

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

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

**In Attendance:** Mrs. P Sewell (Clerk), and 12 Members of the Public

**23.028 CHAIRMAN’S REPORT AND TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Welcome to the March meeting, thank you to the Public Rights of Way Committee for the Sapling planting on Footpath 18, and to Cllr Coleman who carried out repairs to the dog bin in Leziate Drove.

**Apologies for Absence** were received and accepted **Cllrs Shuardson-Hipkin, Fraser and B.Cllr Manning**

**23.029 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

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

**B.Cllr Manning’s** written report was circulated to Cllrs. The key items in the report were to advise parishioners of the need for Voter I.D. and that council tax information was now available online

**B.Cllr de Whalley** reported on issues raised by the Inspectors to be addressed by the Local Plan task group. Queries covered explanations of the Strategic Growth Corridor and the justification for the proposed distribution of housing growth with specific reference to Downham Market and Watlington. The Council would also have to provide evidence for the changes to the Settlement Hierarchy. There would be further public consultation and the hearings were likely to resume in the Autumn. Going forward it was likely that NHPlans would have to allocate housing numbers. B.Cllr de Whalley thanked everyone for their support over the last term and indicated his intention to stand for the Ward again.

**Parishioners**

It was reported that some of the gullies in Leziate Drove were blocked- the Clerk would inform NCC.

It was reported that the Leziate Drove Trod was narrow and overgrown – the Clerk would inform NCC.

Grimston Cricket Club gave a report confirming that the recent CIL grant application had been successful, the Club had also raised £700 at a bingo night and secured 3 local sponsors so far for the coming season. The Redhead stand was nearing completion and preparations for the Coronation Match with the 8.56 Foundation were well underway. The Club was now looking forward to the new Astro turf.

A parishioner asked if the Council was aware of the concerns raised in the village about hedge cutting etc at the rear of Philip Rudd Court. The Clerk confirmed that Borough officers had attended the site and there would be an investigation.

**23.030 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF 6 FEBRUARY 2023 AS A TRUE RECORD**

- **Cllr Pitcher proposed: To receive and accept the Minutes of 6 February 2023 as a true record - Resolved**

**23.031 MATTERS ARISING (INFORMATION ONLY)**

**Chapel Road Bus Stop:** The current plans and layout of the new stop were circulated to Councillors. KL&WN BC had confirmed that the consent condition to which the plans related had not been signed off, but it was unclear as to the hold-up as the condition also covered the new access.

**Vong Lane Appeal:** Council noted that Borough Council confirmed that the appeal discussed last month had been submitted within the correct time frame, it had just taken this long for it to be allocated a

hearing slot by the Planning Inspectorate.

**St Luke's Bell:** Council noted that St Botolph's PCC was happy for the Bell to go to the Chapel, however, this might prove difficult because of the way it has been secured in the Church. The Church was open to the public, so precautions were taken to prevent theft or damage. The Community Events Committee would review.

**Chequers Road Verge:** Council noted that at its request, a request not to park on grass verges had been made in the Village Link. It was suggested that Councillors monitor to see if the request was effective.

### 23.032 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE AS LISTED

The Council received the list of correspondence, and the following items was discussed:

**TRO complaint:** Council noted the resident's complaint, and although TROs were a necessary inconvenience, the complaint was considered a fair comment and TROs should be looked at in more detail in the future. Cllr Barnicoat said he his complaint to the Clerk about the state and position of the road signs had been forwarded to Street works at NCC.

### 23.033 FINANCE

#### 23.033.01 To approve payments due

##### ▪ Cllr Dye proposed: Council to approve Payments as listed - *Resolved*

Payments	Heading		Gross	VAT
Mrs P Sewell	Salary (Feb with HW All.)		813.30	0.00
HMRC	Salary (Tax & NICs)		23.72	0.00
Mrs P Sewell	Salary (Mar with HW All.)	Pdated	813.30	0.00
HMRC	Salary (Tax & NICs)	Pdated	23.72	0.00
Mrs P Sewell	Office Admin/Jubilee	Post/Flag	254.32	39.73
Age UK Norfolk	Donations		100.00	0.00
NP Training & Support	Training		45.00	0.00
Heritage Tree Specialists	Open Space	Tree Ash.Green	420.00	70.00
KL&WN Borough Council	Open Space	Dog Bins	1872.00	312.00
CC Planning Ltd	NHP Plan		3420.00	570.00
Information Commission	Subscriptions	GDPR	40.00	DD
NPOWER	Street Lighting	Feb	52.07	2.48
			<b>7877.43</b>	<b>994.21</b>
<b>Receipts</b>				
Santander	Interest( Feb)		15.77	BACs
			<b>15.77</b>	

#### 23.033.02 To authorise direct debit instruction to NEST (Pension)

Council noted that pension payments as agreed at the January Council Meeting would take effect from 10 May 2023.

