

## **Minutes of Griston Parish Council held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**

### **At St Peter and St Pauls Church, Griston.**

**Present:** Cllr S Barber (Chair) Delayed arrival. Cllr L Steventon, (Vice Chairman) Cllr B Park, Cllr K Steventon, Cllr K Mace, & Mrs Jean Williams Parish Clerk & RFO.

There were no members of the public present.

1. **Welcome:** The meeting was opened by the Vice Chairman in the absence of the Chairman who was delayed.
2. **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr P Lake and Cllr K Heath.
3. **To declare any pecuniary interest or seek dispensations:** None.
4. **To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024.** The minutes were agreed, proposed by Cllr Park, and seconded by Cllr K Steventon, they were signed by the Vice Chairman
5. **Matters arising from the Minutes:** None
6. **Public Participation:** None
7. **Report of County Councillor Claire Bowes:** Item deferred to the next meeting.
8. **Report of the District Councillor Phil Cowen:** Item deferred to the next meeting
9. **Report of the Parish Clerk including any correspondence not previously circulated.** None.

**10. To discuss and decide re: sending an expression of concern about a recent fire at Eastern Attachments, Attleborough, to Breckland District Council Planning Authority.** Initially this item was deferred to the next meeting by Councillors due to the absence of the Chairman, who had requested that this item be raised. The Chairman arrived at 7:50pm and requested the agreement of the Councillors to open further discussion on this item. Concerns were raised that if a disaster struck at the site in Griston, residents and their properties could be in grave danger. This includes the residents of the Care Home as well as HMP Wayland. Councillors voiced their concerns that the company may operate without the required planning permission. No further decisions were made by Councillors. Cllr K Steventon agreed to lead a discussion at the next Parish Council Meeting.

**11. To discuss the change of frequency of Parish Council Meetings.** Item deferred to the next meeting.

**12. To receive update re: The Chairman's recent meeting with Norfolk County Council.** Initially this item was deferred to the next meeting, due to the late arrival of the Chairman, who had requested this item be raised. On his arrival, the Chairman requested the item to be further discussed, all Councillors agreed. The Chair stated that he had met with Matt Lines from Norfolk County Council (NCC) to check that the price of the Trod would remain as quoted, this was because it had been initially costed by using the Street Map. The trod is proving to be problematic, it cannot be built on the appointed side of the road due to lack of space and a telegraph pole, which cannot be moved. Matt Lines suggested that the Trod be built on the other side of Thompson Road so users would need to cross over the road, which Councillors thought was a safety issue. There are problems on this side of the road because of the ditch, a length of 40 meters would need to be overfilled. The revised cost has been quoted as £54,000.00. Councillors immediately stated that this expenditure was out of the question. Cllr Barber will make further enquiries to see if the funding can be used for other projects.

The Chairman reported that the siting of the Dog Waste Bin has been approved, Serco will be informed so that it is emptied regularly. Plans to install the bin will be made at the next Parish Council Meeting.

The Chairman had also spoken with Matt Lines about the re alignment of the gate at the Carbrooke Road entrance to the Recreation Ground. This can be undertaken and would be eligible for Parish Partnership Funding. Discussion took place re: using the current funding for this purpose, no decision made because permission would need to be sought from Parish Partnership Funding.

**13. To discuss and decide if the Council wishes to apply for Fruit Trees from Breckland District Council.** Having looked closely at the information. Councillors unanimously decided that they did not wish to avail of this offer at this time.

**14. To receive information re: The Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.** At the last Parish Council Meeting it was agreed that Cllr Heath would make some investigations and report back. However, plans have been made by Cllr Heath to hold a meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at Caston Village Hall at 3:30 to 4:30pm. The Clerk advised that this meeting should have been agreed by all Councillors before the premises were booked. Cllr Park commented that a Griston meeting should be held in Griston. The timing of the meeting was queried, it was suggested that most people who may be interested in becoming involved with this project may be at work or have child care responsibilities. It was unanimously decided to defer this item to the next Parish Council Meeting.

**15. To receive the Financial Report and agree any unbudgeted expenditure.** The Clerk had prepared a table to illustrate expenditure to date and forecast any underspend and overspends. This was discussed at length, with no decisions made.

As part of the future budget planning the Chair requested that the Clerk seek the price that the current contractor charges for cutting the grass per square meter. Also, to seek clarification for the next meeting re: the end of the current Recreation Ground and Churchyard contract as well as the Street Light Maintenance Contract.

The Clerk reported that to date, the current account has a balance of £7,829.06.

The savings account to date has a balance of £17,450.83 this includes £39.73 interest earned.

**16. Further Public Participation (10 minutes.)** None

**17. Any other relevant matters not included in this agenda.** None.

**18. Items for the next Agenda.**

Public Meetings Chair to attend.

Snap Meeting

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Plan

Quantrill Site

Signed..... Chairman

Councillor Shane Barber

Date.....

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