

## *Grimston, Saxelbye & Shoby Parish Council*

### **Minutes of the GRIMSTON, SAXELBYE & SHOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Held Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at Grimston Village Hall at 19.30**

**Present:** Chair – Cllr Tony Lomas, Cllr Etta Madocks Wright, Cllr Rupert Marsh, Cllr Fleur Read, Clerk Janice Kemp and 3 members of the public.

1. Cllr Lomas **welcomed** everyone to the meeting and briefed the protocols for the face-to-face meeting.
2. Two **apologies for absence** were received from Ward Cllr Browne and Cllr Richard Easom.
3. An **ongoing declaration of interest** was received from Cllr Lomas relating to the Southern Bypass, as this goes over his land.
4. The Councillors unanimously **approved the minutes** of the meetings held on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and these were signed by Cllr Lomas.
5. No updates from Ward and Borough Councillors as they were not present.
6. In the **public open session**, a member of the Black Horse Community Group (BHCG) briefed that a 90-minute public meeting had been held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 in Grimston Village Hall. There were over 80 people present at the meeting with 15 on zoom and over 20 apologies received. The audience heard of all the work that the BHCG had done to reach a deal with the current owners and a third party. The analogy of a three-legged stool being key to the successful completion of the deal. The audience supported the progression to the next stage. A further meeting is probable for April to detail the share issue, which will be 'share quality marked' to demonstrate best practice. The Chairman of the Parish Council commended the BHCG team on their work to date.
7. **Matters arising from the previous meetings.**
  - a. The Clerk reported that the Village Green Land registry has commenced with a B122 form returned by Cllr Madocks Wright, a previous Clerk and the Clerk Kemp; the Great British Spring Clean will be Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022 – Clerk and Cllr Madocks Wright will be there; The Queens Platinum Jubilee – the Clerk is attending a meeting 7<sup>th</sup> March in Grimston. It was unanimously agreed to ask for receipts – to give transparency of how the contribution of up to £70 is spent for each Grimston and Saxelbye's events. With reference to the idea of changing the postcode at Wright's and Shelton's properties to reduce lorries on the wrong roads – the post office code of practice PAF has been circulated to the councillors for discussion at the next meeting.
  - b. The Parish Council have received no further correspondence on The Black Horse, the recent public meeting was discussed in the public session as above.
  - c. All Members Interest Forms are up to date – matter closed.
  - d. The Civility and Respect Statement was unanimously accepted. Clerk to place on the website and to have at future meetings.
  - e. A meeting on 28.02.2022 with Cllr Browne on the 2022 Members Highway Funding was postponed – a new date to be arranged. Other funding streams reviewed included Arnold Clark which is temporarily suspended, Biffa is too large for our current needs being £10k to £75k, Veolia – we do not fit their criteria, EMA community fund – could not be used for the play area as we have a precept which could pay for this, National Lottery awards for all is a potential with community involvement.
8. **Matters Arising**
  - a. The computer back up was supplied to Cllr Read
  - b. The two planned speakers at the Annual Parish Meeting are unavailable. Cllr Lomas has volunteered to step in, with his 'unique experiences'. The meeting will commence at 19.30, with a Parish Council Meeting after the Annual Parish Meeting.
  - c. There was unanimous agreement to move to the Payroll Lite service, reducing costs by approx. £80 per year.
9. **Planning & Road Matters**
  - a. 21/01022/FUL | Proposed re-positioning of approved stable block and retrospective application to add window to commercial store Stable Opposite 73 Main Street Grimston - Parish Council comments submitted 21.12.2021 – now the

dates have been extended. A member of the public's correspondence was raised as they are very concerned in regards to the retrospective windows - how planning was allowed, when not in keeping with village character. Also asking when will the wooden cladding be fitted to the exterior of the property and when the temporary refrigerated building is being removed from site, now that the property is occupied. Their concerns included that this building continues to apply pressure and vibration to the roots of an Oak Tree. There are trees and hedges on the property or on the adjoining properties which are within falling distance of the proposed development, and the plans state trees or hedges need to be removed or pruned in order to carry out the proposal. However these are not shown on any of the plans. The Councillors suggested that the member of the public details their concerns to MBC – Clerk to feedback to them.

