

Grimston Parish Council
Meeting on Monday 5 December 2022 at 7.30pm
Grimston Village Hall

Present: Cllrs K Israel(Chairman), Coleman (Vice-Chair) Barnicoat, Boldero, Coe, de Whalley, Dye, Pitcher and Shuardson-Hipkin

In Attendance: C.Cllr N Daubney, B.Cllr C Manning, Mrs P Sewell (Clerk), and 9 Members of the Public

22.139 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT AND TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR THE ABSENCE

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. **Apologies for Absence** were received and accepted from Cllrs Shepherdly and Fraser.

22.140 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

***Cllr Boldero** declared a personal interest in Item 22.149.1 as the person being considered for the position was a family member, he took no part in the discussion and did not vote.*

***Cllr Coleman** declared a personal interest in Item 22.149.1 as he had applied for the position, he left the meeting room.*

***Cllrs Boldero** declared a personal interest in item 22.144.4 as a family member was a member of the PCC, they took part in the discussion but did not vote.*

***Cllr Barnicoat** declared a personal interest in item 22.144.4 as a family member was a member of the PCC, they took part in the discussion but did not vote.*

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

Cllr Daubney reported on the push for an improved internet presence across Norfolk and efforts being made to install Fibre Broadband. There was help where there was a need to provide easier broadband access with lower tariffs. The County Council would consult on a 10% increase in the Council Tax as £60million had to be saved. The Councillor also reference the Chancellor’s recent statement on the local government reorganisation in Suffolk, as it was likely that Norfolk would go the same way.

Cllr Manning reminded groups of the upcoming CIL grant round and the Borough Councillors’ Community Fund. Community Warm Hubs were being set up across West-Norfolk, Borough Council website would list local hubs. There were also proposed changes to the bus timetables which the Councillor would follow up on for this area.

Cllr De Whalley reported the QEH still waited for news on the new hospital. The Medworth Incinerator was a topic of discussion, a provisional meeting was planned for the New Year. On the forthcoming Local Elections, the Councillor warned that the new Elections Act would require voters to provide photo-id. Applying for a postal vote should circumvent the requirement, those with no form of photo-id could apply for a voter document.

Parishioners

A resident reported that Taylors had left tonnes of tulip bulbs at the Three Horseshoes for residents to help themselves in return for a donation to Tapping House.

A resident asked about the plinth for the Flagpole. Cllr Boldero reported that the CE Committee had been discussing the design and the construction.

22.141 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF 7 NOVEMBER 2022 AS A TRUE RECORD

- **Cllr Boldero proposed: Council to receive and accept the minutes of the 7 November 2022 as a true record - Resolved**

22.142 MATTERS ARISING (INFORMATION ONLY)

Tree Preservation Order on Back Lane: The Council noted that the order had now been made, but there was nothing further about the Poplar Tree. Cllr de Whalley reported that the Landscape Officer had now left so it was unlikely that action would be taken until the new officer started in post.

22.143 TO NOTE AND ACTION CORRESPONDENCE AS LISTED.

Noticeboard: St Botolph's PCC had requested if it could add a cover to the Council noticeboard at Church Green. Village There was no objection.

Norfolk ALC .gov.uk Pilot Scheme: The Council noted the Clerk had put Grimston down to participate in the Pilot and hopefully benefit from free access to a .gov.uk email address.

Norfolk ALC Newsletter: Cllr Dye stated that the Newsletter article was a timely reminder that we should treat one another with civility and respect as we all had a common aim to do our best for our community.

22.144 FINANCE

22.144.1 To approve payments due

Payments	Heading		Gross	VAT
Mrs Sewell	Salary (Nov with HW All).		813.30	0.00
HMRC	Salary (Tax&NIC).		23.72	0.00
Mrs Sewell	Office General Costs		75.79	10.00
Barrett Corp Harrington	Clock Tower/War Memorial		600.00	100.00
Mr B Roper	Footpath Maint (Expenses)		160.00	0.00
Total			1672.81	110.00
Receipts				
Santander	Interest- November		5.54	
Total			5.54	

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

22.144.2 KL&WN Borough Council CIL Grant Scheme 2023 Round 1

- To Consider an Application from Grimston Cricket Club for support and funding

The Chairman referred Cllrs to the submission by Grimston Cricket Club and invited the representative to outline the Astro-turf project. Cllr de Whalley advised that to stand a better chance of success the Club or Council should make a larger percentage contribution.

- Cllr Shuardson-Hipkin proposed: Council give a letter of support and pledge £1000 from its CIL fund to Grimston Cricket Club – *Resolved*

The Clerk confirmed she had heard nothing from other local organisations.

22.144.3 PARISH PARTNERSHIP GRANT-CHAPEL ROAD TROD UPGRADE – BID APPROVAL

The Chairman was pleased to report that C.Cllr Daubney would support for this project. Roydon Parish Council and HFFL have also been approached for letters of support. To meet the total cost as discussed last month Council will need to apply for a CIL grant and the Clerk has recommended requesting a grant of £5000.

