

MINUTES OF THE GRESSENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 1ST
NOVEMBER 2021 AT 7:00PM IN THE READING ROOM

10177 Present: Councillor Melton Councillor Keidan
Councillor Crisp Councillor Bunning
Councillor Reader Councillor Harris
District Councillor Atterwill

4 members of the public.

10178 Apologies: Councillor Beazley, District Councillor Duffield, County Councillor Kiddle-Morris

10179 Declarations of interest – All councillors (except Councillor Bunning) declared an interest in The Swan Public House.

10180 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held 4th October 2021 – The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th October 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

10181 Progress on items not on the agenda from previous meetings – None

The meeting was opened to the public for their comments at 7:02pm.

10182 There were no comments from the public.

That being all the parish council meeting resumed at 7:03pm.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

10183 Update on COVID-19 – There seems to be more localised COVID cases and people isolating. The Vice-Chairman urged everyone to remain sensible, vigilant and to look after each other in the community.

10184 Reporting of Highway Matters – Pot holes were still reported as being untreated along Church Lane near Hall Farm Cottages. Councillor Keidan asked if Highways could explain why these are not being treated. Clerk to contact Councillor Kiddle-Morris re outstanding items including pot holes and resurfacing of the layby opposite Bunnings, flooding near the entrance to Panhard Drive and flooding opposite NGF Play. Councillor Atterwill reported that next year NCC will provide verge cutting and grass estates cutting on a reduced service of 4 cuts a year. It was agreed for the clerk to contact the Highways Engineer to see if budget would be available for parishes to fund their own verge and hedge cutting.

10185 Update on Affordable Housing Scheme – Slow and steady progress is being made.

10186 Community Car Scheme Update – It has been a busy month with 45 passengers travelling 820 miles to surgeries including Dussingdale, Bowthorpe and Walsingham. Ann and her drivers were thanked for their continued support.

10187 Update on The Swan Community Group – The pub is looking good with the new window frames and paint. The glass is due to be fitted in the windows tomorrow. There is interest in the management position. Thanks were given to the volunteers for their work and time.

10188 Update of the Parish Partnership Funding for 2020/21 – Councillor Kiddle-Morris is pursuing this with the highway engineer.

10189 Update of the Parish Partnership Funding for 2021/22 – Clerk to email Norfolk Woods and Hedges and request the work to be completed by end February 2022.

- 10190 To discuss Parish Partnership Funding 2022/23 requirements – No response has yet been received from the News and Views. Clerk to add again to the next edition. Parish Partnership Funding bids for 2022/23 need to be submitted by 10th December.
- 10191 To provide an update on internet banking – Another mandate has been received to confirm Councillor Crisp’s signature as it has changed over time.
- 10192 Update on the Longwater Planning Application – Nothing to report. Remove from agenda.
- 10193 To update on obtaining views of younger residents – No response has been received from the article in the News and Views. It was agreed to put the article in the next issue.
- 10194 To discuss the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon – It was agreed for the clerk to forward all future correspondence regarding the Jubilee to the Fete Committee.
- 10195 Update on the hedge at the bottom of the allotments – Remove from agenda.
- 10196 Update on the missing barrier at The Drift – Remove from the agenda.
- 10197 Update on doctors’ consultation – Councillor Keidan is in talks with the surgery requesting information to publish in the News and Views so residents are aware of how the surgery are accepting bookings etc. Councillor Atterwill has also been in contact with the Deputy Practice Manager. Following a partner meeting, it was agreed that a piece will be circulated for publishing in village magazines. A new telephone system will also be installed in December.
- 10198 To discuss vandalism at the playing field and quotes for new picnic bench – Councillor Reader is to measure the base for the picnic table. To discuss at the next meeting.
- 10199 To discuss reports of dog fouling at St Nicholas Court and proposed dog mess bin – It was agreed for the clerk to order a new dog mess bin to be installed near St Nicholas Court. Clerk to complete a street furniture application to Breckland.
- 10200 To discuss The Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill – Discussed at previous meeting. Remove from agenda.
- 10201 To discuss the playing field now that Gressenhall no longer has a football team – It was agreed to leave the nets for the time being as people may still use the nets. It was agreed to add to the March agenda and also add a note in the News and Views for residents’ views about removing the nets and posts.
- 10202 To discuss requirements for next year’s precept – The clerk will be preparing budgets for next year’s precept requirement. Councillors were asked to forward any proposed projects/costs to the clerk so these can be taken into account. Documents will be forwarded in the next week ready to be agreed at the next meeting.
- 10203 To discuss the trees on The Green – Councillors met to discuss the trees on The Green. One oak tree near the layby will be removed as it dying. A new oak will be planted in its place. A memorial tree (flowering cherry) will also be planted on The Green.
- 10204 To discuss Breckland’s Landscape and Settlement Character Assessment Survey – The survey was emailed to all Councillors. Clerk to complete the survey with Councillor Melton.
- 10205 To discuss planning applications:
- Dunfor Hole Barn Lane, Church Lane - Change of use of agricultural building to residential holiday let – All councillors present had no objections to this application.

- Norfolk Vanguard Application – No further information - remove from agenda.

10206 Report from District Councillor Atterwill – Councillor Atterwill recommended asking Breckland for a copy of the Local Development Framework information to assist with completing the survey. No further information has been received regarding the pest infestation. A spreadsheet which is used for recording items reported to Highways was forwarded to the clerk. Breckland are running an Inspiring Communities scheme working with outside agencies. There is advice on Domestic Abuse, Silver Social and mental health training. Information has been requested to be shared with parishes. It was agreed to share the mental health training information with the Gressenhall Response Group. Directors of Breckland are visiting communities to discuss any issues. The Local Plan review was called in to the Overview and Scrutiny committee which successfully resulted in going back to cabinet for review. This will hopefully reduce the timetable where existing policies are out of date. It will go back to Cabinet on 15th November.

10207 To approve October payments - Clerk salary and expenses - £292.10, HMR&C - £72.00, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme PC - £92.90, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme BC - £102.50.

10208 Councillor Reader proposed payment of the above. This was seconded by Councillor Crisp and all councillors present agreed.

10209 Reports from councillors – Councillor Keidan proposed looking to plant more trees via the One Million Trees for Norfolk Campaign. Clerk to contact Councillor Kiddle-Morris. Councillor Keidan also requested the Norfolk Pond Project to be added to the next agenda.

10210 Correspondence – A photo was received of a branch which had fallen into a garden in Swan Lane. Clerk to find out if the trees have a TPO ready for the next meeting.

In the absence of any further business, the meeting closed at 8:05pm. The next meeting of Gressenhall Parish Council will be held on Monday 6th December 2021 @ 7:00pm.

Signed: Councillor Melton

Date: 6th December 2021