- b. NEW APPLICATION 22/00159/FULHH – so slight change in the agenda numbering as it applies to the same premises as a. - Stable Opposite 73 Main Street The proposal seeks planning permission for a wall and security gate to be erected at The Milk yard, Main Street, Grimston in order to secure the road side boundary to the application site. After a full discussion the councillors unanimously agreed to object to this application as it would not blend into the street scene, with no other brick walls along this part of the street. There are many other options to increase security without this 2.1m high brick wall, there is already a well maintained ditch, and thorny hedges are a good deterrent. Clerk to submit comments to MBC.
- c. 21/01178/FULHH | Proposed residential annexe | Oak Tree Farm 89 Main Street Grimston - as of 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – application permitted – with conditions including the living accommodation shall be occupied solely by members of the household of the principal dwelling or their dependants... and is shall not be used or severed from the principal house and used as a separate and unconnected dwelling unit.
- d. 21/01190/FULHH | Alterations to outbuilding | The Barn 1A Perkins Lane Grimston *MBC have confirmed "We are in discussions with the applicant and agent over the functioning of the proposal as an annex (Ms S Hullott)" - the PC have already submitted comments 23.11.2021.*
- e. 21/01194/FUL | Erection of an agricultural general-purpose building | Saxelbye Top Farm – the Parish Council submitted comments 23.11.2021 – now dates have been extended. MBC have confirmed *"We are currently awaiting consultation responses, LLFA very important regarding drainage capacity (J Worley)"* . The dates have been extended by MBC – to 9<sup>th</sup> March.
- f. 21/00615/CL Certificate for lawful use for an existing dwelling. The old goods yard Saxelbye MBC confirmed *"Additional evidence has been submitted by the Applicant. This is now being considered with a view to whether sufficient evidence has now been submitted and legal advice sought in this regard and the content of the submission (Mrs H White)"* - the PC submitted comments 16.07.2021
- g. 22/00036/FUL Adjacent to Oakley Terrace Main Street Grimston – A Two Parish Councillors visited the site on 29<sup>th</sup> January. The application is supported with the comments that the design is an improvement on the previous approved application (19/00952/FUL) and the roof height (which was a previous point of note) is marginally lower.
- h. LCC REF 860522 relating to Traffic Calming at or on OSTLER LANE in Saxelbye – photos sent to LCC on 11.02.2022. and an email from 2 members of the public also raising concerns has been forwarded to LCC. Response received 25.02.2022 from LCC: Thank you for your email regarding traffic calming measures on Ostler Lane. Whilst both suggestions are not without merit, in order to implement a 20mph speed limit the guidance states that for 20mph speed limits to be introduced and signed without physical traffic calming measures, generally speeds within the existing environment must be below 24mph. Therefore, we will arrange to have some speed surveys undertaken throughout the village. Also, the implementation of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's), which are required for reducing the speed limit, is expensive in terms of both funding and staff time due to the required legal process in creating them, which includes publicly consulting and advertising any proposals. The estimated cost is in the region of £7500. Once the surveys have been carried out and we have assessed the data we will contact you regarding the results and any further action. As part of our initial assessment, we noted that Ostler Lane is a narrow, rural road with narrow verges. Due to this, vehicles travelling along Ostler Lane should be maintaining a safe speed at all times in anticipation of other road users. Clerk to confirm with LCC who funds the £7500 mentioned.
- i. LCC REF 860523 relating to mud on the road on OSTLER LANE, Saxelbye - LCC response: Mud on the highway is generally caused by farmers or developers accessing their sites, it is their responsibility to ensure any mud is removed. We will place signs out warning of slippery roads where required and will liaise with the farmer/developer responsible.

- j. LCC 860513 'Pothole - Carriageway' on SAXELBY PARK ROAD was reviewed and painted around the pot hole – but no further action has been taken.
- k. LCC REF 857363 - Gully Blocked on PERKINS LANE in Grimston – this is no longer on their list and has been superseded by excessive running water opposite Number 5. Clerk to raise this with LCC – there is a major safety concern if this becomes icy.
- l. LCC REF 849457 - the condition of the Church bank, Main Street Grimston – outstanding
- m. LCC REF 841138 - the condition of the bank at bottom of Ostler Lane – this is no longer on their list – but appears to be part of LCC REF 860523 now.
- n. LCC REF 806373 - signage to prevent long lorries driving down Ostler Lane – IN PLACE but rather underwhelming. As can be seen from these records Ostler Lane is a concern.

