

MINUTES OF THE GRESSENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH OCTOBER
2022 AT 7:00PM IN THE READING ROOM

10515 Present: Councillor Beazley Councillor Bunning
 Councillor Harris Councillor Reader
 Councillor Melton Councillor Crisp
 District Councillor Atterwill

4 members of the public, 2 members of Hastoe Housing Association.

Update from Hastoe Housing Association of the Public Consultation

Two representatives of Hastoe were welcomed and introduced to the meeting. They provided an update of the day's consultation where many residents called in to discuss the scheme. Overall, there was a positive response and a full report of feedback will be provided. Some highway concerns were highlighted including the possibility of a footpath for pedestrians to safely walk south towards the village, the speed of traffic along that part of the street, double decker bus and ambulance access. The adjoining owners were not aware of the scheme as they had only moved around 2 years ago and the scheme was in its early stages a few years before this. There could be a possible bat issue which will be looked into during the bat season. The consultation remains open and residents are encouraged to send their comments to the clerk. All feedback will be discussed at the next meeting.

The question was raised as to how the houses will be allocated. There will be a legal agreement so that houses are allocated by a Local Connection Criteria. It was stressed that houses will only be let to people on Breckland's Housing Register so residents are encouraged to join the register if they would like to be considered for a property. Councillor Atterwill advised the parish council to ensure the connection to the village in the legal agreement is in perpetuity.

A question was raised as to how many people are currently on the housing register for Gressenhall. Figures will be updated with those gathered today, and reported back to the parish council.

A resident enquired that if a young person is too young currently, but registered when of age, would they be considered. It was explained that the length of time on the register would not be taken into account as people Local Connection Criteria would be followed.

The question of time frames was asked. Comments and feedback are welcomed over the next month while surveys and the purchase of land are completed. It is hoped a planning application will be made December/January. The parish council were advised to ask a District Councillor to call in the application. This could take up to year due to the current Nutrient Neutrality situation, with the build hoped be started in February 2024. Three to four months before completion, applicants on the Housing Register will be contacted.

Councillor Reader asked for the number of market value houses in the scheme. Hastoe replied that, due to funding currently being available, no market housing was required. He also added that it was important to address the access and highways concerns.

Thanks were given to all Hastoe colleagues for their attendance at today's event. Thanks were also given to David Bunning for putting forward the land to develop.

The parish council meeting reconvened at 7:25pm.

10515 Accepted Apologies: Councillor Keidan, District Councillor Duffield and County Councillor Kiddle-Morris

10516 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, Councillor Bunning in relation to the Affordable Housing Scheme.

10517 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held 6th September 2022 – The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6th September 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10518 Progress on items not on the agenda from previous meetings – None.

The meeting was opened to the public but there were no questions.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

10519 Reporting of Highway Matters – The pot holes at Longham Lane have been filled. Clerk to report pot holes along Bilney Road. The flooding near Panhard Close is still ongoing. Clerk to ask County Councillor Kiddle-Morris for an update.

It was agreed to contact TTSR Limited to arrange grass cutting from March 2023 as per the quote received. Clerk to contact NCC to claim the funds. It was agreed to contact M P Dennis to use as a top-up when verges and hedges need cutting. It was agreed for the clerk to sign up to Parish Mapping so accurate maps can be given to show the areas requiring cutting.

10520 Update on Affordable Housing Scheme – Plans are available on the parish website and comments are welcomed up to the end of October. It was agreed to put request for comments in the News and Views together with the importance of joining Breckland's Housing Register if you are interested in renting one of the properties. Feedback will be collated and discussed at the next meeting. Councillor Reader reiterated how important the spec of the houses is and that councillors would ensure the details are considered closely.

10521 Community Car Scheme Update – No report.

10522 To provide an update on internet banking – Councillor Beazley is in contact with Barclays.

10523 Update on the work list for Norfolk Woods and Hedges - The list was circulated to all councillors. Clerk to forward to Norfolk Woods and Hedges.

