

Grimston Parish Council
Minutes of Council Meeting on Monday 5 September 2022 at 7.30pm
Grimston Village Hall

Present: Cllrs P Coleman (Chairman), Barnicoat, Boldero, de Whalley, Fraser, Pitcher and Shuardson-Hipkin

In Attendance: Mrs P Sewell (Clerk) and 13 Members of the Public

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

Confirmation that in Cllr Israel's absence – Cllr Coleman as Vice-Chairman would take the Chair for the meeting. **Apologies for Absence** were received and accepted from Cllr Israel and Cllr Shepherdly.

22.99 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

Resolution to suspend business to receive Ward Reports

C.Cllr Daubney reported that disability cost of living payments would start from 20 September. Norfolk Social Infrastructure Fund could enhance a community centre or village hall by adding the latest digital technologies. Additional funding would be made to support bus routes struggling to recover since lockdown. The C. Cllr also said he had spoken to a resident regarding the relocation of the Chapel Road bus stop.

B.Cllr de Whalley reported indications that the QE Hospital was likely to get funding due to the severity of the roof. Flooding had resulted after 2 inches of rain fell in 90 minutes, along with the usual issue of sewage leaking into the water courses. It was his view that parishes could not rely on the planning systems to help prevent more flooding. The Cllr was pleased to report that Grimston Cricket Club had been successful in achieving a CIL grant, and he would be happy to help local groups with their applications. The Green Fingers Garden show was very well attended. Lastly, a reminder about the NCC's consultation on the mobile library service.

B. Cllr Manning reminded residents that the Household Hazardous Waste Days were 10 and 11 September at King's Lynn Recycling Centre. The QEH had unveiled their plans for a multi-storey car park. The Borough had announced a new Pilgrim Trail around Lynn, visiting many important sites, including Red Mount, the Greyfriars Tower, other remnants of monastic buildings and the halls of Lynn's guilds and the museum. A Safety improvement scheme on the A47 between King's Lynn and Pentney, would be carried out and covers approximately 13km in length. A community-led initiative had been launched to help boost local renewable energy generation, cut carbon emissions and save on energy bills. Known as - Solar through Norfolk, residents were coming together to invest in renewables through a group-buying scheme for solar panels and battery storage. It was free to register and there was no obligation to go ahead, the deadline was 27 September.

Parishioners' Questions

A resident listed their objections to the planning application 22/01069/O, they confirmed that they had also responded to the Borough Council.

22.100 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF 11 JULY 2022 AS A TRUE RECORD

- **Cllr Pitcher proposed: Council to receive and accept the Minutes of 11 July 2022 as a**

true record – Resolved

22.101 MATTERS ARISING (INFORMATION ONLY)

CIL Grant: The Council noted that Grimston Cricket Club had been successful in its second bid and had sent thanks to the Council for the letter of support. The Clerk remarked that it was disappointing to note that no bids had been submitted by Grimston Ward in the end, therefore none of the Borough's CIL pot has come into the Parish. The School would now submit its bid in January for the next round, this meant that monies pledged this year would not now be spent and would be budgeted for in next year's budget.

Street lighting: The Council noted that the new certification had been issued for the LED lights, backdated to mid-June and as expected the Council had made immediate savings with the monthly bill falling from approximately £182 a month to £70.00. The Council was also saving on maintenance fees of £70.00 a month.

22.102 TO NOTE AND ACTION CORRESPONDENCE AS LISTED.

The Clerk would attend the Norfolk Parish Training – Autumn Seminar. Cllrs Coleman and Pitcher had asked to attend the KL&WN Borough Council Parish Update in October. The complaint about parking due to building work on Chapel Road, work had been monitored and the initial parking issues had been resolved.

22.103 CO-OPTION OF COUNCIL VACANCY

The Chairman welcomed the applicant and thanked them for their interest. The applicant introduced themselves and addressed the meeting, having previously submitted a written expression of interest. The Chairman called for a vote and a paper ballot was conducted - Mark Dye was duly co-opted onto the Council.

22.104 FINANCE

22.104.01 To approve payments due

Payments	Heading		Gross	VAT
Mrs P Sewell	Salary (August with HW All. And NHP hours)		658.67	0.00
Mrs P Sewell	Postage/Office/Subscription		141.52	4.49
CGM	Grass Cutting	July	279.71	46.62
CGM	Grass Cutting	August	269.15	4.86
S Michelmayr & Co	Clock Tower	Repairs	688.80	114.80
N.Parish Training & Support	Training	Clerk	65.00	0.00
NPOWER	Streetlighting (June)		162.00	0.00
NPOWER	Streetlighting (June)	revised	115.42	5.50
NPOWER	Streetlighting (July)		69.49	7.75
Total			2449.76	184.02
Receipts				
Santander	Interest - August		2.86	
NPOWER	Streetlighting (June)	Credit Note	162.00	
Total			164.86	

- Cllr de Whalley proposed: Council to approve payments as listed- *Resolved*

22.104.02 To receive and approve the Financial report for Quarter 1 – April- June 2022

- Cllr de Whalley proposed: Council to receive and approve the Financial report for

Quarter 1 – April- June 2022 - Resolved

Cllr Fraser mentioned that the Council would need to bear in mind increasing energy costs in the future.

22.105 PLANNING MATTERS

22.105.01 To approve Planning Application Handling and Delegation Policy

- **Cllr Boldero proposed: Council to approve Planning Application Handling and Delegation Policy as drafted - Resolved**

To open meeting for comments from applicants /objectors

County Councillor Daubney spoke with concern about application 22/01310/RRM

Cllr de Whalley abstained from the discussion and vote as he sat on the Borough Planning Committee

22.105.02 To consider responses to planning applications:

22/00840/F - Addendum: Henros 42 Lynn Road Grimston - Construction of a 5-bed house with double car-port - Council to note that the Clerk submitted a comment supporting the changes, as these should make for a better street scene.

