

GRIMSTON PARISH MEETING
Grimston Village Hall - Monday 23 May 2022 at 7.00pm

Present:

Parish Council - Cllrs Israel(Chairman) P Coleman, C Coe, M Pitcher, M Boldero, S Coleman, Shepherdly, J Barnicoat, S Coleman and Mrs P Sewell (Clerk)

Ward Councillors: C.Cllr Daubney, B.Cllr de Whalley and B.Cllr Manning

15 Members of the Public

Apologies Cllr S Fraser

1. Apologies and Welcome

Cllr K Israel, Chairman of the Parish Council opened the meeting. The Chairman reminded those present that it was not a parish council meeting, but the electors' meeting and all whose names were on the Parish 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 27 September 2021

3. Matters arising from the previous meeting

The School Trust did not attend the meeting but did subsequently submit a financial statement which had been included in the meeting report

4. Parish Council Report and Accounts

Cllr Israel stated that every year he was reminded how fortunate we were to live in such a wonderful community and gave his wholehearted thanks to those who supported the parish to thrive week in and week out. The Parish Council was working hard on events to mark the Platinum Jubilee over the weekend 3-4 June, and it would be a weekend to remember after the restrictions of the past few years.

The Accounts (unaudited) dated 31.03.2022 were presented by the Parish Clerk

The precept for 2021-22 was £21,256.18 – Band D rate of £29.17

Income - £ 37,239.19 Payments: £26,241.47 - Closing Balance: £55 254.68

Meeting resolved to accept the Report

5. Grimston Fen & Allotment Trust Report and Accounts

The report and interim accounts to 31.03.2022 were presented by Trustee Neville Jackson £1672.93 had been given out in grants and bursaries, plus £1500 had been paid in donations. General maintenance had included work on Ragwort and Gorse, and education visit from Holly Meadows School. The Trust was also supporting the creation of the Queen's Wood on Hudson Fen for the Platinum Jubilee.

Receipts – £12707.55 Payments- £13,028.47 Surplus for the year - £320.92

Meeting resolved to accept the Report

6. Village Hall Committee Report and Accounts

The Accounts dated 31.10.2021 were presented by the Trustee Mr D Giles.

The Hall was very well supported by local groups and Parish Councils and thanked those who helped maintain the Hall.

Receipts – £3245.28 Payments-£5256.56 Closing Balance – £34 576.31

Meeting resolved to accept the Report

7. School Trust Report and Accounts

The Accounts dated 31.12.2021 were presented by the Trust Chairman Mr R Coe

Receipts - £25 259.99 Payments- £10 545.49 Balance- £88 220.55

An interim statement for January-May 2022 was also presented.

Receipts - £4076.50 Payments-£7888.19 Closing Balance - £84 408.86

Meeting resolved to accept the Report

8. Hudson Fen Leisure Ltd Report and Accounts

The Report and Accounts dated 31.12.2021 were presented by Chairman Mr K Kavanagh.

The car boots were now both well-established and supported. Grateful thanks to Mrs Stebbings for a large donation from her plant stall. The largest expense had been the electricity connection to the Kaf. The Chairman thanked his committee and said that they had had quotes for a new surface for the play area of around £30,000.

Receipts -£6,014.81 Payments-£6603.45 Closing Balance - £12 702.13

Meeting resolved to accept the Report

9. Reports from Ward Members present

C. Cllr Daubney: Thanked everyone for the warm welcome since the election, it had been a steep learning curve. The County was investing £7.7Million to address child poverty. The government had provided extra money for public transport as part of Levelling Up. This year the County also hoped to plant a million trees across Norfolk.

B.Cllr de Whalley: It was thought that an announcement was imminent that the QEH would be on the Government’s long list. Progress was being made by the Local Plan Task Group on the revised local plan and a programme officer had been appointed. The next round of CIL funding would open in July.

B.Cllr Manning: The Borough Council had suffered from a national shortage of specialised staff resulting in delays, particularly in planning. The new Councillor grant scheme was working well and over £40,000 had been distributed across the borough. There were lots of outdoor events coming up for the Jubilee and also the Hanse weekend. The Cllrs would be distributing Jubilee coins to Holly Meadows School, he had also agreed to accompany the new mayor on visits.

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

A resident raised concerns about the planning application for a development in Vong Lane, citing concerns about the effect on an already stretched sewage system, especially in Watery Lane as well as the impact of the loss of countryside.

A resident stated that 11 June was world knitting day and also World Gin day with an event on at the Three Horseshoes Pub.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm

Chairman.....

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