

**MINUTES OF THE GRESSENHALL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER AT
7:00PM VIA ZOOM**

9828 Present: Councillor Beazley Councillor Reader
Councillor Crisp Councillor Bunning
Councillor Melton Councillor Saunders
District Councillor Atterwill

4 members of the public

9829 Accepted apologies for absence – Councillor Harris, District Councillor Duffield and County Councillor Kiddle-Morris

9830 Declarations of interest – None

9831 Minutes 5th October 2020 - The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th October 2020 were confirmed as a correct record. Councillor Crisp proposed that the minutes be signed. This was seconded by Councillor Melton and all councillors present agreed.

9832 Progress on items not on the agenda from previous meetings – None.

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

9833 Rev. Julia informed the meeting that there would not be any services in the church, although it would still remain open for private prayer. The church will be decorated with a Christmas Tree but there will not be a carol service nor Christingle service. It is hoped that the shop will sell Christingle materials so residents can purchase and make at home, lighting them at 5:30pm on Christmas Eve. During the meeting confirmation was received that a Remembrance Service could be held outside observing social distancing. Tommy to be located and placed on The Green for the service. This will take place on The Green at 10:50am.

That being all the parish council meeting resumed at 7:20pm.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

9834 Update on COVID-19 – It is essential that people keep picking up the phone and request assistance if needed.

9835 Reporting of Highway Matters – The pot holes have been filled in Chequers Lane although the pot holes in the layby opposite Bunnings still have not been filled. Clerk to inform Councillor Kiddle-Morris. The hedges still have not been cut on the Dillington Road. Councillor Melton reported that the hedges at the junction near the scout hut onto the B1145 makes it very hard to see. Clerk to report.

9836 Update on Affordable Housing Scheme – The scheme seems to be having viability issues. It is hoped that it will be known whether the scheme can proceed in time for the next meeting.

9837 Community Car Scheme Update – There were 5 hospital visits and 9 surgery visits (7 of which were flu jabs) this month. Chairman thanked Ann and her drivers.

9838 Update on The Swan Community Group – The survey has been completed and are awaiting on the lawyers. Hopefully news should be received this week.

9839 Update of the Parish Partnership Funding – Now awaiting a date for installation.

9840 To discuss any Parish Partnership Funding requirements for 2021/22 – Improved parking and new posts around The Green were discussed. Chairman to arrange with the Charity Chairman to meet on The Green to discuss the proposed improvements. If agreed, quotes will be required to submit with the funding application.

9841 Update on request for a memorial bench in the playing field – The bench has been installed. Remove from the agenda.

- 9842 To provide an update on Internet banking – Councillor Crisp has contacted Barclays. Councillor Reader and clerk to contact Barclays. Councillor Atterwill informed the meeting that Swanton Morley’s clerk is a signatory and she arranges the payments and a councillor authorises.
- 9843 To discuss the SAM2 data – Councillors to review data. Councillor Atterwill informed councillors that Westcotec provide training to understand the data. He also advised councillors of a new road sign which flashes the speeding cars registration number. Although this may have more of an impact, NCC are not endorsing this sign. Clerk to look into. Clerk to contact Mr Curd for an update on the Speedwatch session in Gressenhall.
- 9844 To discuss the roadside at junction of Rectory Road/Bridge Street – The signpost on the junction has rusted and is lying on the ground. Clerk to report.
- 9845 To discuss Rougholme Close request for road sweeping – A resident reported that the road hasn’t been swept and there are a lot of leaves and acorns. Clerk to forward details to Councillor Atterwill who will report.
- 9846 To discuss planning matters – No planning matters to discuss.
- 9847 Report from District Councillor Atterwill – Councillor Atterwill apologised for arriving slightly late as he had been at a COVID response meeting with Breckland. Breckland are underwhelmed with the support from Government. Breckland are offering a grant of £3,000 to businesses who are having to close during lockdown. Although, if a pub continues to serve takeaway meals, they will not be entitled to this grant. Breckland are providing support information on social media for mental health and domestic abuse. A copy of Breckland’s response to the Planning White Paper was circulated.
- 9848 Report from County Councillor Kiddle-Morris – Report was circulated to all councillors, although not applicable due to proposed lockdown.
- 9849 Approve October’s payments - Clerk salary and expenses - £305.19, HMR&C - £70.00, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme PC - £36.88, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme BC - £33.87.
- 9850 Councillor Bunning proposed payment of the above. This was seconded by Councillor Crisp and all councillors present agreed.
- 9851 Reports from councillors – Councillor Bunning received a request from Mr Claxon’s family that they would like to continue with the Surveyor’s Pit lease following his death. This will be discussed at the next meeting of the Woods Charity which will be held following December’s parish council meeting. Councillor Bunning to inform the family.

Councillor Crisp enquired whether the allotments were all taken. Clerk to contact one owner to see if they still want to rent. Also, deer have again breached the fencing. Councillors Saunders will take a look.

Councillor Atterwill informed councillors that Breckland will be holding a summit with Housing Associations re more affordable housing. He would be keen to know more about the scheme so far. He also suggested the parish council could build the houses as there are substantial grants available for community interest groups.

- 9852 Correspondence to be circulated to councillors (for information only) – 2021/22 precept paperwork has been received. Clerk to prepare estimates for the next year and circulate to councillors before the next meeting.

In the absence of any further business, the meeting closed at 8:10pm. The next meeting of Gressenhall Parish Council will be held on Monday 7th December 2020 @ 7:00pm on Zoom

Signed: Councillor Beazley

Date: 7th December 2020