Grimston Parish Council
Parish Council Meeting Monday 8 July 2024
Grimston Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Israel [Chairman], Boldero [Vice Chairman] Coleman, Barnicoat, Dye, & Greig
In Attendance: Mr A.L Loy [Clerk] and 10 members of the public

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

- The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting of the council and thanked David Giles for preparing the hall for the meeting.
- The chairman informed the meeting of the death of County Councillor John Crofts. John was a well-respected and honorable man who served the people of Norfolk well. We remember him fondly and will miss him on a personal and professional level.
- **Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr's Bass, Coe, Pitcher, de Whalley and Shepherdly.**

24.80: TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest made

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

- The Chairman confirmed that Ward Councillors were not present to report.
- Grimston Fen and Allotment Trust presented their plans for works on Derby and Sugar Fen to the meeting.
- A request for an update on the planned ditch work in Chequers Lane was made. Council confirmed County Highways are asked for progress reports on a regular basis.

24.81: TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF 3/6/24 MEETING AS A TRUE RECORD

- **One minor amendment. Cllr Barnicoat proposed: Council accept the minutes of 3/6/24 as a true record – *Resolved***

24.82: MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

The Clerk confirmed that the damaged dog waste bin has been replaced in Hawthorn Close, and the hedge in the parking area at St Botolph's Church is scheduled to trimmed back on Wednesday 10 July.

24.83: TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

The council received the list of correspondence, and the following items were highlighted. Congham and Roydon Parish Councils have confirmed they will participate in the Autumn litter pick planned for 29 September 2024. A parishioner reported an incident of quad bikes being driven in a dangerous manner and the use of threatening behavior when the three drivers were challenged. The matter of the quad bikes was also raised as a personal safety warning to any parishioner who may have cause to approach the quad bike riders in the future.

24.84: FINANACE:

24.84.1 To Approve the list of payments:

Payments	Heading	Gross	VAT	CHQ No
Npower	Electricity	£108.19	£5.15	Direct Debit
Nurture	Grass cutting	£300.00	£50.00	102350
N.C.Smith	Internal Audit	£100.00		102351
Glasdon	Replacement Dog Bin	£153.82	£25.64	102352
A.L.Loy	Salary	£1,005.23		102348
A.L.Loy	Clerks Expenses as listed	£106.09	£16.55	102438
P.Sewell	Salary	£229.00		102349
M.Boldero	Fen Fest Consumables	£49.25	£8.20	102347
HFLL	Fen Fest Consumables	£50.00		102356
Total		£2,101.58	**£105.54**	
Receipts	**Heading**	**Gross**		**Slip No**
Fen Fest Buckets	Fen Fest	£105.88		100160
Taco Hut	Fen Fest	£100.00		100160
Union Jack	Fen Fest	£150.00		100161
Santander	Interest [May]	£30.24		Direct Credit
Total		**£386.12**		

- **Cllr Barnicoat Proposed: Approval -*Resolved***

24.81.2 To Approve the adoption of NALC Financial Policy 2024

- **Cllr Boldero Proposed: Approval -*Resolved***

24.81.3 To Receive Quarter 1 Financial Report

- **Cllr Dye Proposed: Acceptance of the report – *Resolved***

24.81.4 To Nominate two additional signatories to the bank accounts

- **Cllr Dye Proposed: Cllr's Israel and Boldero as additional signatories- *Resolved***

24.81.5 To Approve the CiLCA Training Budget

- **Cllr Dye Proposed: Approval -*Resolved***

24.82 PLANNING MATTERS

24.82.1 To review the role of Parish Council in Planning Applications

Clarification of the Planning considerations was received by Councillors

24.82.2 Planning ref 24/1021F

- **Cllr Boldero Proposed: No Comment to the application -** *Resolved*

24.83 MAG UPDATE:

- The Clerk reported that he received the email to invite the Chairman to participate in the June MAG Zoom Meeting ,45 minutes prior to the start of the meeting, unfortunately this did not allow sufficient notice to be given to Cllr Israel. Cllr Israel was occupied with other business and could not attend the zoom meeting. Cllr de Whalley was on the Zoom call and Council await his report in due course.

24.84 APPROVAL OF THE BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN

Following a few amendments to the draft plan the biodiversity action plan approval was requested.

- **Cllr Boldero Proposed: Approval of the Biodiversity Action Plan –** *Resolved*

24.85 TO RECEIVE COMMITTEE / WORKING PARTY REPORTS

Cllr Boldero gave the report from the Community Events Committee.

24.86 REVIEW FLAG POLICY

Following a request regarding the raising of the flag in support of the national team in sporting endeavors, the Flag Policy was checked to confirm that the Council has the authority to decide when to do so.

- **Cllr Israel proposed: The St George's flag be raised in support of the national teams endeavors in the current football tournament.** *-Resolved*

24.87 CIL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Council discussed CIL grant funded projects and instructed the Clerk to investigate the costs to replace the current Parish noticeboards and assess the feasibility of returning the Pott Row Green to a pond. The Clerk is to report back as appropriate.

24.88 COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Cllrs echoed the sentiments offered by Cllr Israel in his Chairmans Report regarding the news of the death of County Cllr John Crofts and they wished to recognise his service to the Parish and wider community in Norfolk

24.89 DATE, TIME OF NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE AGENDA

24.89.01 Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Monday 2 September at 07.30 PM

24.89.02 Agenda to include a feasibility report on a pond being established on Pott Row Green.

Chairman **Date**