10524 To discuss upgrading the social club carpark – Thanks were given to Councillor Crisp for arranging the work which has really improved the car park. The invoice for labour has been received and the invoice for materials will follow.

10525 Update on the playing field funding project – Councillors considered the proposed MUGA, zip wire and wheelchair accessible roundabout. Future maintenance estimates were also discussed. All councillors were very happy with the design and location. The plans will now be sent to the play area committee for their opinions. Once agreed, further quotes and funding opportunities will be looked into.

10526 To discuss the Defibrillator training and V.E.T.S – No volunteers have come forward. Councillors will see if they can find some volunteers.

10527 Update on Elmham Surgery – Councillor Keidan is to meet with the practice manager on 11th October.

10528 To discuss request for fundraising event on The Green – The evening went ahead although the weather was not too good. A well done was given to Danny for all his hard work and fundraising. Councillor Reader will find out the final total raised and report at the next meeting.

10529 To discuss invitation to bid for Parish Partnership Funding 2023/24 – The Highways Engineer has sent rough costs for a gateway. Councillors are to decide the design and then a formal quote will be sent.

- 10530 To discuss maintenance of the village pond – A visit to the pond will be organised.
- 10531 To discuss the pub and car parking – The back page of the News and Views recommends visitors to park on Bittering Street. The number of ‘no parking’ signs was confirmed.
- 10532 To discuss Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Pre-Submission: Invitation to make representations – This is to be added to the November agenda.
- 10533 To review the SAM2 data – Overall the average speed is reducing when the sign is in place. Clerk to contact Highways for permission to site the sign in different areas of the village.
- 10534 To discuss planning applications –
- Dunfor Hole Barn Lane Church Lane - Change of use of agricultural building to residential holiday let – Councillors had no objections to this application.
 - Hill House, Mill Lane – Demolition of existing garage wall to extend existing garages to create additional storage and carport – Application withdrawn.
 - Trevia, The Green – Proposed rear extension, proposed new dormer and porch to front, demolition of existing garage and erection of canopy, updating of external finishes - Councillors had no objections to this application
 - Planning approval received – Land at Bushy Common – To allow for the proposed house type revisions
- 10535 Report from District Councillor Atterwill – Councillor Atterwill reported that the Local Plan Call for Sites has been extended to 1st December. There will then be a consultation period. Breckland Council have a Family Support fund of up to £300 per person available. Anyone who needs assistance can contact either Councillor Atterwill or Duffield. Details of how to apply will be advertised in the News and Views again in November. Breckland have updated their website and there is a specific page with details of organisations offering advice and support.
- 10536 To approve September payments - Clerk salary and expenses - £331.00, HMR&C - £77.20, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme PC - £84.90, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme BC - £92.00, Voluntary Norfolk - £14.40, Mr D Utting - £67.94, Abel Groundworks - £400.00.
- 10537 Councillor Melton proposed payment of the above. This was seconded by Councillor Reader and all councillors present agreed.
- 10538 Reports from councillors – Councillor Harris confirmed that Mike Crisp is happy for people to contact him if they know of anyone in the village in need. Councillor Crisp reminded the meeting that the Norfolk Chief Constable and the Crime Commissioner Officer will be at his yard for a drop-in session between 2:00pm and 4:00pm tomorrow. Councillor Bunning reported that one water leak has been repaired and a card has been put near the other leak by Anglian Water. Councillor Reader requested that the Call for Sites be added to the November agenda. Councillor Melton asked that consideration for an afternoon of warmth to be made available to residents this winter be added to the next agenda. Councillor Atterwill to forward details of Norfolk Community Foundation funding of £2,000 being made available to communities.
- 10539 Correspondence – None.

In the absence of any further business, the meeting closed at 8:20pm. The next Ordinary Parish meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st November 2022@ 7:00pm.