

MINUTES OF THE GRESSENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND AUGUST
2022 AT 7:00PM IN THE READING ROOM

10450 Present: Councillor Beazley Councillor Bunning
Councillor Harris Councillor Reader
Councillor Keidan Councillor Crisp
District Councillor Duffield

6 members of the public.

10451 Accepted Apologies: Councillor Melton, County Councillor Kiddle-Morris, District Councillor Atterwill

10452 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.

10453 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held 5th July 2022 – The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th July 2022 were confirmed as a correct record.

10454 Progress on items not on the agenda from previous meetings – None

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

10455 A resident informed the meeting that June minutes were published in the News and Views instead of the July.

10456 A resident expressed concern with deliveries to the pub. Delivery drivers are parking on the corner to unload which obscures the view for other road users putting drivers' safety at risk. This will be passed on to the pub.

10457 A resident enquired whether the speed limit could be reduced along Litcham Road. The resident, when exiting their drive, is concerned about speeding cars coming round the bend. It was explained that previous efforts to reduce the speed limit have been declined. Speed monitoring measures are in place with the SAM2 sign and it was discussed about turning the sign in the other direction to monitor speed from cars coming from the museum end. A mirror was suggested so the resident could see what vehicles were approaching.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

10458 Reporting of Highway Matters – The rangers are due in the village this week. White paint has highlighted pot holes to repair. Councillor Kiddle-Morris took the highways engineer to look at the area which floods along Bittering Street near Panhard Drive. It was agreed that photos would be taken when the next rain falls. Clerk to check the 30mph sign is reinstated along Litcham Road within the 6-week time limit. The clerk obtained a parish map showing the parish boundary. Clerk to send to Councillor Harris to print A3.

10459 Update on Affordable Housing Scheme – The scheme is proceeding slowly although it is not yet known the effects of the nutrient neutrality situation will have on the scheme.

10460 Community Car Scheme Update – The car scheme had a quiet month with 536 miles covered. The coordinator claimed for an ink cartridge out of expenses. An article in the EDP stated that the price per mile has been temporarily increased to 60p. It was agreed Gressenhall drivers would receive 55ppm until the price of petrol reduces. This was agreed by all councillors present.

- 10461 To provide an update on internet banking – Councillor Beazley to contact Barclays.
- 10462 Update on the work list for Norfolk Woods and Hedges - Councillor Crisp prepared a map showing hedges which need cutting at the playing field and where there is a fallen branch which needs moving. Councillor Beazley to speak with Norfolk Woods and Hedges to see if they are able to complete this work.
- 10463 To discuss upgrading the social club carpark – The work should be completed within 3/4 weeks.
- 10464 Update on the playing field funding project – Councillors Reader and Harris met with the Beetley resident who ran the recent fundraising to purchase play equipment, to discuss the recent funding application. She provided some great information on preparing the funding application as well as fundraising. It was agreed to ask in the News and Views for any residents with the appropriate skill set for obtaining funding and community fundraising to come forward to join a sub-committee to take the project forward. All councillors agreed to this.
- 10465 To discuss the annual play inspection report – Actions being addressed.
- 10466 To discuss the Defibrillator training and V.E.T.S – All details of the VETS scheme are in the News and Views this month. Any resident wishing to volunteer to contact the Clerk. Ten volunteers are needed.
- 10467 Update on Elmham Surgery – No feedback was received and there are continuing problems and staff shortages. Councillor Keidan spoke with the practice manager and was told of future planning where patients can access the surgery online. Patients being asked to call early is being addressed. The parish council feel that this is unacceptable and causes difficulty for those who have to work or have young families. The practice manager is going to prepare an article for the News and Views. Residents who attended the recent PPG meeting are being invited to join Hingham PPG meeting. The parish council recognise the care given when accessing the surgery is good it's the accessing the care which needs improvement. This will continue to be monitored.
- 10468 To discuss request for fundraising event on The Green – A resident contacted the parish council seeking permission to hold a fundraising event on The Green. The event will take place on 24th September from 2:30pm-10:30pm and will consist of live music, food and a bar. All funds raised will be donated to EACH charity. The Charity Trustees have been contacted and have given their permission. All councillors agreed to give permission for this event and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the parish council insurance company to see if the event could be covered by the parish council.
- 10469 To discuss invitation to bid for Parish Partnership Funding 2023/24 – It was agreed to obtain a quote to extend the pavement outside The Swan up to the cart shed. No comments have yet come forward from residents regarding another gateway the museum end of Litcham Road.
- 10470 To discuss maintenance of the village pond – The pond man will visit Gressenhall in the autumn to look at the pond on The Green. In the meantime, Councillor Crisp to contact Councillor Melton about tidying the pond while it is dry.
- To discuss planning applications –.
- 10471 No applications received this month.
- 10472 Report from District Councillor Duffield – Councillor Duffield confirmed the affordable housing scheme is moving forward slowly and that solicitors and surveyors are being appointed. It is not known what effect the nutrient neutrality situation will have on the project. Councillor Duffield will look into why the social club bins haven't been emptied for the last 5 weeks.

- 10473 Report from County Councillor Kiddle-Morris – This was circulated to all councillors.
- 10474 To approve Julye payments - Clerk salary and expenses - £308.70, HMR&C - £77.00, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme PC - £86.90, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme BC - £88.50, Gressenhall Reading Room - £12.00.
- 10475 Councillor Harris proposed payment of the above. This was seconded by Councillor Crisp and all councillors present agreed.
- 10476 Reports from councillors – None.
- 10477 Correspondence – An email was received from Breckland regarding the upcoming Maui Wauī Festival. The email confirmed that the event organisers will be undertaking a leaflet drop to local residents regarding the event which will contain a direct reporting line to them which residents can use.

In the absence of any further business, the meeting closed at 8:15pm. The next Ordinary Parish meeting will be held on Tuesday 6th September 2022@ 7:00pm.

Signed:

R Beazley

Date: 6th September 2022