- **Cllr Fraser proposed: Council to ratify Clerk's response to support the amendments to 22/00840/F - Resolved**

22/01069/O: The Paddocks 39 Lynn Road Grimston- Two-bedroom bungalow with associated parking and amenity space.

- **Cllr Fraser proposed: Council to recommend refusal of application 22/01069/O as not appropriate in form and character for the street scene, as well as the impact on highway safety - Resolved**

22/01373/F: Old Stables Elder Lane Grimston Removal of extensions and provision of new single and two-storey extension with alterations.

Council noted that the Conservation Officer had already recommended refusal due to the impact on the neighbouring Grade 2 listed property

- **Cllr Pitcher proposed: Council to recommend refusal 22/01373/F as the plans amounted to substantial alterations to the structure and would adversely affect the original parts of an architecturally important building - Resolved**

22/01353/F: Ivy Farmhouse 37 Congham Road Grimston Removal of conservatory and construction of a single-storey Orangery style extension.

- **Cllr Pitcher proposed: Council to recommend refusal of application 22/01353/F This was a substantial extension of the property and not in keeping with the listing (this would also cover the LB application) - Resolved**

22/01310/RRM: South Wootton - Residential development of the land to provide up to 600 dwellings.

- **Cllr Barnicoat proposed: Council to recommend refusal of application 22/01310/RRM, The specific concern was the levels of traffic around the Knights Hill roundabout and Grimston Road into King's Lynn as well as the knock-on effect on the A149 and A148. The Council did not consider that the scale of the impact on the transport infrastructure has been properly addressed. Other concerns included light pollution and isolated layout – Resolved**

The Clerk would also mention the concern around the road naming.

22/01442/F: Cornwall Terrace 62 Chapel Road Pott Row - Two storey side extension

The extension removes the garage and takes the property up to the boundary:

Parking and Street Scene are the consideration here.

- **Cllr Boldero proposed: Council to support application 22/01442/F, on the condition that the windows on the extension matched the original frontage - *Resolved***

22.105.03 Neighbourhood Plan: Local Green Space – Landowner Response

The Chairman referred Council to the draft plan, hard copies were handed out to Cllrs to take away and review. The Council would discuss a formal response at the October Meeting. The purpose of the item was to consider the Council's position as a landowner as the draft plan had identified a number of areas under Council ownership for designation as Local Green Space. The areas already all had a protected designation as a registered common or village green, therefore identification as Local Green Space would have no adverse impact on either the spaces of the Council's ownership

- **Cllr Fraser proposed: Council to support the Local Green Space proposal - *Resolved***

22.106 Highways/Rights of Way/ Street Lighting Issues

22.106.01 To note other fault reports

Leziate Drove Drains: The Council noted that this work has been carried out.

Footpath 10: NCC confirmed that the problems were caused due to issues with the contractor it would be remedied but had not been earmarked as a priority. On the inspection tour, it was recommended that Parish Council removed the wood and barbed wire at the entrance (Ashwicken Road end), and NCC had agreed. There was also concern that the new fence may encroach onto the path and the matter was referred to NCC.

Chapel Road Trod: A complaint had been received about the condition of Chapel Road Trod following a fall, and the resident had been directed to Norfolk County Council.

Footpath 18: A resident had raised concern about the effect of the overgrown trees on his property, Clerk requested that Councillors take a look at the footpath.

Back Lane: A concern had been raised about the cutting back of vegetation in Back Lane, this had been forwarded to NCC.

22.107 COMMITTEES

22.107.01 Community Events Committee: Approve Terms of Reference and Appoint Members

- **Cllr de Whalley proposed: Council approve Committee Terms of Reference - *Resolved***
- **Cllr Boldero proposed: Council to appoint the following Councillors to the Community Event Committee – Cllrs Israel, Shepherdly, Boldero and Fraser - *Resolved***

22.108 PARISH PROPERTY: ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT

The Council received the 2022 Inspection Report and noted the action points.

22.109 COUNCILLORS REPORTS (*INFORMATION ONLY*)

Cllr Barnicoat reported that once the school reopened cars will no longer enter/park on school property. **Cllr Boldero** stated that the rear gates would be open for walking students.

Cllr Fraser suggested that having a scam awareness event as offered by Norfolk Police would be very helpful.

Cllr Fraser also asked on behalf of HFFL for some assistance in organising the CIL grant application.

Cllr Coe reported the extent of dog fouling on the PROWs in particular Footpath 8.

Cllr Coleman reported that there would be a work party on 8 September in the Jubilee Wood to clear weeds and wildflowers.

Cllr Pitcher reported a complaint made to him about cars parking around the Fish and Chip

van in Vong Lane

22.110 STAFF – JOB DESCRIPTION AND HOURS – CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

- **The Chairman proposed: Council to exclude the press and members of the public in accordance with the provision of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations to discuss staff pay and conditions - *Resolved***

The Chairman referred Cllrs to the report and recommendations made by Councillors who attend the staff review. The Clerk was asked to remain to answer questions.

- **Cllr de Whalley proposed: Council to approve Job Description as drafted - *Resolved***
- **Cllr de Whalley proposed: Council to approve an increase in paid hours to 15 per week - *Resolved***
- **Cllr Boldero proposed: Council to look at the contract and a further increase in hours from April 2023 - *Resolved***

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

The next meeting will take place on Monday 3 October at 7.30pm

Chairman Date.....