

Grimston, Saxelbye & Shoby Parish Council
Minutes of the GRIMSTON, SAXELBYE & SHOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held MONDAY 11th January @ 19.30 via Zoom

Present: Chair - Cllr Etta Madocks Wright, Cllr Rupert Marsh, Cllr Richard Easom, Cllr Tony Lomas, Cllr Fleur Read, Cllr Joe Orson
Leader of Melton Borough Council (MBC), District Cllr Ronan Browne for Frisby Ward, Clerk Janice Kemp and 3 members of the public.

1. Cllr Madocks Wright welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefed the protocols for the on-line meeting, including the information that the meeting would be recorded.
A minute of remembrance was held for Monica Ravenscroft, who suddenly passed away the previous week. A resident in Grimston her whole life and a Parish Clerk during the 1980s, she will be sorely missed and our thoughts are with her family.
No Apologies for absence were received. No declarations of interest on items on the agenda were received.
2. **Updates from Ward and Borough Councillors** included that May elections may be postponed to November; Melton area is low for Covid cases compared to the rest of England; Support for businesses is available from MBC; Tourism officer recruited for MBC; Financial gap on the underwriting for the Southern link road of £19m.
3. A member of the **public** updated the meeting on The Black Horse Community Group activity. Based upon a specialist valuer visiting the pub, an offer has been made by the community group to the owners.
4. The Councillors unanimously **approved the minutes** of the meeting of 30th November 2020 and these were signed by Cllr Madocks Wright.
5. **Matters Arising** from the Minutes of 30.11.2020
 - a. The Village Green land registration – this is now with the Land Registry.
 - b. The GRC Tribunal appeal hearing & update on the ACV for The Black Horse REF CR/2020/0006.No further update. A member of the public informed the meeting that the hearing is due in the next 14 days.
 - c. Saxelbye phone box – see the section on the Defibrillator under matters arising.
 - d. Highway enquiries around long lorries on Ostler Lane – Cllr Marsh updated the meeting that the ‘except for access’ signage had gone, there are still outstanding concerns over the length of vehicles. Clerk to email Cllr Orson for assistance at LCC level. Cllr Marsh to update at next meeting.
 - e. The Options for alerting drivers in Grimston, reference road hazards, referred to LCC guidelines for funding of highways schemes. The LCC review criteria such as accidents, volume of traffic, speed limits, average speeds, type of road (if the road is narrow, people drive more slowly) etc. If the requirement meets the LCC criteria it is funded, if not a community group or the Parish Council can fund it. Example costs are Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) at £10,000 to £15,000. After a full discussion including Cllr Orson, from a LCC viewpoint, it was decided that Grimston is unlikely to be a priority for LCC. This is not an accident black spot; the Parish Council did not feel funding it through the Parish Council precept warranted the costs and that changes where not required at this time. Clerk to email the member of the public with the Parish Council’s decision.
 - f. Internet provision within the Parish where fibre is not available – A questionnaire was sent out to around 20 premises who do not have a fibre option and approx. 50% returned these. The Parish Councillors agreed that there is not a community approach to this topic as residents have found their own solutions such as Satellite or air to air and Community Fibre is cost prohibitive. This topic is changing rapidly at the moment and further Government announcements may happen soon. Clerk to response to the residents who replied to the survey with the general findings and provide links to potential service options.
 - g. Play Area including repairs and hedge cutting & Tesco Bags of Help Grant application. The Councillors unanimously approved the purchase of new goal nets approx. £41. It was agreed to apply for Tesco Bags of Help to assist in funding the new swings (Clerk to action), initial quotes received at £450 +VAT for delivery only and £914 +VAT for delivery and fitting. A Second quote awaited. Cllr Lomas offered to fit the new swings.
Hedge cutting – Cllr Read to update at the next meeting.

- h. Biodiversity in the Parish – to mow or not to mow. The Parish councillors wish to encourage biodiversity, to see what is in the verges is a first step. Clerk to put a message in Village Life.
- i. The Village Hall were supplied with the LCC contacts with respect to putting the noticeboard on the verge with paving slabs, this was not progressed and the noticeboard has been put up 'in' the hedge line
- j. Road closure in Saxelbye 6th January. No issues
- k. Cyber and Fraud awareness training – this was not attended as the online booking was closed

6. Matters arising

- a. The General Standing Order was adopted unanimously, it incorporates the NALC Model General Standing Orders 2018, amended to include coronavirus requirements.
- b. The future of the Saxelbye Defibrillator. Following the closure of Websters Dairy, the power to the unit was turned off. The defibrillator itself has been removed. The Councillors agreed to continue to have a defibrillator in Saxelbye and progress placing it in the old telephone kiosk. Clerk to contact Community Heartbeat to establish timescales, then ask if the dairy can reconnect the electricity supply until the unit is moved. Clerk to ask the 2 volunteers to get the telephone kiosk fit for the defibrillator. There are costs involved of around £800 +VAT.
- c. Proposals for speakers at the Annual Parish Meeting. Clerk to ask if Mr and Mrs Radford would like to speak.

