

Grundisburgh & Culpho Parish Council
Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on the 9th October, 2023
in St.Mary's Church, Grundisburgh

NOTICES had been posted according with regulations.

Present: - Messrs. G.Caryer, B.Cook, C.Dow, A.Dunnett, J.Dunnett, M.Harris, M.Rankin, Mr.I.Rawson, Mrs.A.Willetts (in the chair), and 14 members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Rawson to his first Council Meeting since his co-option.

1. Apologies District Councillors C. Hedgley & D. Clery, Mrs.J.Bignell, Mr.R.Garnham, Mr & Mrs. Herries, Mr.D.Higgins.

2. To receive members Declarations of Interest The following interests were declared
Mrs.A.Willetts, Mr.G.Caryer - Grundisburgh Playing Field Management Committee
Messrs.G.Caryer, B.Cook, M.Harris – Grundisburgh Tennis Club
Mr.M.Harris - Grundisburgh Corner

3. Public Open Forum relating to Item 4

The Chairman said that in January 2023 an information leaflet was delivered to every dwelling in Grundisburgh and Culpho explaining the CIL process and inviting residents to submit their proposals on how this money could best be spent. Over 100 proposals were submitted.

The Parish Council held a Working Group Meeting on the 12th June to review these proposals and whittled them down to 12 which, with the notice and agenda of this meeting, were published on the Parish Council's Web Site and the What's on in Grundisburgh News Group. The Notice was published on the Council's Old Forge Stores Notice Board.

This Public Open Forum session is to give residents an opportunity to make further comments before the Council makes its final decisions in Item 4.

The sum available in £68,392.34. A similar sum is expected in 2024.

It was proposed by Mrs.Willetts seconded by Mr.Caryer, to unanimous approval, that the formal meeting be suspended, and members of the public invited to address the meeting.

The following issues were raised.

- Mr.Wiffen asked what process was used in "whittling down" proposals.. It was explained that there were many duplications and some proposals were unrealistic. More CIL allocation was expected in 2024.
- £20,000 was proposed for the Playing Field Tennis Courts and Pavilion whereas only £500 was allocated for Traffic issues. He called for a rebalancing of the Parish Council's proposals. It was explained that the traffic proposals are dependent on the County Council Highways Department policies which the Parish Council had sought to have clarified for many months. CIL money in the second tranche could be allocated for traffic mitigation projects but the grants already received must be spent now – within five years. District Council funding could be available for some projects.
- Mrs.Dennis said that there was widespread opposition to floodlighting the tennis courts. The cost of the proposed resurfacing was £80,000 and did not include floodlighting. The proposal to close a section of Park Road is dependent on the County Council's policies. Likewise the proposal for a pedestrian crossing on Ipswich Road to the Village Hall. Both would be subjected to public consultation.
- Mr.Franklin said that as the Playing Field Pavilion Roof was nearing the end of its life was the installing of solar panels wise ?
- Mrs.Crown complained that the application for funding for a running track at the Primary School had been rejected and asked for the reasons. It was explained that this received little support but a more detailed explanation would be provided when documents can be accessed.
- Mrs. Smith and Mr. Langdon asked whether new proposals can be submitted. They were assured that the process is ongoing.

4. To determine the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy grant received by the Parish Council.
CIL monies must be spent of the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure or anything else that is concerned with addressing the demands that development has placed on the area.

The 12 proposals and the decisions taken are listed below .

1. Refurbish Pavilion toilets

Costing required. There is no disabled provision. It was agreed that a decision should be deferred.

2. Solar panels on Pavilion roof

Full costing documents available

Total ex VAT £19,083.75

VAT £3,816.75

Total inc. VAT £22,900.50

The roof is currently being surveyed and could need replacing. It was agreed that this proposal should be considered in conjunction with Item 1 and could be part of an application for Heritage Lottery Funding by the Playingfield Management Committee.

It was agreed that a decision should be deferred.

3. Tennis Courts - Resurface

Estimated cost £80,000 inc. VAT. The club's sinking fund is currently £22,000.

