

MINUTES OF THE GRESSENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER 2021 AT 7:00PM IN THE READING ROOM

10092 Present: Councillor Beazley Councillor Bunning  
Councillor Keidan Councillor Crisp  
Councillor Melton Councillor Reader  
Councillor Harris District Councillor Atterwill  
4 members of the public.

10093 Apologies: County Councillor Kiddle-Morris

10094 Declarations of interest – All councillors (except Councillor Bunning) declared an interest in The Swan Public House.

10095 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 – The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10096 Progress on items not on the agenda from previous meetings – Clerk to add notice of the recycling income in the next edition of the News and Views.

The meeting was opened to the public for their comments at 7:05pm.

10097 A resident thanked the parish council for meeting indoors as it was good to get back to ‘normal’. The resident also enquired about the Longwater application as was unsure what it related to. The Chairman explained about the proposed application for two mineral extraction sites along Bilney Road and that the parish council thought that another two sites were not required as there is currently an active pit very close by.

10098 A discussion took place regarding the glass and clothes recycling bins at the social club. The Chairman clarified that all glass recycled through the recycling bank earns the parish council an annual payment (£221.07 for last year). Glass recycled through the household bins does not contribute towards this payment. Last year the clothing bank raised £188.15. Residents are encouraged to use the banks for their recycling.

10099 A resident thanked the resident who cut the hedge at the four way cross roads.

10100 A resident reported concerns of the overgrown hedge of the derelict piece of land along Litcham Road/Rougholme Close. The hedge combined with the narrow footpath means the pedestrians have to step in the road to pass. It was agreed for the clerk to write to the landowner in the first instance.

10101 A resident commented on pot holes which had been painted with white paint which has now nearly faded. They enquired as to when these will be filled. Clerk to chase Highways.

That being all the parish council meeting resumed at 7:15pm.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

10102 Update on COVID-19 – Councillors agreed it was good to be in person meeting in the Reading Room.

10103 Reporting of Highway Matters – It was reported that pot holes have been filled along Longham Lane. Longham Road still has not been filled and a dangerous pot hole was reported at the junction on Stoney Lane. Clerk to report. There are many still to be filled. Councillor Atterwill will send the Clerk a spreadsheet Swanton Morley uses to keep track of reporting and chasing. The junction near the scout hut is also very dangerous. Clerk to refer this to Councillor Kiddle-Morris. The verge cutting, which should have taken place in May/June has now taken place in September. It was

suggested the clerk write to Highways to ask them to confirm the arrangements for next year. If the parish council are not happy with the response, clerk to find out if a rebate will be given and the parish council arranges its own cutting.

- 10104 Update on Affordable Housing Scheme – No update.
- 10105 Community Car Scheme Update – A quiet month with 21 journeys. Ann and her drivers were thanked for their continued support.
- 10106 Update on The Swan Community Group – Work is going well although there have been less volunteers due to the summer. Volunteers are welcomed especially Wednesday and Saturdays. There is a volunteer WhatsApp group available for anyone wishing to help out.
- 10107 Update of the Parish Partnership Funding for 2020/21 – Councillor Kiddle-Morris is pursuing this with the highway engineer.
- 10108 Update of the Parish Partnership Funding for 2021/22 – A discussion took place regarding the size of the posts to be installed. It was agreed to meet on The Green with the posts.
- 10109 To discuss Parish Partnership Funding 2022/23 requirements – Parish Partnership Funding bids for 2022/23 need to be submitted by 10<sup>th</sup> December. It was agreed to put a note in the News and Views to see if residents had any Highways ideas for use of the funding.
- 10110 To provide an update on internet banking – Clerk to visit Branch.
- 10111 To discuss Himalayan Balsam at the playing field – The window of opportunity has passed. Clerk to add to agenda in February/March next year.
- 10112 Update on the Maui Wauai Festival – It was agreed to write to the organisers and ask the signs are removed from surrounding roads. Clerk to also ask that if the event is to take place next year, that all relevant parties are informed well in advance.
- 10113 Update on the Longwater Planning Application – Nothing to report.
- 10114 To update on obtaining views of younger residents – The Parish Council Information board was well read at the fete. It was hoped that this would encourage more of the community to get involved with parish council meetings.
- 10115 To discuss the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon - The Fete Committee will give thought to this now the fete has happened.
- 10116 Update on the hedge at the bottom of the allotments – Nick Saunders has been asked to see to this.
- 10117 Update on the missing barrier at The Drift – A resident inquired about putting a barrier halfway along The Drift. As this is a Public Right of Way councillors agreed that this is not possible. which we were against as this is a public Right of way. Nic Saunders has been asked to replace the missing barrier near the playing field to prevent vehicles from driving to the allotments from the drift.
- 10118 Update on doctors’ consultation – The current practice manager is due to retire soon but a replacement is due to start on 1<sup>st</sup> November. Even though a thorough response was received, two points are still outstanding which Councillor Keidan will chase up. The Patient Participant Group has not met for a period. A resident attending the meeting is part of the PPG and will enquire when the group will start meeting again.

