

Grimston Parish Council
Meeting on Monday 6 February 2023 at 7.30 pm
Grimston Village Hall

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

In Attendance: B.Cllr C Manning, Mrs. P Sewell (Clerk), and 10 Members of the Public

23.013 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT AND TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

23.014 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

23.021.2 Cllr de Whalley declared an interest as he part-owned FP24 referred to in the Committee report, there was no discussion or vote on that item.

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

B.Cllr Manning reported that interested parties could register to attend hearings into the Wisbech Incinerator to be held in February. The Borough Council had announced a grant to for Defibrillators, and a campaign to ensure everyone had the required voter I.D. A consultation on the County Deal would start on 6 February, the theory was that decisions and funding previously controlled in Westminster would be agreed by Norfolk, and funding of £20M per year for 20 years would be granted. Cllr Manning also confirmed the overhanging branches on Lynn Road had been passed onto NCC by Roydon Parish Council.

B. Cllr de Whalley reported that more details were needed on the impact of the County Deal. In C.Cllr Daubney’s absence, he reported on the outcome of the Mobile Library Service review, which would see the removal from the route of several stops in the Parish. Cllr de Whalley reported the examination into the Local Plan Review had been adjourned to allow the Borough Council to undertake further work, there would be further public consultation and the hearings were likely to resume in the Autumn.

Parishioners

Two parishioners raised concerns about the increased speed volume and noise of traffic in Back Lane. Cllr P Coleman suggested the Sam2 unit might be used. The Clerk would ask Highways.

A resident reported a number of potholes on Cliffe-en Howe Road and that some hedge cutting was required near the wooded area.

23.015 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF 9 JANUARY 2023 AS A TRUE RECORD

- **Cllr Coleman proposed: Council to receive and accept the Minutes of 9 January 2023 as a true record- *Resolved***

23.016 MATTERS ARISING (INFORMATION ONLY)

Back Lane: The Council noted that Norfolk County Council had agreed with the householder that the wire fence would be removed and relocated behind the hedge.

CIL Grant Chapel Road Footpath: The Council noted that the grant application had been submitted, and thanked the Ward members, Roydon Parish Council, and Hudson Fen Leisure for their letters of support.

Clerk’s Election Training: The Council noted that the election period would start on 21

March, and the deadline for nominations to be submitted would be 4 April.

Church Green Noticeboard: The Council noted that the Church had previously asked permission to add a cover to the noticeboard to protect notices from getting wet however on further inspection it was not in good enough condition to carry out the work required.

Grass cutting of Churchyard: The Council noted that the Church had agreed to manage this responsibility. The Clerk would discuss the logistics of paying the grant with the PCC.

23.017 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE AS LISTED

The Council received the list of correspondence, and the following key items were noted:

Pott Row Woods: The Clerk reported on the report of nails in the woods, the issue had been raised on the Council's Facebook page. Posters were also now on the gates.

Coronation Grant: The Community Events Committee had been informed about the Grant and would apply.

Battery Recycling: The Borough Council had announced a scheme to recycle batteries, and details had been put on the FB page.

23.018 FINANCE

23.018.1 To approve payments due

Payments	Heading		Gross	VAT
Mrs P Sewell	Salary (Jan with HW All.)		813.30	0.00
HMRC	Salary (Tax & NICs)		23.72	0.00
Mrs P Sewell	Postage/Ink		79.73	4.65
Village Hall	Room Hire (Jun-Dec)		234.00	0.00
CGM	Grass Cutting Greens	(Inc. Credit Note)	76.90	20.00
Coll. Comm Planning	NHPlanning		420.00	70.00
Viking Direct	Office Supplies	(Paid)	32.34	5.39
G.W Ess	Open Space	Seats	370.00	0.00
Npower	Street Lighting	December	60.35	2.87
Total			2110.34	102.91
Receipts				
Santander	Interest	Jan	13.08	
			13.08	

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

23.018.2 To receive 3rd Quarter Report April-December 2022

- Cllr Coleman proposed: Council to receive and accept 3rd Quarter Report April-December 2022 - *Resolved*

23.018.3 To review AgeUK Norfolk's request for Funding

- Cllr Pitcher proposed: Council to make a £100 donation to Age Concern Norfolk - *Resolved*

23.019 PLANNING MATTERS

Chairman handed over the Chair to Vice Chairman Cllr P Coleman

23.019.1 To consider responses to Planning Applications as listed:

Planning Appeal Notification 21/02463/O: Land behind 2-24 Vong Lane, Pott Row. Council noted the Parish Council had at the time of the original application recommended refusal.

