

MINUTES OF THE GRESSENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5TH JULY 2021
AT 7:00PM ON THE GREEN

10030 Present: Councillor Beazley Councillor Reader
Councillor Bunning Councillor Harris
Councillor Melton Councillor Keidan
District Councillor Atterwill

3 members of the public.

10031 Apologies: District Councillor Duffield, County Councillor Kiddle-Morris.

10032 Declarations of interest – All councillors (except Councillor Bunning) declared an interest in The Swan Public House.

10033 A minutes silence was observed following the sad passing of former councillor Robin Bunning.

10034 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held 7th June 2021 - The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th June 2021 were confirmed as a correct record. Councillor Harris proposed that the minutes be signed. This was seconded by Councillor Melton and all councillors present agreed.

10034 Progress on items not on the agenda from previous meetings – Councillor Atterwill's questions to the surgery had been answered and circulated to councillors. Another meeting with the surgery is being held tomorrow. It was agreed the practice manager would prepare an article for the News and Views clarifying booking protocol for residents.

The meeting was opened to the public for their comments at 7:10pm.

10035 A resident reported the amount of pot holes in the village which did not seem to be repaired. White paint has been sprayed but is wearing off. Clerk to report all pot holes with photographs before the next meeting. Councillor Atterwill suggested a mapping software which could be used to map the pot holes. Clerk to look into.

10036 A resident questioned whether the affordable housing scheme is going ahead. The Chairman has been in contact with Hastoe. Due to the initial contact retiring and a further change in lead person, things are taking time. It is still hoped that a public consultation can be held in late summer but only when a full scheme proposal has been developed by the housing provider that is feasible and has the outline support of the Parish Council.

That being all the parish council meeting resumed at 7:15pm.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

10037 Update on COVID-19 – Surgeries are still busy vaccinating. It is looking like restrictions are reducing from 19th July.

10038 Reporting of Highway Matters – Verge and grass cutting has either being poorly done or not at all. A resident has cut the verges near the scout hut and the museum. The current contractors appear to be using weed killer on some verges which is not acceptable. NCC are only contracting one cut of verges in parishes rather than two. It was suggested that the parish council arranges a second cut, possible coordinating with neighbouring parishes to help reduce costs. The hedges in front of the Old School still have not been cut. Concerns were raised as lorries would soon be collecting blackcurrants. It was proposed the clerk writes to the landowner

10039 Update on Affordable Housing Scheme – This was covered in the public session. Nothing further to report.

10040 Community Car Scheme Update – It has been a quiet month with 18 journeys covering 404 miles. Thanks were given to Ann and her drivers.

10041 Update on The Swan Community Group – Work is moving on well. 1000 tiles were donated by a resident which have been gratefully received. An underground gas tank is being installed.

- 10042 Update of the Parish Partnership Funding for 2020/21 – A response from NCC re the second gateway was received. A refund was offered as the space is not big enough for a full gate. Councillors agreed that a half gate was originally ordered. Clerk to contact NCC.
- 10043 Update of the Parish Partnership Funding for 2021/22 – A quote to supply and fit posts is awaited.
- 10044 To provide an update on internet banking – Nothing to report.
- 10045 To discuss Allotment 6b – A new allotment holder has now taken on the allotment.
- 10046 To discuss Himalayan Balsam at the playing field –Nick Saunders will take a look.
- 10047 Update on the next village litter pick – The litter pick took place at the end of June. Thanks were given to Helen for arranging. Unfortunately, only 3 residents attended but still did a great job. Thanks were also given to Venetia Simpson who has collected litter on a regular basis throughout the village.
- 10048 Update on the Maui Haui Festival – The Chairman has contacted the organised to arrange a meeting. The postcode given on the directions need to be checked. The upcoming horse fair was discussed. Clerk to write to Breckland and the Police to ensure the event takes place with limited disruption to residents.
- 10049 Update on the Longwater Planning Application – Clerk to chase the answers to questions raised following the initial meeting. A further meeting can then be arranged.
- 10050 To update on obtaining views of younger residents – Emails were circulated with useful links to a Government Body to represent the youth and also funding for town and parish councils for youth activities. The parish council would like to obtain views and would encourage young people to email the clerk. Parents are asked to encourage their children to forward their views on the village. Discussions took place of ways to obtain opinions. Surveys, leaflets, flyer in the News and Views and online questionnaires were discussed. Councillor Atterwill agreed to send a survey Swanton Morley sent out for ideas.
- 10051 To discuss the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacon – Details of beacons which could be purchased was discussed. It is proposed that the beacon is lit at 9:09pm on 2nd June 2022. This is to be discussed at the next fete committee meeting to decide who will take forward.
- 10052 Update regarding appointment protocol – This was discussed earlier in the meeting. Nothing further to report.
- 10053 Report from District Councillor Atterwill – There are still no staff working in Elizabeth House. The refurbishment is now complete and District Councillors were invited for a tour. The first floor has been divided in to different zones and the ground floor meeting room has been upgraded so council meetings can be recorded and watched on YouTube.
- 10054 Report from County Councillor Kidde-Morris – None.
- 10056 To Approve June payments - Clerk salary and expenses - £295.70, HMR&C - £72.00, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme PC - £46.40, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme BC - £50.50 41.75, Spire Solicitors LLP - £42.00.
- 10057 Councillor Crisp proposed payment of the above. This was seconded by Councillor Harris and all councillors present agreed.
- 10058 Reports from councillors – Councillor Crisp reported that a hedge near the stream at the allotments is in need of cutting. It is around 30 feet high. It was agreed to put on the next agenda and councillors can take a look before the next meeting
- Councillor Crisp also reported that the barrier at the end of The Drift, to stop vehicles driving onto the playing field, is not there anymore. Add to next agenda.
- 10059 Correspondence: An email was received requesting another bin to be placed on The Green near the pond and to move the bin from outside the shop nearer to the layby. Following a discussion it was agreed that the bin

is best placed outside the shop and does not require moving. It was also agreed to keep The Green as natural as possible and that another bin near the pond is not required. Clerk to email resident.

In the absence of any further business, the meeting closed at 8:45pm. The next meeting of Gressenhall Parish Council will be held on Monday 2nd August 2021 @ 7:00pm.

Signed: Roly Beazley

Date: 2nd August 2021