##### ▪ Cllr Pitcher proposed: Council to approve Direct Debit to NEST - *Resolved*

#### 23.033.03 Grant Funding Schemes Information

The Clerk briefed Council on the Rural Prosperity Fund, as well as the Love Norfolk (up to £5000) and Chiplow Wind Farm ( up to £5000) Grant Schemes. The Clerk recommended that the Council compiled a future list of projects to be worked up over the next 2/3 years in order to identify the right funding

streams.

*Cllr de Whalley left the meeting*

### **23.034 Planning Matters**

#### **23.034.01 To consider responses to Planning Applications as listed**

**23/00086/F:** Temporary construction access in association with approved development Land West of Knights Hill Grimston Road South Wootton

- **Cllr Barnicoat proposed: Council to object to the temporary construction on the basis that it would cause longer disruption to drivers on Grimston Road - *Resolved***

#### **23.034.02 Neighbourhood Plan Update**

The Council noted that there was nothing further to add to the report made at last month's meeting other than to note that invoices had been received and payments from the Grant had been approved. The Clerk would complete the end-of-grant form at the end of the month and it was likely that repayment of some of the grant would be required.

### **23.035 Highways/Rights of Way/ Street Lighting Issues**

#### **23.035.01 To note other faults**

The Council noted that a TRO for Lynn Road had been received. The details had been circulated and posted on FB.

It was noted that a request for a deer warning sign on Lynn Road had been received, as it was not within the Parish it would be passed to Roydon Parish Council.

#### **23.035.02 Condition of Watery Lane - update**

The Clerk, following discussion with Councillors, set the date for the meeting with Highways on Thursday 22 March at 10.30am. To meet on site depending on the weather and then meet in the Hall or Church (as closer).

#### **23.035.03 Back Lane – vehicle complaint and request to use SAM2 unit**

The Council noted that NCC was not supportive of the Council using a SAM2 on a national speed limit sign as this was outside the agreed use. The Council would also need to pay for an extension pole and the attachment of the extension by an approved contractor. The Clerk said she had spoken to the Police as they had access to better monitoring equipment. Cllr Barnicoat said that it was driving without due care and confirmed that the issue was not caused by residents.

### **23.036 COMMITTEES - TO RECEIVE REPORTS, REVIEW RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **23.036.01 Community Events Committee – Mr Boldero**

Cllr Boldero reported that the plans to mark the Coronation had been agreed. The community event Fen Fest was coming together well, thanks in part to a generous donation. Cllr Boldero reminded everyone about the Litter Pick on 25 March.

### **23.037 TO APPROVE FOLLOW UP RESPONSE TO ANGLIA WATER**

- **Cllr Coleman proposed: Council to approve the draft letter responding to Anglia Water - *Resolved***

### **23.038 STANDING ORDERS – REVIEW PROCESS**

The Parish Council had previously agreed to review the Standing Orders. The Clerk provided Councillors present with a working copy for ease of reference. Councillors would review and submit proposed amendments additions to the Clerk, who would annotate a master copy, it would depend on the level of amendments as to whether a separate meeting was required.

### **23.039 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS - INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The Council noted the email from the Borough Council with instructions and forms. Candidates must take their completed forms to the Borough Council themselves before the 4 April deadline. Information about the election had gone into the Village Link and was on the Parish Council website and Facebook page with the link to guidance and forms. Printed copies of the nomination pack were circulated and spares were left in the Village Hall.

**23.040 ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF ELECTORS 2023**

Council noted that both these meetings would take place on Monday 22 May with the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors starting at 7.00pm. The Clerk, with the agreement of the Chairman, would write to the Parochial Charities to invite them to give the usual annual report. The Annual Parish Council Meeting would follow on the same night at this meeting, Councillors would all be required to submit their Declarations of Acceptance, and their register of interests.

**23.041 COUNCILLORS REPORTS (INFORMATION ONLY)**

**Cllr Pitcher** reported that work to move the blue fence on Back Lane had begun.

**Cllr Coleman** reported that aconites were now flowering in the Queen’s Wood, and bluebells had also been planted.

**Cllr Barnicoat** thanked a resident for providing the FP18 work party with sausage rolls and jam tarts.

**Cllr Dye** reported potholes in Candlestick Lane. The Clerk would circulate information on the Highways online report form

**23.042 DATE, TIME OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

The next meeting would take place on Monday 3 April at 7.30pm at the Village Hall

Cllr Boldero made his apologies for that meeting.

**Chairman**.....

**Date**.....