Projects Total Cost	23 512.84
Contributions:	
NCC	11 756.42

Ward Member Budget	2 000
Borough Council CIL Grant	5 000
Grimston PC CIL Fund	4 756.42

- **Cllr Coleman proposed: Council to apply to the CIL fund for £5000 - Resolved**
- **Cllr Pitcher proposed: Council to submit PPS bid as outlined - Resolved**

22.144.4 TO DISCUSS GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT 2023 – ST BOTOLPH’S CHURCHYARD

The Chairman reported that The Parish Council had for many years managed the contract for grass cutting at St Botolph’s Church. The arrangement had been made when the Vicar was also Parish Council Chairman. It was acknowledged that whilst Parish Council had the power to contribute to the maintenance of an Open graveyard, for most Parish Council’s this was in a form of a grant towards costs. The Clerk clarified that it was not a question of withdrawing financial support as all parishioners had a right to be buried in the Churchyard, rather transferring the management of the contract back to the Parochial Church Council who had the ownership and responsibility for St Botolph’s and burials.

- **Cllr Shuardson-Hipkin proposed: Council to agree in principle to transferring grass-cutting responsibility back to the Church - Resolved**

Cllr de Whalley made his apologies and left the meeting

22.145 PLANNING MATTERS

Chairman to hand over Chairmanship of this item to Vice-Chairman

To hear comments from residents – None.

22.145.1 To consider responses to planning applications

22/00927/F: 15 Bracken Way - Garden Curtilage Boundary Wall exceeding a height of 1.8m
This was a re-consultation to consider a redesign to counter the original objections.

- **Cllr Barnicoat proposed: Council to withdraw its objection to 22/00927/F- Resolved**

22/01952/F Mill Hill Cottage 77 Chapel Road - Change of use of annex to 1no bedroom self-contained residential unit.

- **Cllr Pitcher: Council to recommend refusal of 22/01952/F as previous concerns remain, in particular, the effect on the access onto Chapel Road - Resolved**

22/02136/F: Land To West 52 Lynn Road - Var.Condition 2 of Permission 21/02104/F - New dwelling house

- **Cllr Barnicoat proposed: Council to recommend approval of 22/02136/F - Resolved**

Cllr Pitcher queried if cobbles were indicated on the original plans, and the Clerk confirmed that they had.

017/3839/2022: Congham Heath - Felling Licence Consultation

This was the 5 yearly consultation on felling from the Forestry Commission

- **Cllr Coleman proposed: Council to make no comment 017/3839/2022 - Resolved**

22/00375/F:6 Gayton Road- Proposed first-floor extension, external & internal alterations.

The Council had objected to the original plans due to the impact of the street scene. The proposed garage had been removed, and the height and shape of the roof extension had also been reduced.

- **Cllr Boldero proposed: Council to withdraw its objection to 22/00375/F - Resolved**

22.145.2 Neighbourhood Plan Report

Cllr Barnicoat asked if consultees who commented would receive a response. Cllr Coleman said that it was not the NHP group’s intention to reply to everyone on every point raised given the volume and broad range of comments.

The Chairman referred Council to the Clerk’s background note on the NHP group in response to Cllr Pitcher’s query about the Terms of Reference going back to 2016 when the Council decided to develop a plan. It was acknowledged that whilst the NHP Group had a clear mandate by resolution, no Terms of Reference had been in place as required by Standing

Orders.

22.146 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/ STREET LIGHTING ISSUES

22.146.1 To note other fault reports

None.

22.146.2 Stave Close–Footway Lighting Adoption Update

The Chairman referred to the note circulated by the Clerk.

- **Cllr Pitcher proposed: Council to support the Clerk’s recommendation to not adopt the lights until the issue of access was resolved - *Resolved***

22.147 COUNCIL COMMITTEE’S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

22.146.7 Community Events Committee:14 November 2022

Cllr Boldero reported on the latest Committee meeting and specifically the recommendations in the report pertaining to the plinth and budget.

22.147.2 PROW Committee and Annual PROW report

The Chairman stated that three Councillors: Cllrs Barnicoat, Pitcher, and Dye would like to be on the Committee, former member Cllr Boldero had stepped down as he was now Chairman of the Community Events Committee. Cllr Barnicoat reported he had already started work on the annual inspection of the Rights of Way.

- **Cllr Boldero proposed: Council appoint Cllrs Barnicoat, Pitcher and Dye to the Committee - *Resolved***

The Clerk would consult with Committee members to set up a meeting, also inviting the formally co-opted members to attend.

22.148 TO REVIEW ANGLIA WATER RESPONSE

The Council discussed the generic response to its questions and what further action could be taken.

- **Cllr Boldero proposed: Council permit Cllr Shuardson-Hipkin to follow up the response as offered on the Council’s behalf - *Resolved***

22.149 PARISH COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO LOCAL GROUPS

22.149.1 Grimston School Trust - Trustee Appointment

The Chairman referred Council to the written application for the position. The Chairman called for a vote, Cllr Coleman left the meeting room, whilst the paper ballot was conducted Cllr Coleman was duly appointed as Trustee to the Grimston School Trust.

22.150 COUNCILLORS REPORTS (Information only)

Cllr Dye reported that there had been incidents of foul-smelling sewage reported to him by residents in the area of St Botolph’s Church.

The Chairman thanked those who had bought Christmas food and thanked those residents for their regular attendance and support throughout the year and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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

The next meeting would take place on **Monday 9 January at 7.30pm** at the Village Hall.

Chairman.....

Date.....