

Minutes of Griston Parish Council Meeting held at St Peter and St Pauls Church

On Thursday 10th October 2024 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs Barber (Chair) L Steventon, Park, Mace, Lake, County Councillor Claire Bowes & Mrs J Williams (Clerk)

There were two members of the public present.

1. Welcome: The Chairman welcomed those present.

2. Apologies for Absence: were received from Cllr. Heath and District Councillor P Cowen.

3. To declare any pecuniary interest or seek dispensations: None.

4. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2024: The minutes were agreed by all present and signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising from the minutes not included in this agenda: None.

6. Public Participation (10 minutes): None.

7. Report of County Councillor Claire Bowes: Cllr Bowes read notable points from her report which can be found at the end of these minutes.

8. Report of District Councillor Phil Cowen: Cllr Cowen not present, no report received

9. Report of the Parish Clerk including any correspondence not previously circulated: None.

10. To discuss Planning Applications: Planning application 3PL/2024/0646/F Land east of Yew Tree Farm, Caston Road, Griston IP25 6QD. To reposition existing field gate access to site, including culvert to existing ditch. Councillors had no objections to this application other than to request that the drainage pipes are of a sufficient size. **ACTION:** Clerk to respond.

11. To discuss any further developments re: Eastern Attachments. John Heath from Griston Community Group reported that the application is now through to the final process. There will be a hearing, the date set is 11/02/2025. Submissions must be in by 6/11/2024. There is some disquiet in the village because Eastern Attachments appear to be operating on the site, not only in breach of conditions but also in breach of the refusal of planning permission. Planning enforcement and Environmental health are involved but no action will take place during an appeal. The MP George Freeman is supportive of the village stopping a B2 business operating on the Coughtrey site. Griston Community Group will be making a submission to the hearing and are hoping that they will have the support of the Parish Council. Cllr Steventon reported that he had very recently observed two large lorries attempting to pass one another in Church Road, which resulted in them using the whole of the footpath. There is a fear of fire and explosions at the current time. Haz Chem vehicles appear to deliver to the site regularly despite Eastern Attachments stating that they do not need a Haz Chem licence.

12. To discuss and confirm the protocol for Letter Writing. The Clerk apologised for the errors she had made when editing letters recently compiled by Councillors. The Clerk reported that she had not given correct information to Councillors, that delegated powers can only be given to a committee. It was therefore resolved, in future, that a committee with relevant knowledge and experience would be formed to write letters. The draft would be sent to Councillors to be agreed and then forwarded to the Clerk to send to the relevant address. The letter would not be edited by the Clerk unless there were legal reasons to do so.

13. To discuss the Two Year, Plan: This item was deferred to the next meeting.

14. To discuss Councillor Vacancies: Due to the resignation of Cllr K Steventon there is a vacancy on the Parish Council. The Clerk will contact the Democratic Services at Breckland Council to inform them, then the vacancy can be advertised.

15. To decide and confirm future dates for Parish Council Meetings. At the last Parish Council Meeting, it was decided that meetings would be held monthly for the next six months. Dates agreed: 14/11/2024; 12/12/2024; 09/01/2025 & 12/02/2025

16. To discuss and decide how many extra hours the Clerk will need for the increased number of meetings. Refer to the minutes of 12th September 2024.

17. To decide if the Parish Council would like to purchase and lay a Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Day. Whilst the Councillors all agreed that they would pay their respects to the fallen on Remembrance Day, it was decided that as in previous years a Poppy Wreath would not be purchased, especially as there is no service of Remembrance in the village. The names of the fallen of Griston are read by the Churchwarden at the Church where the service is held.

18. To receive updates on the Trod: At the current time there are no further developments re The Trod. The Chairman had sourced another quote which totalled £35,000.00. The Trod would still be on the south side of Thompson Road meaning that pedestrians would need to cross over the road to walk on it. Cllr Bowes has donated some money from her budget to The Trod, she stated that she did not expect it to be returned.

19. To receive updates re The Noticeboards. Cllr Barber stated that the Manor Road notice board is now ready to be re installed this will take place by the end of October 2024. Cllr Mace said that the Church agreed to pay a share in principle, towards the cost of refurbishment for the noticeboard outside the Church. Cllr Barber said he thought the small notice board by the bus stop could be repaired in situ.

20. To Feedback any Training Courses attended by Councillors. No Councillors had anything to report. There is a vacant place at the NPTS Seminar, Cllr Heath may be able to attend so that the money is not lost.

21. To receive updates on the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Nothing further to report information is posted on the website.

22. To receive updates on the Neighbourhood Plan. The notification of intention has been submitted. A meeting with the designated Planning Officer has been offered, a date will be made.

23. Public Participation (10 Minutes) A member of the public queried why he couldn't see the information on the website on his phone. Differences in phones are the reason for this, he was shown how to rectify the problem.

24. Any other relevant business not included on this agenda. The Clerk had not included a Finance Statement, on the agenda she presented the report to the Councillors who agreed and accepted the figures.

See statement at the end of the minutes.

Cllr Lake stated that the Apple Trees in the Orchard needed attention, they need staking and pruning. It was decided to hold a work party to work on the orchard area in November.

The Chairman stated that he had visited the 2 Manor Road to discuss the hedge, the area requires some attention because the hedge wasn't cut last year. All the hedges will need to be cut before the spring. No decision was made at this time

25. Items for the next Agenda,
Ownership of lighting in Manor Road
Hedge Cutting
Representative from HMP Wayland

26. To confirm the date of the next meeting as 14th November 2024:
The date for the next meeting was agreed.

The meeting closed at 8:56pm

Signed Date.....

Griston Parish Council Finance Report October 2024

UNITY TRUST ACCOUNT
20447685

DATE	PAYMENT	Paid In	Paid Out	BALANCE
18/09/2024	Opening Balance			£7,744.80
18/09/2024	N Power	DD	£76.04	£7,668.76
27/09/2024	Breckland Council Precept	£13,895.00		£21,563.76
30/09/2024	HMRC Tax Liability Clerk Sept		£68.20	£21,495.56
30/09/2024	Clerks Salary Sept		£271.97	£21,223.59
30/09/2024	Service Charge		£18.00	£21,205.59
01/10/2024	TTSR Invoice 9406		£741.52	£20,464.07
Payments not yet Authorised				
08/10/2024	Donation to Wayland Partnership		£450.00	£20,014.07
Payments owing				
17/09/2024	Clerks Expenses Ink not yet claimed		£17.59	£19,996.48
10/10/2024	Clerks Expenses 4 x 1st Class Stamps		£6.60	£19,989.88
10/10/2024	Mileage to Dereham return 20 miles @45p per mile		£9.00	£19,980.88
UNITY TRUST SAVINGS ACCOUNT				
12/09/2024				£17,450.83
30/09/2024	Interest	£120.96		£17,571.79

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