

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council
Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on Thursday 2nd June, 2016
in the Parish Rooms, Grundisburgh.

NOTICES had been posted according with regulations.

Present: - Messrs. S.Barnett (in the Chair), G.Caryer, C.Doyle, J.Dunnett, P.Kendall, R.Youngman, Miss.V.Barker, Mrs.S.Grahn,

1. Apologies for absence Mr.D.Higgins, Mr.J.Lapsley, Mrs.J.Bignell, Mrs.A.Willetts, Mrs.P.Ross

2. To receive members declarations of interest. No interests were declared

3. Public Open Forum – relating to item 4 & 5 No members of the public were present

4. To approve a grant of £1,000 to fund the Queens 90th birthday celebrations in Grundisburgh.

Arrangements for the celebrations had been approved at a Council Meeting held on the 9th May, 2016 but no financial provision had been made. Mr.Youngman proposed seconded by Mr.Dunnett, to unanimous approval, that £1,000 be allocated.

5 To approve the change of use of a grant of £125 to the Grundisburgh Symphony Orchestra from music stands to music stands and commissioned music.

Mr. Caryer proposed seconded by Mr.Youngman, to unanimous approval, that the change of use of this grant be approved.

6. To discuss and approve revised Model Standing Orders

Mr.Barnett explained that a working group had held seven meetings, five of which were a line by line review of the latest draft Model Standing Orders and comparisons with the Council's existing Standing Orders. The working group had come to this draft by agreement and not split votes. The principle changes made to the Model were to allow a little more freedom whilst ensuring the Council can do what it needs to and make decisions. There was also an attempt to make the language clearer and so sometimes passages from the previous Standing Orders were retained or incorporated.

Mr Barnett led members through the various parts of the Standing Orders explaining the main changes and asked for any objections to be made. None were.

One specific area where the Council was asked to make a choice was in connection with the proposed Staff Committee. It was agreed that this should be a standing committee and include the Chair and Vice Chair who would have to power to co-opt.

One specific change to note is that all meetings are open to the public and subject to requirements to post public Agendas etc in advance. Another is that meetings may be held anywhere which is not open to serve alcohol rather than the previous identification of two venues only.

Thanks were expressed to the working group for the very thorough way in which they had carried out their work.

The draft will now be passed to SALC for them to identify any conflicts or issues they find prior to being brought to the next meeting.