

**Minutes of the Great Moulton Parish Council Ordinary Meeting
held in the Coronation Hall Carr Lane Great Moulton NR15 2LD
on Thursday 17 February 2022**

Present: Cllrs John Johnson-Allen (Chair), Carol Bailey, Keith Bailey, Hellen Hammond, Dominic House and Geoff Timms

6 Members of the public were in attendance

1. To consider accepting apologies of absence:

Apologies had been received from Cllr Devlin and County Councillor Duffin which were both duly accepted.

Apologies for absence had also been received from the Clerk due a member of her family being unwell. In her absence Cllr Carol Bailey agreed she would minute the meeting.

2. To record declarations of interest from Council members in any item to be discussed:

Cllrs C Bailey and K Bailey both declared an interest in Item 13 as they are both members of the Coronation Hall Management Committee.

3. To agree and sign the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16 December 2021:

The Minutes of the Meeting were duly agreed, and the Chair signed the Minutes as a true record of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from previous Parish Council meetings:

4.1 Woodrow Lane Bus Stop – The Chair agreed to move discussion of Item 9 on the agenda to this item. Cllr K Bailey asked if there was a cleaning regime in place for the bus stop. It was agreed that a local window cleaner would be approached regarding a timetable for cleaning the bus shelter on an ongoing basis.

4.2 Village Sign area and noticeboard – The new noticeboard had still not been delivered and the Clerk was requested to chase up the suppliers to secure a date for delivery. The Chair stated that he hoped the noticeboard would be in situ for the upcoming Platinum Jubilee

celebrations as well as the cleaning of the Village Sign and the tidying up of the hedge and general area.

- 4.3 Highways Matters – Cllr C Bailey had contacted Adam Mayo, the Highways Officer for the village in October 2021 regarding a reduction of the speed limit on High Green and the ongoing pothole problems in Frith Way. This is still being chased with no less than 4 officers being in receipt of the email but still no communications have been received from them. Cllr C Bailey stated that she felt there was now no other option than to make an official complaint to the Head of Highways and this was agreed by all. Cllr C Bailey would report back on this matter at a future meeting.

5. Public Participation:

5.1 County Councillors Report

Cllr Duffin had extended his apologies but had supplied a written report which was duly noted.

5.2 District Councillors Report:

DC Ridley was not in attendance – no apologies or written report had been received.

5.3 Members of the Public:

The Chair proposed moving this to Item 20 on the agenda. It was further agreed that in future agendas should not contain this item at No 5 as it was a duplication.

6. To receive the RFO's report:

6.1 Balances

The current balances stand at £7731.02 of which £2953.65 is CIL monies. The 2022/2023 S137 amount per elector is £8.82.

6.2 To approve the Payment Schedule

The payments of £374.12 for the Clerks December and January salary and expenses and the payment of £70.05 for petrol and repairs to the cutter were duly proposed and agreed.

7. Planning:

2022/0110 Demolition of existing buildings and construction of new dwelling and garage. Land adjacent to Lark House High Green Great Moulton Norfolk

There were no comments to be made regarding this application and it was recommended for approval.

8. To set the date for the Clerks appraisal

Cllr C Bailey had sent a choice of dates to the Clerk and the Chair and was awaiting confirmation from both.

9. To discuss and approve maintenance and cleaning of the bus shelter

This item had been previously discussed at Item 4.1

10. To discuss and approve action on the improper use of the dog bins

Cllr K Bailey informed the Council that the dog bin situated at the bend of Frith Way and High Green was being used by a member of the public to dispose of carrier bags of dog mess which has presumably been brought from home. In turn, this meant that the said dog bin is overflowing well in advance of its emptying each week. The Chair felt that as it was being used for the right purpose it was hard to say if it constituted misuse. Cllr K Bailey agreed to speak to the member of the public should he see them repeating the behaviour to make them aware of the situation.

11. Register of Interests

Cllr C Bailey reminded the Council there was still one Councillor who had not submitted their Declarations of Interest, and this was a criminal offence. She asked this situation be resolved prior to the Internal Auditor undertaking their report.

12. Platinum Jubilee Celebration – to discuss event being planned by the Coronation Hall

Cllr C Bailey reported the Coronation Hall would be hosting a 'family event' with food and drink available on Saturday 4 June, time, and details to be confirmed. It was hoped that with the aid of grants it would be possible to provide the food free of charge or at a reduced cost to residents. She also requested that the Parish Council work in conjunction with the Hall Committee to ensure the event was a success and this was duly agreed.

13. To discuss and approve the application for a Platinum Jubilee Grant from South Norfolk Council.

Cllr C Bailey was aware that all Town and Parish Council could apply to their local District Councils for a grant of £200 to be used specifically for the event. The grant must be requested by the Parish Council, but they are able to give it local groups and she requested that the Coronation Hall be supported with the grant. It was duly agreed to apply for the grant for use by the Coronation Hall. Cllr C Bailey stated she had also applied to Aslacton Parish Council for a grant of £200 towards the food but was yet to receive a reply or acknowledgment of her email.

14. To approve contribution to a new strimmer for the footpath warden

The footpath warden needed to purchase a new strimmer to conduct works on the local footpaths. Once a suitable model and purchase price had been found the Council agreed they would purchase this equipment.

15. To approve the purchase of a load of wood chippings for the footpaths

This was now not necessary as a large tree had been cut down near the Church and there was a ready supply of wood chippings for use by the footpath warden.

16. Great Moulton Times Report

Cllr Hammond had presented a draft copy of the April edition of the Great Moulton Times and requested comments and ideas. One item on Highways matters was discussed in depth and it was agreed to conduct some more investigation prior to using the material.

17. Correspondence received

- 17.1 Safety Advisory Group – beacons
- 17.2 Norfolk Well-being – Energy advice
- 17.3 Details of the 'One Big Bag Difference' Great British Spring Clean

18. Village Hall Report

The report had been distributed prior to the meeting and forms part of the minutes.

19. Footpath Wardens Report

A report had been received.

20. Public Participation

A member of the public who lives on High Green asked if anything could be done regarding the erosion of land at the sides of the road as it poses a threat to both pedestrians and vehicles with the potential to fall or be knocked into the ditches. Although the Council were sympathetic to this it was felt that as

this is a rural area and with no pathways there is little that can be done to alleviate this problem.

A member of the public who lives on Station Road asked if there would be any possibility of a pathway for pedestrians being put along Station Road. Again this was a situation where the road had not been designed for the amount of traffic that now uses it and the only way a pathway could be successful is if everyone who lives along the road gives up part of their land which is not a viable option. The member of the public stated that she had emailed the Clerk but had received no reply. This is an ongoing situation especially along Carr Lane where the Council had, and continues to, attempt to get the speed limit reduced from 60mph to 30mph. Cllr Hammond reported that the Police had put up a speed monitor for a week but unfortunately the road was closed so there was not enough data available to work with. A further speed monitor would be put up again in the future.

A member of the public who lives on High Green asked about a tree she was unsure was in her garden or the highway as it had needed work. She had emailed the Clerk but had received no reply. Following discussions, it was felt that the tree was in her garden and any advice she needed she would ask a tree surgeon if they could help.

A member of the public who lives on High Green asked the Council if it would be happy for him and his neighbour opposite to each put up a 'beware – hedgehogs' sign. The signs were an approved size and design and the Council felt that this would not pose any problems.

21. To approve the date of the next ordinary meeting of Great Moulton Parish Council and accept items for the agenda.

The date for the next meeting is Thursday 15 March 2022 at 7pm in the Coronation Hall.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Signed:

Dated:

Chair of the Parish Council