**10. Correspondence for information:**

A weekly email is now sent by the Clerk each week to councillors and includes correspondence for information – this did not give rise to any further comments

**11. Correspondence for discussion:**

- Thefts: any information is posted on the community WhatsApp, there is also a farm watch WhatsApp.
- Asfordby Parish Plan – feedback by 01.04.2022 – Clerk to add to website and community WhatsApp. Are there any learnings for us? Clerk to feedback.
- Spring event - Towards a Wilder Wreake Valley - Hosted by Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust Wednesday 6th April 2022 10am-4.30pm Brooksby College, Brooksby – No action
- RCC AWARDS anyone or anything that has a positive impact on your community in Leicestershire or Rutland. Nominations are open until the end of March: PC unanimously agreed to nominate the BHCG. Clerk to action and to send details to BHCG.
- Melton Borough Council is opening the conversation with residents, businesses and community groups about climate change. A survey asking local residents, businesses and organisations for their views is available to complete until 30 April 2022. In addition, throughout the consultation period, the council will be holding numerous engagement events with various groups and individuals, listening to local people and understanding what they want to see happen locally. Clerk to add to website and community WhatsApp
- Leicestershire Waste Partnership (Leicestershire County Council and the 7 districts) are seeking views on the [new Resources and Waste Strategy for Leicestershire](#) as part of a 12 week public consultation. Clerk to add to website and community WhatsApp.
- LCC communication – FREE Biodiversity training – no action
- Access to Nature Plan covering Leicestershire and Rutland correspondence on public access that do not appear on national datasets, e.g., footpaths that may be open as part of an informal agreement and so won't appear on OS maps. The Councillors do not believe this is the case in this parish therefore no action.
- “The Armed Forces Covenant is a pledge that together we acknowledge and understand that those who serve or who have served in the armed forces, and their families, should be treated with fairness and respect in the communities, economy and society they serve with their lives. More information is available at: <https://www.armedforcescovenant.gov.uk/>  
 If your Parish Council would be interested in signing The Armed Forces Covenant or learning more about it, please get in touch at [victoria.coomber@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:victoria.coomber@charnwood.gov.uk) where I will be able to help and discuss with you in more detail.” Clerk to establish what is involved and present at the next meeting.

**12. Clerk's Finance Report**

- a. Financial report since last meeting

Accounts stand at:	21 <sup>st</sup> January 2022	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Changes from 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan
Reserve Account	£3,501.25	£3,501.25	No change
Current Account	£5,333.34	£5,203.13	IN: £0 OUT: £130.21

b. Approval of Payments and note of any receipts. All payments approved and planned before end of March for the year end. Ring fencing of costs that have not yet occurred but budgeted in 2021/2022 to be carried out after year end. (Uncashed cheque of £125 to Saxelbye church dated 11.10.2021).

<b>Who</b>	<b>What for</b>	<b>£</b>
Grimston Village Hall	2-hour hire of Village Hall 28.02.2022	20.00
HSBC	activity charges = £2 + monthly fee £8	10.00
Community Heartbeat	Decommission current unit	60.00
Community Heartbeat	Battery for Grimston defibrillator	310.80
Community Heartbeat	Battery for Saxelbye defibrillator	310.80
Clerk	Clerks salary Jan to March nett	574.26
HMRC	PAYE Jan to March	143.60
	<b>TOTAL =</b>	<b><u>1,429.46</u></b>

c. Approval to continue the short-term delegation of powers for the payment of routine costs unanimously approved.

**13. Any Other Business and agenda points for next meeting**

CLlr Madocks Wright asked when was the last tree survey and how often should they be carried out? There has been no obvious damage during the recent storms.

Boundary changes – have your say – we would become Melton and Syston – Clerk to put onto website and community WhatsApp.

**Date and Venue of the next Meeting is at Grimston Village Hall at 19.30 on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

The Chair closed the meeting at 21.00

<b>Chair to sign the minutes as approved:</b>
<b>Print name:</b>
<b>Date:</b>