- 10119 To discuss the PCC and Highways webinar – NALC have advertised a Highways webinar. The webinar covering the South is tomorrow. The clerk will attend and any councillor wishing to attend can contact NALC for an invite.
- 10120 Update on the Village Fete – Thanks were given to the Fete Committee for another wonderful event.
- 10121 To confirm External Auditors Report – The External Audit result was formally acknowledged. There were no issues and all notices have been displayed in the parish board and on the website.
- 10122 To review SAM2 data – The data seems to indicate that cars are slowing through the village when the sign is present. One car was recorded at 65mph. The data will continue to be monitored.
- 10123 To discuss resident’s concern re speeding car along The Drift/Park Road – This was covered in in point 10117.
- 10124 To discuss the caravan parked in the Social Club – The caravan has not moved. Clerk tried to deliver a letter to the owner’s partner but the address appears to be wrong. Clerk to try and find the correct address.
- 10125 To discuss damaged ‘no parking’ sign – Councillor Bunning has repaired the sign.
- 10126 To discuss planning applications:
- Mr R Duffield – Carm-Chil – Councillors had no objection to this application. Comments were recorded before the 19<sup>th</sup> August deadline.
  - Vanguard Application – Information was received from NALC highlighting the issues with the Offshore Transmission Network. Following a discussion, it was agreed by all Councillors to support other parish councils in promoting a more joined up policy for bringing offshore energy into the National Grid. Clerk to inform Alison Shaw.
- 10127 Report from District Councillor Atterwill – Councillor Atterwill reported issues with Serco waste collection and grass cutting contracts. There are serious issues with lack of man power. Due to Brexit, many drivers have return home overseas.
- 10128 Report from County Councillor Kidde-Morris – Councillor Kiddle-Morris’ report was circulated to councillors.
- 10129 To Approve August payments - Clerk salary and expenses - £303.05, HMR&C - £72.00, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme PC - £57.05, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme BC - £60.25, PKF Littlejohn LLP - £240.00.
- 10130 Councillor Reader proposed payment of the above. This was seconded by Councillor Crisp and all councillors present agreed.
- 10131 Reports from councillors – Councillor Crisp acknowledged that the clerk is now employed at the Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse. He also asked if there were any objections to clearing weeds and scrub from the village pond. All councillors agreed this was fine.
- 10132 Councillor Bunning informed the meeting that he had trimmed the bottom of the trees on The Green but there were some large branches high up which will need attention before the Christmas Light Switch On. Clerk to ask Nick Saunders.
- 10133 Correspondence – A letter was received from a resident of The Green. A sycamore tree which was cut back is now growing into her garden. It was agreed to ask Nick Saunders to have a look at this too.

In the absence of any further business, the meeting closed at 8:25pm. The next meeting of Gressenhall Parish Council will be held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021 @ 7:00pm.

Signed: Councillor Beazley

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021