

MINUTES OF THE GRESSENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022  
AT 7:00PM IN THE READING ROOM

10418 Present:           Councillor Beazley                   Councillor Bunning  
                          Councillor Harris                   Councillor Reader  
                          Councillor Keidan                  Councillor Crisp  
                          District Councillor Atterwill

5 members of the public.

10419 Accepted Apologies: Councillor Melton, County Councillor Kiddle-Morris

10420 Declarations of interest – All councillors (except Councillor Bunning) declared an interest in The Swan Public House, Councillor Reader declared an interest in matters relating to the play area.

10421 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

10422 Progress on items not on the agenda from previous meetings – None

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

10423 A resident reported a water leak at Common Drift. Another water leak was also reported along Bittering Street. Clerk to report.

10424 A resident reminded the parish council that a meeting is due to be arranged at The Green to discuss the pond and the possibility of a working group to tend the verges. Councillor Melton has contacted a pond specialist for advice. A meeting will be arranged following this.

That being all the parish council meeting resumed at 7:05pm.

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

10425 Reporting of Highway Matters – Pot holes were reported along Longham Lane although only one pot hole has received white paint. Clerk to ensure all other pot holes are due to be filled. Clerk to chase the broken sign along Litcham Road near the museum. Clerk to obtain an update from Councillor Kiddle-Morris regarding the layby pot hole at Dereham Road, 30mph limit along Dereham Road and flooding near Panhard Drive.

An email was received from NCC who agreed to fund £731 for verge cutting from next year. A funding figure for the parish council to take over the rural cut will be sent later in the week. It was agreed M P Dennis would be asked to quote for the verge cutting. Clerk to obtain maps of where NCC and BDC currently cut and circulate to all councillors. A discussion took place regarding public liability insurance and it was agreed that the clerk will inform the insurance company of this change for next year. It was also agreed that any contractor who takes on the verge/grass cutting, has adequate insurance cover.

10426 Update on Affordable Housing Scheme – The scheme is proceeding slowly although it is not yet known the effects of the nutrient neutrality situation.

10427 Community Car Scheme Update – The car scheme had a quiet month with 684 miles covered. Thanks were given to Ann M for covering the coordinating for three weeks.

10428 Update on The Swan Community Group and to discuss the grant request received – An email was circulated by the Community Group containing receipts for five galvanised trough planters, gravel for the front of the pub, baby changing table, disabled parking signs and a bicycle stand. These are

the items the parish council had agreed to fund. All councillors agreed to the payment of £1,625 for these items and a cheque will be arranged at the next meeting.

- 10429 Update of the Parish Partnership Funding for 2021/22 – The invoice was received for the works at a higher price than initially quoted. The removal and disposal of old posts was a bigger job than initially thought. All councillors agreed that The Green looked really good and all agreed to pay the invoice. There are still a few posts to remove on the southern green and it was agreed that two posts would be required on the corner. A car was seen over the weekend driving across The Green (over the grass) so councillors agreed to see if additional posts are required near the layby.
- 10430 To provide an update on internet banking – Councillor Beazley to contact Barclays.
- 10431 Update on the work list for Norfolk Woods and Hedges - List to be circulated to councillors.
- 10432 To discuss upgrading the social club carpark – Councillor Crisp will arrange purchase of the materials and will be reimbursed by the parish council. The work will be completed while the weather is dry.
- 10433 To confirm meeting date to discuss quotes and funding opportunities for goal/rebound area on the playing field – A meeting was arranged during the month for residents to come and put forward their thoughts for equipment for older children. It was a very productive meeting with 21 residents of mixed ages, all putting forward their thoughts and wishes. A ‘wish list’ was created which included football nets, rebound area with basketball hoops, zipwire, cycle track, cricket nets, outdoor gym, skate park, Astro pitch for 5-a-side and seating. It was agreed to create a small working group consisting of Councillors Harris, Reader and the clerk who will report back to the parish council. A meeting will be arranged to which Councillor Atterwill will be invited. The parish council would like to thank those residents who attended the meeting. Regular updates will be emailed to everyone.
- 10434 To discuss the annual play inspection report – A resurfacing quote was received and discussed. It was agreed to try and obtain funding within the proposed scheme for the play equipment.
- 10435 To discuss Woodland Trust free trees for communities – Trees will also be available through Councillor Kiddle-Morris in the autumn.
- 10436 To discuss the Defibrillator training and V.E.T.S – All details of the VETS scheme will be in the next News and Views. Volunteers to contact the clerk.
- 10437 Update on Elmham Surgery – No formal response has been received from the surgery. There are still problems accessing the surgery which have been experienced by councillors personally. Councillors Keidan and Harris will continue communications with the surgery.
- 10438 Update on the Balsam Bash at the playing field – Around 7 volunteers attending the bash where the majority of balsam was pulled. Thank you to those who attended.
- 10439 To discuss the SAM2 data – Speed data seems to show a slight increase in speeds which could be due to the lighter evenings. The highest speed recorded was 60mph at around midnight one evening. It is thought that the gateways are helping in slowing down traffic coming from Litcham and the parish council would like to know resident’s thoughts about obtaining funding for a set of gateways along Litcham Road coming from the Museum. Any comments can be sent to the clerk.
- 10440 To discuss the complaint re cars parking around The Green – A resident emailed photos of The Green with cars parked around it. The back page of the News and Views makes suggestions of safe parking and a copy of this will be put in the parish noticeboard. Parking will be monitored.

10441 To discuss invitation to bid for Parish Partnership Funding 2023/24 – The highways engineer had suggested that the extension to the pavement along the side of the pub could be part funded by this funding. Clerk to contact engineer to obtain quote.

To discuss planning applications –.

10442 No applications received this month.

10443 Report from District Councillor Atterwill – Councillor Atterwill informed councillors that funding was available for fencing should a tree nursery be needed. Clerk to contact Swanton Morley Clerk. Councillor Atterwill also offered assistance with finding suitable funding and attending meetings about the play equipment.

10444 To approve June payments - Clerk salary and expenses - £327.46, HMR&C - £77.20, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme PC - £80.20, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme BC - £85.50, Glasdon (UK) Limited - £638.17, Norfolk Woods and Hedges Limited - £5,397.00.

10445 Councillor Crisp proposed payment of the above. This was seconded by Councillor Reader and all councillors present agreed.

10446 Reports from councillors – Councillor Crisp informed the meeting that he will be hosting a meeting of Operation Randall with the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Norfolk Chief Constable at his farm buildings on October 5<sup>th</sup> from 2pm-4pm.

10447 Councillor Reader confirmed he had received delivery of the new bench which will be installed soon.

10448 Correspondence – Telephone call received from resident whose son was nearly hit by a speeding car while crossing the road after getting off the school bus. As discussed earlier in the meeting, speed data is regularly monitored and opinions are being sought from residents about installing a gateway the museum end of Litcham Road.

In the absence of any further business, the meeting closed at 8:35pm. The next Ordinary Parish meeting will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022@ 7:00pm.

Signed: Councillor Beazley

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022