7. Planning Matters.

- a. New planning application received 11.01.2021- 20/01380/FUL stable opposite 73 Main Street Grimston – work/living facility application. Following the visit of 3 councillors on 18.12.2020 and discussions at the meeting - the Councillors unanimously agreed to support this application. It is the first type of this dual application received. A condition that it remains dual work/living to be included in the comments. Clerk to submit comments.
- b. Update on Charnwood P/20/0762/2 and Six Hills Garden village 17/01374/OUT – Highways England holding objection in place. Cllr Orson will update when any are available.

8. Correspondence

- A metal detectorist (not a parishioner) has asked to detect on the Village Green – under The Guidance on Searching for Archaeological Finds in England during covid-19. The councillors unanimously agreed that Metal detection on the Village Green and play area is NOT permitted. The reasons for this decision included bulbs are planted on these areas in memory of people departed; the look it would give; not being able to control the activity. The Clerk to provide a formal policy for adoption and feedback to the metal detectorist.
- Melton Active Champions - Residents are being given the opportunity to nominate a group, school or individual that deserves recognition for helping the community of Melton to keep physically active and healthy before or during the COVID-19 pandemic. Clerk to put this into Village Life magazine.
- A Melton resident has been prosecuted after their household waste was dumped illegally, a deterrent for fly-tipping.
- Melton Sports centre is a Covid-19 vaccination centre.
- MBC infrastructure funding statement has been made public for the first time.
- MBC food enterprise centre to be developed A key part of the MBC strategy is to enhance Melton's reputation as the 'Rural Capital of Food'; providing support to key manufacturing and tourism sectors and working to establish a new Food Enterprise Centre (FEC).
- 'Have your say' on the LCC budget Action – councillors encouraged to participate in this online consultation as individuals.
- Participants for Covid -19 preventative behaviour and symptoms study from Southampton University asked for. Clerk to put this into Village Life magazine – this is for individuals not for the Parish Council.

9. Website Arrangements update

The Second training session was held 16th December, with Cllr Read and the Clerk. Launch date for new website is 15th January 2021. Any photos from Councillors of Parish Council events or of the parish are appreciated. Cllr Read interested in looking at the heritage section. Training for Councillors is available – please ask the Clerk. A link to the new website will be put on the current one.

10. Finance

- a. Financial report : All cheques issued have been cashed.
 The Current Account as of 6th November was £6,369.91, 6th December was £6,524.25 and 6th January is £5,784.88. The VAT return of £204.34 has been credited 18.11.2020.
 The deposit account as of 6th November was £2,145.92, 6th December £2,145.97 and is unchanged on 6th January. A 5p interest since the last meeting.
- b. Payments unanimously approved as below:

Company	Description of service	Receipt	Payment
e.on	Street lighting maintenance 1/4 ending 31/12/2020		44.64
Clerk	Zoom subscription November		14.39
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	Cartridges for printer product code 18202-CP		29.99
DCK Accounting Solutions	Payroll for October to December and setting up new PAYE		132.00
Clerk	Nett salary October, November & December 2020 for J Kemp		420.00
HMRC	PAYE for October, November & December 2020		105.00
HMRC	Back dates PAYE May to September 2020		175.00
Western Power	Wayleave this is paid annually	20.71	
e.on	Electricity invoice for November lighting		57.45
e.on	Electricity invoice for December lighting		59.37

- c. Progress on internet banking - applied for 2nd December 2020.
- d. The 2021 / 2022 Budget - Version 4 unanimously approved. 2021/22 Budget & Precept submission deadline to MBC is 15th January. The V4 budget comes out at £9950, up from the V3 of £9227, due to additional costs of relocating the Saxelbye defibrillator. It was unanimously agreed to increase the precept request from £7800 to £8400, from the current £6400. The precept amount is still less than the budgeted expenditure. As an amount per Band D property, it would increase from approx. £51.82 per year to £65.63 per year.
- e. The HSBC Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act FATCA forms have been submitted.
- f. The VAT has been reclaimed and received for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020, for £204.34.
- g. A new PAYE reference has been issued.

11. Any Other Business and agenda points for next meeting

- a. Battery recycling in Grimston phone kiosk will be monitored and actioned by the Clerk.
- b. Clerk to proposed 2021 dates at the next meeting – with a 5-to-6-week interval.
- c. Cllr Lomas suffered an extensive robbery on 16th December. There are a couple of Farm WhatsApp groups – Cllr Madocks Wright to supply the Lomas family with details.

Date and Venue of the next Meeting -22nd February 2021 on line.

Parish Council Meetings 2021 dates – 29th March, Annual Parish Meeting April 12th 2021 Annual Parish Council Meeting May 17th 2021.. These will be held either in the Parishes’ Village Halls or by online arrangements.

The meeting closed at 21:40

Chair to sign the minutes as approved	
Print name	
Date	