

**MINUTES OF THE GRESSENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023 AT 7:00PM IN THE READING ROOM**

10658 Present: Councillor Beazley Councillor Bunning  
Councillor Reader Councillor Crisp  
Councillor Melton County Councillor Kiddle-Morris

11 members of the public

10659 Accepted Apologies: Councillor Keidan

10660 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 and Councillor Melton in relation to the Affordable Housing Scheme.

10661 As Councillor Bunning will not be standing in the forthcoming elections, the Chairman thanked him for his remarkable 50-year service to the parish council and presented him with a card and gift. The fact that only 4 meetings were missed is an incredible achievement.

10662 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> March – The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 were confirmed as a correct record. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

10663 Progress on items not on the agenda from previous meetings – All councillors agreed to purchase 200 coronation mugs for children of the village. It was agreed that any surplus could be sold at the fete or the coronation event.

The meeting was opening to the public at 7:05pm.

10664 A resident asked whether there was any progress with the oak trees which are overshadowing their garden. It was noted that there had been a change of tree officer at Breckland and the new details were given to the clerk to contact.

10665 A resident reported a deep pot hole on Litcham Road near Eels Foot. Clerk to report.

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

**Matters Arising from the Minutes**

10666 Reporting of Highway Matters – The Parish Partnership bid for another set of gateways has been approved. Highways will make contact to arrange installation.

10667 Update on Affordable Housing Scheme – Nothing to report this month.

10668 Community Car Scheme Update – 861 miles were travelled this month. One driver has returned to volunteer and another resident is interested in volunteering. All enquiries were catered for this month.

10669 To provide an update on internet banking – An email was received requesting information. Clerk to respond and forward relevant documents required.

10670 Update on the work list for Norfolk Woods and Hedges – One item remaining which is being dealt with.

10671 Update on the playing field funding project – Clerk has contacted companies direct to get quotes.

10672 To discuss the pub and car parking – The parking situation is being monitored.

10673 To confirm the date of the Annual Parish and Annual General Meeting – The date is confirmed as Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Clerk to request reports from local groups.

10674 To discuss letter received from Gressenhall Community Enterprise re Pub and Beer House Ramble – A letter was received informing the parish council of two dates of a walk around the village visiting sites of where

pubs used to be in the village. All health and safety measures are in place. The ramble will start at The Swan and finish there with tea and cake. Details of tickets can be found on the parish website.

- 10675 To discuss the request for a memorial bench at the playing field – A resident wrote to the parish council asking permission for a memorial bench on the playing field. Councillors agreed in principle and will visit the play area and suggested a suitable site. Clerk to inform the resident that a base will need to be included when ordering a bench.
- 10676 To discuss NALC 2023/24 subscription and website renewal – All councillors agreed to continue with the NALC subscription for the next year.
- 10677 To discuss the latest Issues and Options consultation documents – It was agreed for councillors to meet to go through the questionnaire as there are 60 questions to be completed. The deadline for submitting the questionnaire is 19<sup>th</sup> May.
- 10678 To discuss planning applications – Consultation on variation of conditions- Ivy House 9 Chequers Lane Gressenhall Norfolk - Demolish & Rebuild Garage Building – All councillors present had no objections to this application.
- 10679 Report from County Councillor Kiddle–Morris – Councillor Kiddle-Morris informed the meeting that the Chairman of Norwich City Council had stood down due to illness. Councillors Kiddle-Morris offered assistance if it was needed when responding to the Local Plan. The importance of responding to the consultation on Preferred Options was highlighted.
- 10680 To confirm payments for April: Clerk salary and expenses - £339.10, HMR&C - £77.20, Gressenhall Community Car scheme - £100.33, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme (Breckland) - £107.62 , NALC - £287.87.
- 10681 Councillor Melton proposed payment of the above. This was seconded by Councillor Reader and all councillors present agreed.

Reports from councillors –

- 10682 Councillor Reader reported that the NGF Play defibrillator was urgently requested recently. The person who needed it was alone with the patient. With this in mind, Councillor Reader proposed that the request for the Volunteer Emergency Telephone System to be added to the next agenda to try and encourage people to volunteer. All councillors agreed.
- 10683 Encouraging volunteers was discussed and it was suggested posters could be put up at the fete to highlight to residents what volunteers are needed in the village.

In the absence of any further business, the meeting closed at 7:42pm. The next meeting of the parish council will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual General Meeting held on **WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023 @ 7:00pm.**

Signed: Councillor Beazley

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023