

MINUTES OF THE GRESSENHALL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH APRIL 2021 AT 7:00PM VIA ZOOM

9934 Present: Councillor Beazley Councillor Reader
 Councillor Crisp Councillor Bunning
 Councillor Harris Councillor Melton
 District Councillor Duffield District Councillor Atterwill
 County Councillor Mark Kiddle-Morris

8 members of the public.

9935 Accepted Apologies of Absence – None.

9936 Declarations of interest – All councillors declared an interest in The Swan Public House.

9937 Minutes 1st March 2021 - The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st March 2021 were confirmed as a correct record. Councillor Crisp proposed that the minutes be signed. This was seconded by Councillor Harris and all councillors present agreed.

9938 Progress on items not on the agenda from previous meetings – Last meeting, whilst discussing the play inspection report, it was agreed to contact Norfolk Woods and Hedges regarding an annual tree inspection. They have agreed to carry out an annual inspection on trees along the walking area of the playing field, The Green and the Surveyors Pit.

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

9939 A resident informed the meeting that double decker buses are driving into the village along Stoney Lane/Bittering Street. One bus has hit an overhanging branch (near the 30mph sign) which has broken and is now hanging. Chairman recommended informing the house owner of the branch.

9940 A resident enquired the cost of the Gateway which has been installed as there is only a gateway on one side.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

9941 Update on COVID-19 – Nothing to report.

9942 Reporting of Highway Matters – Notification has been received that the pot holes in Longham Lane are due to be filled within 6 weeks. Another pot hole was highlighted at the junction of Soken Road/Litcham Road and near the drain in Rougholme Close. Clerk to report. Clerk has spoken with Councillor Kiddle-Morris who is looking into the road surface along Dereham Road. A resident has also reported this and received a reference number which the clerk will forward on to Councillor Kiddle-Morris. Councillor Kiddle-Morris will also chase the resurfacing of the layby opposite Bunnings and the road sign at Church Lane.

9943 Update on Affordable Housing Scheme – The scheme is slowing moving towards providing proposals with Architects currently producing plans.

9944 Community Car Scheme Update – It has been a busy month with 12 hospital visits, 7 doctors, 4 dentist and 3 opticians. Chairman thanked Ann and her drivers.

9945 Update on The Swan Community Group – Volunteers are working hard as there is lots to do before the builders start.

9946 Update of the Parish Partnership Funding for 2020/21 – A gateway has been installed on one side of the road only. Clerk has spoken with NCC as there should be a half gate on the other side of the road. Clerk to copy Councillor Kiddle-Morris in with emails.

9947 Update of the Parish Partnership Funding for 2021/22 – The funding bid to replace the posts around The Green has been successful. Councillor Kiddle-Morris has contributed £650 from his budget for which the parish council are very grateful. Chairman met the Charity Chairman on The Green to discuss the replacement of posts. It is currently proposed to replace all posts, including outside the shop, removing the

unsightly bars and replace with posts close together so cars cannot park in between them. Aesthetically, the posts will look a lot better. The 'no parking' signs near the shop were discussed as the current ones are past their best. Councillor Crisp mentioned that there is a water main which runs across The Green. Concerns were raised from residents that headlights from cars parking may shine into their houses. It was emphasised that at this stage the objective was to replace the posts. If the practice of parking herringbone style is adopted then any consequences can be addressed at that time. It was suggested that a meeting with the Highways Engineer could be arranged but the immediate priority is the resurfacing of the lay by.

- 9948 To provide an update on internet banking – Another letter has been received from Barclays. Councillor Reader is still to visit a branch and Councillor Beazley is required to sign the Authorisation of Amendment section.
- 9949 To discuss the SAM2 data – The sign was installed on Litcham Road yesterday for the three-week period. Previous data to be circulated.
- 9950 To provide an update on Blackwater – Councillor Crisp has a meeting with a representative of the Norfolk Rivers Drainage Board on 12th April.
- 9951 To discuss parish councillor vacancy – Chairman thanked the four applicants who had applied. Five out of six councillors voted for applicant B and Jane Keidan/Cooper was welcomed onto the parish council. Clerk to forward necessary documents.
- 9952 To discuss planning matters, Longwater Consultation meeting held by Heaton Planning – A virtual meeting was held with Beetley Parish Council and Heaton Planning who are the agents of Longwater. The meeting was a pre-consultation meeting as they are currently preparing a planning application. A brief summary is that 1.85million tonnes of sand and gravel resource is to be extracted over 17-20 years. Access will be in the north-east corner onto the B1146 enabling 14 HGVs a day (29 x 2-way movements). The site will create 6 full time jobs. The parish council feel that there is no need for any more pits with Middleton Aggregates and Bittering Quarry currently active. Heaton's will arrange a further meeting when results of environmental assessments have been collated. The summary of the proposals is to be circulated with these Minutes.
- 9953 Two objection letters from residents were received regarding the application at Camomile House. It was suggested, on reflection, to ask planning to look at the implication to the neighbour's property before the decision is made. The timing of commenting was discussed. The parish council comments were submitted on 30th March (deadline 31st). Residents did not contact the parish council until 1st April. Clerk to contact planning and inform resident. It was suggested that the parish council applies for an extension of time to comment on future applications, if required. Clerk to enquire on BDC protocol of neighbour consultation process.
- 9954 Report from District Councillor Atterwill – An email with details of match funding of up to £5,000 has been circulated to clerks. Further information regarding the Environment Fund is still awaited. Zoom meetings will end from 7th May. The protocols for the death of a member of the royal family are being reviewed and refreshed. The parish council will need to be aware of these as a book of condolence may be needed.
- 9955 Report from County Councillor Kiddle-Morris – There was no report this evening as county council election preparations is underway for 6th May. A report will be forwarded to the clerk. Councillor Kiddle-Morris asked if he could meet with Councillor Crisp and the Norfolk Rivers Drainage Board as an email has been received regarding a sluice and flooding. Councillors wished Councillor Kiddle-Morris good luck with the forthcoming elections.
- 9956 Report from District Councillor Duffield – No report
- 9957 Approve April payments - Clerk salary and expenses - £301.59, HMR&C - £70.00, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme PC - £83.18, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme BC - £87.17, NALC - £211.27.
- 9958 Councillor Reader payment of the above. This was seconded by Councillor Crisp and all councillors present agreed.
- 9959 Reports from councillors – Councillor Melton expressed concern with the affect the last 12 months had had on the younger members of the community. He suggested a questionnaire to see if there is anything they would like to see in the village. Add to the agenda for the next meeting.

9960 Correspondence to be circulated to councillors (for information only) – Correspondence is being scanned and circulated as and when received.

- An email has been received regarding a possible memorial for two B24 bombers which collided in 1944. One bomber crashed near Gorgate and the other near Hoe. Councillor Bunning also informed the meeting that two other planes had crashed in Gressenhall at Hall Farm and Dunfer Hill. Councillor Kiddle-Morris informed the meeting that there was a similar memorial in School Road, Brisley. A suggestion was made to perhaps have a joint memorial sited at the Rural Life Museum. All councillors are in favour of a memorial Councillor Beazley to feedback to resident who is organising.

In the absence of any further business, the meeting closed at 8:30pm. The next meeting of Gressenhall Parish Council will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 @ 7:00pm on Zoom.

Signed: Councillor Beazley

Date: 4th May 2021