

**MINUTES OF THE GRESSENHALL ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2021  
FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AT 7:35PM VIA ZOOM**

9962 Present: Councillor Beazley Councillor Reader  
Councillor Crisp Councillor Bunning  
Councillor Harris Councillor Melton  
Councillor Keidan District Councillor Atterwill

2 members of the public.

9963 Thanks were given to the Chairman for his time and work over the past 12 months. Despite being a challenging year, the parish council managed to meet and carry on with its duties. Acknowledgement and thanks to the time the Chairman spent in between meetings was given. To elect the Chairman – Councillor Melton invited nominations for the office of Chairman. Councillor Beazley was nominated by Councillor Reader and seconded by Councillor Crisp. With no further nominations, all agreed to elect Councillor Beazley to serve as Chairman for the coming twelve months. Clerk will arrange for Councillor Beazley to sign the Declaration of Acceptance of Office book.

9964 To elect the Vice-Chairman – Councillor Beazley invited nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman. Councillor Melton was nominated by Councillor Beazley and seconded by Councillor Reader. With no further nominations, all agreed to elect Councillor Melton to serve as Vice-Chairman for the coming twelve months. Clerk to arrange Councillor Melton to signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office book.

9965 Declarations of interest – All councillors declared an interest in The Swan Public House. Councillor Crisp declared an interest in 3 Park Farm Cottages planning application.

9966 Minutes 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 - The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2021 were confirmed as a correct record. Councillor Reader proposed that the minutes be signed. This was seconded by Councillor Harris and all councillors present agreed.

9967 Progress on items not on the agenda from previous meetings – Councillor Beazley to contact Nick Saunders re the posts around The Green.

9968 A discussion took place re the survey of the younger population in obtaining their views. A questionnaire was discussed, possibly advertising in the News and Views or meeting during the summer fete. Councillor Keidan suggested having 2/3 Youth Representatives who can feed ideas, informally, at parish council meetings. This will be given some thought.

The meeting was opened to the public for their comments at 7:45pm.

9969 A resident raised concerns with the increased number of pedestrians and cyclists who will be visiting the pub, and the blind corner at Litcham Road/Bittering Street. It was asked whether a mirror could be erected on the highway. Clerk to discuss with Councillor Kiddle-Morris. Put on agenda for next meeting.

9970 A resident reported that a tree had fallen on the playing field near to the allotments. Councillor Crisp has already removed the tree.

That being all the parish council meeting resumed at 7:52pm.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

9971 Update on COVID-19 – It was agreed for the parish council to write to the vaccination team at Swanton Morley surgery to thank them for their efficiency and hard work vaccinating the community.

9972 Reporting of Highway Matters – Some pot holes in the village have been sprayed with white paint which highlights being ready to repair. The roads are in a terrible state especially Dereham Road. Councillor Kiddle-Morris has taken a look and it appears two pipes run under the road which are the responsibility of the landowner, who has been contacted.

9973 Update on Affordable Housing Scheme – Councillor Beazley has been in touch with Hastoe who are moving

forward. It is hoped that when social distancing eases, a public consultation can be arranged in the summer.

- 9974 Community Car Scheme Update – It has been a quiet month with 310 miles covered. Thanks were given to Ann and her drivers.
- 9975 Update on The Swan Community Group – Report in the Annual Parish Meeting minutes.
- 9976 Update of the Parish Partnership Funding for 2020/21 – Councillor Kiddle-Morris is chasing the gateway with NCC.
- 9977 Update of the Parish Partnership Funding for 2021/22 – Councillor Beazley to contact Nick Saunders. It was agreed by all councillors present to remove the unsightly bars opposite the shop and replace with wooden posts which are close together so cars cannot park in between them.
- 9978 To provide an update on internet banking – All councillors have completed outstanding actions which have been sent to Barclays.
- 9979 To discuss the SAM2 data – The SAM2 data was circulated to councillors. It was agreed that the charts do not give the information required. A breakdown of speeds and times would be more beneficial to gauge a view as to whether speed limits are improving. Clerk to look into.
- 9980 To provide an update on Blackwater – Councillors Beazley and Crisp met with a representative from the Water Management Alliance. It appears that WMA do not look after that part of the river but has forwarded all the information on to the Environment Agency.
- 9981 To discuss planning matters – 3 Park Farm Cottages, Change of agricultural land to facilitate the use of residential garden land and the erection of 2 bay cart lodge – Councillor Crisp withdrew from discussions. All councillors present in the discussion had no objections to this application.
- 9982 Report from District Councillor Atterwill – In March, Councillor Atterwill was contacted by an elderly resident of Flagship Housing whose boiler had broken. She had contacted the Association who said they would not be able to attend until the next week. Councillor Atterwill contacted Flagship who are now changing their procedures to attend within 24 hours with a better service going forward. The Chairman thanked Councillor Atterwill for his attendance and advice over the year. Councillor Atterwill responded that Gressenhall has a very positive parish council and village.
- 9983 Report from County Councillor Kiddle-Morris – A generic report was circulated to all councillors.
- 9984 To approve the 2020-21 Annual Governance and Accountability Return – The report was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. All councillors agreed to the content of the return.
- 9985 To approve the 2020-21 Income and Expenditure account – The accounts were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. All councillors agreed the accounts. Clerk to arrange for the Chairman to sign the AGAR and accounts.
- 9986 Approve May payments - Clerk salary and expenses - £318.19, HMR&C - £72.00, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme PC - £33.65, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme BC - £38.75, TTSR Limited - £971.94, Zurich Municipal - £437.00.
- 9987 Councillor Reader proposed payment of the above. This was seconded by Councillor Melton and all councillors present agreed.
- 9988 Reports from councillors – Councillor Crisp requested the picnic table in the play area be added to the next agenda. The current table is rotten and has been vandalised. A more robust table is required.
- 9989 Councillor Harris proposed a village litter pick. A resident will contact Breckland to see if the equipment can be borrowed and arrange collection of the waste. It was suggested to hold the pick after the verges have been cut which is normally early June. More details available at the next meeting. Thanks were given to the resident for organising.
- 9990 Councillor Harris referred back to the complaints received last year with regard to unsocial noise in the village. He was pleased to hear that this had improved.

- 9991 Councillor Harris discussed the voting of planning applications ahead of time. It was agreed that the Clerk would review comments from neighbours on all applications and inform councillors of any objections before the parish council comments are submitted.
- 9992 Councillor Beazley received information regarding Maiu Haiu Festival which is due to take place in August. Looking at the traffic issues with the Horse Fair, it was agreed to contact the organisers for reassurance that the traffic movements are given suitable consideration. Councillor Beazley and Clerk to draft a response.

In the absence of any further business, the meeting closed at 8:40pm. The next meeting of Gressenhall Parish Council will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 @ 7pm.

Signed: Councillor Beazley

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021