicants were required to consult their Parish Council for funding/support prior to submitting an application.

21.145 FINANCE

21.145.01 To approve payments due

- Cllr Pitcher proposed: Council to approve payment listed - *Resolved*

Payments	Heading		Gross	VAT
Mrs P Sewell	Salary (November HW All.)		613.27	0.00
Mrs Sewell	Clerk's Expenses	Postage/Ink	60.63	5.52
CGM	Grass Cutting (Church)	(Oct)	160.37	26.73
CGM	Grass Cutting (Greens)	(Oct)	180.00	30.00
Village Hall	Room Hire	2021	255.00	0.00
Pearce & Kemp	SL Maintenance (Nov)		85.20	14.20
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EON	SL Energy (Nov)		161.94	7.71
			1601.61	98.36
Receipts				
Santander	Interest (Nov)		0.29	
			0.29	

21.146 PLANNING MATTERS

21.146.01 To consider responses to current Planning Applications

21/02240/F: New Vehicle Access at 93 Leziate Drove Pott Row

Property access has been via the commercial entrance, the proposal provides private access to an existing dwelling. There was no objection from Highways subject to the support of the tree officer and suitable splay.

- Cllr Barnicoat proposed: Council to support Application 21/02240/F as appropriate development - *Resolved*

21/02104/F: 52 Lynn Road – Amendments following PC objections

The Council reviewed the amendments to the plan which included setting the cart shed off to the side and the removal of the proposed master bedroom balcony overlooking properties in Low Road. The additional diagrams demonstrated the difference between the previously approved dwelling position, size, and roof heights. It was noted that residents of Low Road had maintained their objections.

- Cllr Fraser proposed: Council to withdraw original objection in the light of amended plans - *Resolved*

21.146.02 NHP progress update

It was noted that the group had met since the last Council meeting and discussed a potential buffer zone for the SSSIs and the green space at Philip Rudd Court.

21.146.03 Development off Knight's Hill – Consultation process

Cllr Fraser had attended the online briefing, full details of the application would be released

to the public soon, but the Cllr considered that the impact on the roads leading into and out of the Knights Hill roundabout had not been properly considered as well as water pressure and drainage issues.

21.147 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/ STREET LIGHTING ISSUES

21.147.01 To note fault reports

The Council noted that a streetlight out in Vong Lane had been reported. Cllr de Whalley said that he was still getting complaints about the potholes in the verges in Chequers Road. Cllr Barnicoat reported that a resident had raised with him the removal of an unofficial bridge on land off Watery Lane. Cllr Coe confirmed that the land was private property and not a right of way.

21.147.02 Highway Ranger programme

The Council noted that the Highway Ranger programme was not running in quite the same way as it had been, items were now submitted, reviewed, then added to a general list. The Clerk stated that feedback as to whether a job would be or had been done by the Rangers was useful, however, there was now no incentive for the parishes to use the ranger system.

21.147.03 SAM2 reports

Cllr P Coleman reported to Council his concerns about the increase in speeding vehicles recorded on Chapel Road. It was recommended that the concerns be reported to the Police, although examination of the data showed no particular time where the issue was worse. Cllr Shepherdly asked if the unit could be used by the school to assess driving patterns. The Clerk would discuss the idea with the School, NCC and Westcotec.

21.147.04 Back Lane

The Council noted the Highways officer's comment about the surface of Back Lane and that no resources were available for improvements other than to flail the overgrown vegetation. Cllr Barnicoat said as a resident of Back Lane, there was a real worry that any surface improvements might lead to the flooding of properties. There was a general discussion about the condition of Back Lane, but other than to accept the County's offer to flail no further action would be taken.

21.147.05 Parish Partnership Fund 2022

The Council noted that it had no project to put forward in this round. The Clerk reported that she had that day circulated an email from Roydon Parish Council about its project.

21.148 COMMITTEE REPORTS

21.148.01 Platinum Jubilee Committee - To receive report

Cllr Israel confirmed that the application for free trees from the Woodland Trust had been approved. Cllr Fraser mentioned that she did not support moving the treasure hunt event from the village hall to the church as parking would be an issue.

21.148.02 PROW Committee - To receive report

Cllr Barnicoat reported on the meeting, written report to follow. The Committee intended to reinstate the boundary fencing on 27 November on FP18, Claim forms would be circulated to houses in Philip Rudd Court in early December with time set aside at the next meeting to help residents with the forms if required.

21.149 GRIMSTON AND FEN ALLOTMENT TRUSTEE APPOINTMENT

The Chairman referred Councillors to the Trustee position applications. It had been agreed at the October meeting that the decision would be made by paper ballot. Cllrs had the option to vote for a candidate or none.

The meeting was suspended to allow the Clerk to check and verify votes.

The Chairman resumed the meeting and reported that according to votes received, the Council had appointed Mrs Jude Kivilin as the Trustee to GFAT.

21.150 MUSEUM OF EAST ANGLIAN LIFE - REQUEST TO HOST RURAL TOURING EXHIBITION
Council considered the email from the museum.

- **Cllr S Coleman proposed: Council to support the project and nominate Cllrs S Coleman and L Shepherdly to liaise with the museum - Resolved**

21.151 COMMUNITY LITTER PICK - 2022

Cllr P Coleman reported that he had been asked about the next Community Litter Pick

- **Cllr P Coleman proposed: Council to organise a community pick in March 2022 - Resolved**

21.152 ARMED FORCES COVENANT – AGREEMENT OF THE FINAL DRAFT

Council reviewed the amended draft as discussed at the last meeting.

- **Cllr De Whalley proposed: Council to approve draft and authorise Chairman and Vice-Chairman to sign the covenant - Resolved**

21.153 COUNCILLORS REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

Cllrs wished everyone a Merry Christmas

Cllr Boldero thanked every involved and those that supported the Christmas event on Hudson Fen.

Cllr Shepherdly thanked all those involved in the Christmas event with the Santa sleigh and activities on Hudson Fen.

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

The Chairman wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, thanked fellow Cllrs for all that they did and residents who supported the meetings.

The next meeting will take place on **Monday 10 January 2022** at 7.30pm

Chairman.....

Date.....