- Cllr de Whalley proposed: Council to submit an objection to the planning appeal of

21/02463/O to the Planning Inspectorate – Resolved

- **Cllr Pitcher proposed: Council to query the statutory time period for appeal in this case - Resolved**

23.019.2 Neighbourhood Plan Update

The Council noted that the NHP Group had met with the consultants. The Group's revisions would be incorporated into the submission draft and the supporting documents would be prepared. Cllr Boldero asked when the NHPlan was likely to be adopted. The Clerk explained that once submitted to the Borough Council there were three more stages: Further consultation(Regulation 16), Examination by a Planning Inspector, the last stage would be a referendum to complete the process.

23.020 HIGHWAYS/RIGHTS OF WAY/ STREET LIGHTING ISSUES

23.020.1 To note other faults

Cllr Barnicoat reminded Council that Councillors and residents could use the Highways' online reporting system for potholes etc. This was normally a very efficient system although he had noted a slower response of late.

Cllr Dye reported potholes on the corner of Candlestick Lane/Watery Lane.

Cllr de Whalley asked about road closures due to works by Anglia Water. The Clerk confirmed that the Council was informed by NCC and these were emailed to Councillors and reported on the Facebook page.

- **Cllr Boldero proposed that the results of the Sam2 signs be posted on the Facebook page as well as the Website – Resolved**

Cllr Pitcher reported that parking on the grass verge by Chequers Green was damaging the banks of the dyke.

- **Cllr Coleman proposed: Council to ask vehicles owners not to park on the grass verges - Resolved**

23.020.2 Condition of Watery Lane - update

The Council noted that NCC had inspected the condition of the Lane but had "determined that no action would be taken at that time but would continue to monitor the problem as the defect did not currently meet the intervention criteria. It would be monitored as part of normally scheduled inspections"

The Clerk confirmed that a working party of Councillors and landowners was set up in 2013, although the work was not done until 2015 to scrape back and remove soil. Road planings were supplied by Norfolk County Council, but these were not actually used, it was done at no cost to the Parish. Cllr Dye requested a copy of the working party notes.

- **Cllr de Whalley proposed: Council to arrange a meeting with Highways - Resolved**

23.021 COMMITTEES:TO RECEIVE REPORTS, REVIEW RESOLUTIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

23.021.1 Community Events Committee

The Committee Chairman referred Council to the meeting report and the proposals to mark the Coronation as well as the plans for the community event, Fen Fest on 28 May.

- **Cllr Boldero proposed: Council to agree that plaques can be put on the new seats marking the Coronation-Resolved**
- **Cllr Boldero proposed: Council to permit the alteration of the Terms of Reference as stated in the Committee minutes- Resolved**

23.021.2 Public Rights of Way Committee

The Committee Chairman outlined the Committee's discussions and highlighted the plans to develop guides to walks and the intention to plant blackthorn whips on Footpath 18 on 12

February. Cllr de Whalley also reported on the Norfolk Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

23.022 GRIMSTON WI DEFIBRILLATOR FOR VILLAGE HALL

The Grimston WI representative confirmed that the Defibrillator and cupboard had arrived, and the Village Hall Committee would install the unit on the outside wall. The Chairman thanked the WI for the gift to the parish and the Village Hall Committee for their support. The Clerk would register the unit on the Circuit system, once it was installed. The Community Events Committee was asked to investigate training courses on how to use the unit.

23.023 NORFOLK RESILIENCE FORUM – ALERT CASCADE AND TRAINING

The Council noted that the NRF has set up a free severe weather alert system for residents. The Clerk had flagged this service on the FB page and in the Village Link.

23.024 TO REVIEW ANGLIA WATER RESPONSE AND DETERMINE FURTHER ACTION

The Council discussed what action should be taken as a result of the response from Anglia Water.

- Cllr Coleman proposed Council to ask Cllr Shuardson-Hipkin to prepare a draft response to ask for more detail from Anglian Water - *Resolved*

23.025 TO APPROVE THE NEW CODE OF CONDUCT, TO BE IMPLEMENTED AFTER LOCAL ELECTIONS

- Cllr Pitcher proposed: Council to approve new model Code of Conduct (2020) to be implemented following the May 2023 Election - *Resolved*

23.026 COUNCILLORS REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

Cllr Coleman said remarked on the awful news about the earthquake in Turkey, and how lucky we all were.

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

The next meeting would take place on Monday 6 March at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Chairman

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