

GRIMSTON PARISH MEETING
Grimston Village Hall - Monday 27 September 2021 at 7.00pm

Present:

Parish Council - Cllrs Israel(Chairman) P Coleman, Boldero, S Coleman, Shepherdly and Twite

Parish Clerk - Mrs P Sewell

11 Members of the Public

Apologies Cllrs Barnicoat, Pitcher, Coe, de Whalley, Fraser, C.Cllr Daubney and B.Cllr Manning

1. Apologies and Welcome

Cllr K Israel, Chairman of the Parish Council opened the meeting. The meeting was being held in lieu of the Annual Parish Meetings 2020 and 2021 postponed due to the pandemic. The Chairman reminded those present that it was not a parish council meeting, but the electors' meeting. All whose names are on the Electoral Register had a statutory right to speak and vote at the meeting. Any issues regarding the parish could be raised under the relevant item or under item 10: Open Forum.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved to approve the Minutes of 13 May 2019

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting

None

4. Parish Council Report and Accounts

Cllr Israel gave his thanks to those who had supported the parish over the past two years, the community including the Medical Centre and local shops had really rallied to overcome the extraordinary times. The Council had continued to operate and met regularly on Zoom, and he thanked fellow Councillors and Clerk for their support, and it was with much relief to be back round the table. The Chairman made special mention of Cllr John Johnson who had recently passed away very suddenly and would be sorely missed. The Council had welcomed several new parish councillors since the last APM in 2019 and now had a full compliment. A mobile speed unit had been secured with County support and been in operation for over a year, a second unit also purchased with the aid of a grant would be shortly installed. The Council had recently formed two committees, one of which was the Jubilee Committee and he looked forward to ideas coming forward and the events in June 2022 when people could congregate without restrictions once more. The contract to replace the old streetlights with LED units would be confirmed next month in part thanks to a Borough Council grant.

The Accounts to 31.03.2021 were presented by the Parish Clerk

The precept for 2020-21 was £20,865.30 – Band D rate of £29.17

Income - £ 32,131.06 - Payments: £26,570.56 - Closing Balance: £44,256.90

Meeting resolved to accept the Report

5. Grimston Fen & Allotment Trust Report and Accounts*

The report and interim accounts to 31.03.2021 were presented by the Chairman Mr M Seville. The last few years had been a challenging time for the Trust, and he thanked the previous Clerk and Chairman for their hard work over many year. A new Clerk had been appointed; the Trust had also recently held a well-attended open meeting as well as an open day on the Fens in the Summer.

Receipts - £26,424.30 Payments- £11,185.23 Surplus for the year - £15,239.07

Meeting resolved to accept the Report

6. Village Hall Committee Report and Accounts

The Accounts dated 31.10.2020 were presented by the Trustee Mr D Giles.

The Trust had received a Government Covid grant to offset the loss of income and was currently organising repairs to the roof.

Receipts – £17,385.75 Payments-£4,915.68 Closing Balance – £36,576.59

Meeting resolved to accept the Report

7. School Trust Report and Accounts

Trust Chairman Mr R Coe sent his apologies to the meeting, the Accounts dated 02.08.2021 were submitted to the Clerk after the meeting.

Receipts – £6,522.40 Payments-£2,128.43 Closing Balance – £99,415.14

8. Hudson Fen Leisure Ltd Report and Accounts

The Report and Accounts dated 31.12.2020 were presented by Chairman Mr K Kavanagh.

Hufl had been able to restart the car boot sales, but Covid had resulted in a loss of income.

Setting up Kev's Kafé meant that refreshments could be provided, and so far had proved successful. The Committee looked forward to working with the Parish Council on the Jubilee.

Receipts –£1,825.43 Payments-£2,822.20 Closing Balance - £13,290.77

Meeting resolved to accept the Report

9. Reports from Ward Members present

B.Cllr de Whalley (Written Report) - It had been an extremely challenging time, but the Councillor said how impressed he had been by the community's response to the pandemic over the last eighteen months and most especially from voluntary organisations. Full Council had agreed to allocate each ward member a £1000 a year grant for community projects. The Borough's Community Infrastructure Levy spending panel met to discuss changes to the next round of grants and the proposed timetable. Grimston and Pott Row were successful in the first round for LED footpath lighting and the Holly Meadows School cycle track, the Cllr listed successful projects. The proposal is to merge both the Local and Community grant bids into one category with a £50,000 grant limit (excluding matched funding) whilst retaining the simpler Local application process. The new guidance would be published in November, with a four-week application process beginning in January, and a further round in the Summer.

The Queen Elizabeth Hospital was to submit a bid to the Department of Health and Social Care outlining two cases. The preferred bid was for a new Hospital building using the existing car park as the development zone. If funding were granted, it would be operational by 2030. The community needs to do everything within its power to lobby for the success of the new Hospital bid.

B.Cllr Manning (Written Statement) Thanked the Council and all everyone for their condolences as it was very much appreciated.

10. Open Forum for the Electors of Grimston and Pott Row

No questions.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm