

**MINUTES OF THE GRESSENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST
NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7:00PM IN THE READING ROOM**

10541 Present: Councillor Beazley Councillor Bunning
 Councillor Reader Councillor Kiedan
 Councillor Crisp District Councillor Duffield
 District Councillor Atterwill

6 members of the public

10542 Accepted Apologies: Councillor Melton, Councillor Harris and County Councillor Kiddle-Morris

10543 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.

10544 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held 4th October 2022 – The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th October 2022 were confirmed as a correct record, with one amendment to minute 10527. Councillor Kiedan will be meeting the Practice Manager on 4th November. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

10545 Progress on items not on the agenda from previous meetings – Councillor Crisp reported on the meeting with the Police Crime Commissioner and three members of Operation Randall. It was a very helpful meeting.

10546 High House Farm planning application - Change of Use From Storage Building/Workshop (Use Class B8) To Fitness Educational Facility (E(d)) – Comments were due on 21st October. All councillors supported this application.

The meeting was opened to the public at 7:05pm

10547 A resident raised concerns regarding the mud on Litcham Road near the pig farm. Councillor Reader to contact the farmer.

10548 A resident enquired whether there was any progress or demand for support for residents during the cost-of-living crisis. It is known that one resident had been referred to Gressenhall Charity and one resident referred to Breckland. It was agreed to ask the charity each month for numbers of contacts and whether they have enough funds for demand. Due to confidentiality, only number of contacts will be gathered. This will be added to the agenda each month. It was agreed to keep advertising the details in the News and Views to obtain support. A page has been created on the parish council website with details of available support.

That being all the meeting resumed at 7:10pm.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

10549 Reporting of Highway Matters – Highways have agreed to install two gullies on Bittering Street near Panhard Drive to resolve the flooding. This will take place at the end of November as the road will need to be closed. Clerk to contact Councillor Kiddle-Morris re the pot hole on Dereham Road. A large pot hole was reported near High House Farm. Clerk to report.

10550 Update on Affordable Housing Scheme – Feedback has been received from Hastoe which overall was positive. Concerns were raised regarding the number of parking spaces which will be forwarded to Hastoe. Other concerns related to the highway and pedestrians accessing the village. A plan was received showing a proposed footpath (trod). Thanks were given to Andrew Melton and Partners for offering the land. Hastoe are currently working on the ecology and land surveys with the hope to

submitting a planning application in around 6 weeks. Councillors will ask to be consulted on types of bricks and pan tiles for the scheme. The current proposal for mix of properties are 6 two bed houses, 2 one bed houses and 2 three bed houses. A discussion took place whether to increase the three bed houses and reduce the two bed houses. Councillor Kiedan asked what the mix was based on. This was based on the original housing needs survey although Hastoe will lead on obtaining an up-to-date list of applicants. Anyone interested in renting one of the properties are again urged to register with Breckland's Housing Register. Details will be in the News and Views again this month.

- 10551 Community Car Scheme Update – The coordinator apologised for missing last month's meeting. October was a very busy month with 1008 miles covered. The coordinator reported some confusion with 2 or 3 residents with appointments at Swanton Morley Surgery. On arrival at the surgery, residents were told they should be at Elmham Surgery. Councillor Kiedan will report this when she meets with the practice manager. Residents have expressed their gratitude to the community car drivers. The Chairman thanked Ann and her drivers for the dedication.
- 10552 To provide an update on internet banking – Councillor Beazley is in contact with Barclays.
- 10553 Update on the work list for Norfolk Woods and Hedges – The play area hedges have been cut although the fallen tree on The Drift has not been moved. Clerk to update list and forward to Norfolk Woods and Hedges.
- 10554 Update on the playing field funding project – Awaiting feedback. As soon as a design is finalised, funding can be applied for.
- 10555 To discuss the Defibrillator training and V.E.T.S – No volunteers have come forward. Councillors will see if they can find some volunteers.
- 10556 Update on Elmham Surgery – Councillor Kiedan is meeting the practice manager on 4th November where she will take specific examples to discuss. Positive or negative comments are still required.
- 10557 To discuss invitation to bid for Parish Partnership Funding 2023/24 – Councillors agreed to purchase gateways matching the existing. Clerk to check gross and net cost and advise councillors.
- 10558 To discuss maintenance of the village pond – Nothing to report. Remove from agenda.
- 10559 To discuss the pub and car parking – The signs have been put on The Green and there is one spare if needed. Councillor Beazley to speak to Simon regarding the possibility of removing the metal no parking sign near the shop.
- 10560 To discuss Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Pre-Submission: Invitation to make representations – Clerk to submit the representations made in October 2019 highlighting the recent planning application made. Residents are welcome to make their own representations at <https://norfolk.oc2.uk/> by the deadline of 19th December.
- 10561 To discuss Breckland's Call for Sites – The deadline for anyone wishing to make a submission has been extended to 1st December.
- 10562 To discuss offering a hot spot for residents this winter – If the parish council are made aware of a need to offer a hot spot, this will be discussed. Residents are asked to look out for each other.
- 10563 To discuss planning applications –
- 34 Litcham Road - Two storey rear extension and new front dormer – Councillors had no objection to this application.
 - Union House, Norfolk Historic Environment - To locate a wi-fi booster box, inside the south wing – Councillors had no objection to this application.

- 10564 Report from District Councillor Duffield – Councillor Duffield confirmed Gressenhall Charity has been approached and urges anyone in the village to contact Mike Crisp if in need.
- 10565 Report from District Councillor Atterwill – Councillor Atterwill confirmed that he had made a referral for a Gressenhall family to Breckland. He also confirmed he had put details on social media for families to make contact.
- 10566 To approve October payments - Clerk salary and expenses - £315.90, HMR&C - £77.00, Gressenhall Community Car scheme - £114.00, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme (Breckland) - £126.00, Crisp and Partnership - £1,418.85, Reading Room - £16.00, Geosphere Limited - £86.40, TTSR Limited - £1,557.66.
- 10567 Councillor Reader proposed payment of the above. This was seconded by Councillor Kiedan and all councillors present agreed.
- 10568 Reports from councillors – Councillor Reader had contact with the pig farmer who will sweep the road tomorrow. It was reported by the clerk that a delivery lorry was parked near the pub on Litcham Road meaning cars had to drive around it blindly which is very dangerous. Chairman to communicate with the pub committee.
- 10569 Correspondence – None.

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

Signed: Councillor Beazley

Date: 6th December 2022