It was proposed by Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Dow that the Parish Council should allocate £20,000 dependant on the Tennis Club securing the balance of the funding of the project within the necessary timescale.

4. Traffic Calming Culpho Suffolk County Council Highways to assess the realistic possibilities of Traffic Calming measures at Culpho. If favourable, funding could be available within CIL Tranche 2 in 2024

It was agreed that a decision should be deferred.

5. Traffic Calming Grundisburgh Corner

It was proposed by Mr. Harris seconded by Mr. Dow, to unanimous approval that the Parish Council should allocate £5,000 for the restoration of the existing Safety Scheme.

6. Traffic Calming Lower Road/Park Road

A meeting with Suffolk County Council Highways is to be held to assess the realistic possibilities of Traffic Calming measures at Lower Road/Park Road. If favourable, funding could be available within CIL.

It was agreed that a decision should be deferred.

7. Sand Box for Cranworth Close £194 plus installation cost

It was agreed that there may be more requests for sand boxes.

£1,000 recommended and approved.

8. Pedestrian Crossing Outside New Village Hall

Any proposals would have to be approved by Suffolk County Council Highways. Potentially qualifying for District/CIL

It was agreed that a decision should be deferred.

9. Improve signage at junction of B1079 and Lower Road to deter vehicles from using Lower Rd

Indications are that Suffolk County Council Highways would approve "access only" signs.

£500 recommended.

10. Review Dog Poo bins and provide additional where required £130 plus installation cost

Current locations

Post Mill Gardens

Chapel Road

Weir Pond Green

Meeting Lane (school entrance)

Stoney Road

Malting Lane

Millennium Meadow

A review needed to be conducted. It was felt that more bins were required.

£2,000 recommended and approved.

11. Rebuild bridges etc Millennium Meadow

Quotation received from Greenways and accepted.

Options recommended by Millennium Meadow Warden. Full costings available.

Bridge 1 replacement at a cost of £1440 plus VAT

Bridge 2 repair using timbers recovered from Bridge 1 at a cost of £200 plus VAT

Dipping Platform £1750 plus VAT plus VAT

Desilt pond £400 plus VAT

£5,000 has been awarded. Greenways recommend desilting in September/October (when least wildlife using pond).

12. Remove Notice Board at end of Vine Cottages and replace with Street Name (Vine Cottage)

Mr.J.Dunnett said that residents had said that they were against the notice board being changed.

Mrs. Willetts will consult the three resident who live in the lane.

It was agreed that a decision should be deferred to the next Parish Council Meeting in November.

- £5,000 earmarked for general repairs and upkeep of the Village Green (painting the railings etc)
- Contact Flagship regarding lighting along the footpath from Cranworth Close past the Old School. This was recognised as a worthy project and if needed, funding could be available within CIL Tranche 2 in 2024 Flag Ship (Callum James) are preparing detailed plans at the moment. They will be consulting within the village and will consider the proposal to include some “low level “lighting” on the footpath at the back of the Old School.
- Contact Otley College regarding the construction and flitting of Bat and Bird Boxes on appropriate trees throughout the community. In hand.
- Mrs. Willetts to speak with Hopkins Homes regarding footpath refurbishment from the Playing Field to Post Mill Orchard. This was recognised as a worthy project and if needed, funding could be available within CIL Tranche 2 in 2024..
- An additional request has been made for a contribution towards the cost of a new Scout Headquarters.

It was proposed by Mr. Dow seconded by Mr. Rankin that Items 7, 10, 12 and £5,000 earmarked for general repairs and maintenance for the Village Green should be approved. 8 members voting for. Mr.J.Dunnett abstained.

Summary

3. Tennis Courts	£20,000
5. Grundisburgh Corner	£5,000
7. Sandboxes	£1,000
9. Lower Road signage	£500
10. Dog Poo bins	£2,000
12. Millenium Meadow	£5,000
Village Green Maintenance	<u>£5,000</u>
TOTAL	£38,500

Note: Some of these proposals may qualify for the District Councils share of CIL monies.