

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

9994 Present: Councillor Beazley Councillor Reader
 Councillor Bunning Councillor Harris
 Councillor Melton Councillor Keidan
 District Councillor Atterwill

5 members of the public.

9995 Apologies: Councillor Crisp, District Councillor Duffield, County Councillor Kiddle-Morris.

9996 Declarations of interest – All councillors (except Councillor Bunning) declared an interest in The Swan Public House.

9997 Minutes 4th May 2021 - The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4th May 2021 were confirmed as a correct record. Councillor Reader proposed that the minutes be signed. This was seconded by Councillor Harris and all councillors present agreed.

9998 Progress on items not on the agenda from previous meetings – Traffic concerns re the Maui Haui Festival taking place on 27th-29th August were raised with the organisers. It was suggested arranging to meet the organisers to ensure travel is via the main road. Add to agenda.

9999 There was no update on the Longwater Planning Application.

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

10000 Residents confirmed it was good to be back and meeting in person again.

10001 A resident reported that the give way sign at the Bittering Street/Litcham Road junction was loose. Clerk to report.

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

Matters Arising from the Minutes

10002 Update on COVID-19 – Nothing to report.

10003 Reporting of Highway Matters – Pot holes were again reported along Longham Lane and between Hall Farm and Sparrow Green. The question was also raised regarding the drain under the road past the Old Rectory whether Highways or the land owner is responsible for repairs. Councillor Reader also highlighted that some of the verges are making difficult it to see at junctions. Clerk to list all outstanding items and contact Councillor Kiddle-Morris.

10004 Update on Affordable Housing Scheme – It is hoped a public consultation can be arranged for later in the year.

10005 Community Car Scheme Update – It has been a quiet month with 19 journeys covering 334 miles. Thanks were given to Ann and her drivers. It was discussed that some elderly residents are having difficulties seeing a doctor in person. It was agreed that telephone consultations were not sometimes appropriate for some elderly residents. Councillor Atterwill agreed to speak with Swanton Morley Surgery to find out their protocols. Councillor Keidan was also happy to be involved in discussions with surgery re guidance for patients. It was agreed that when received, this could be advertised in the News and Views.

10006 Update on The Swan Community Group – The progress made by Duffields and local residents to date is admirable. An application to Breckland for funding to covert the cart shed has been approved. Thank you to Councillor Atterwill for supporting the application.

10007 Update of the Parish Partnership Funding for 2020/21 – Councillor Kiddle-Morris is chasing the other half of

the gateway.

- 10008 Update of the Parish Partnership Funding for 2021/22 – A quote to supply and fit posts is awaited.
- 10009 To provide an update on internet banking – Another form has been received for Councillor Beazley to sign.
- 10010 To discuss Litcham Road/Bittering Street highway mirror – Councillors were not convinced that a mirror would improve the situation.
- 10011 To discuss the removal of the picnic table in the play area – Councillor Reader has repaired the picnic table.
- 10012 To discuss vandalism at the play area – It was disappointing to hear that vandalism has taken place at the playing field. The picnic table and the sign in the playing field have both been vandalised, both of which have now been repaired. It was proposed to ask the social club to keep an eye out for any anti-social behaviour taking place and to inform the parish council of any incidents.
- 10013 To discuss Allotment 6b – The allotment has been offered to the next person on the waiting list who has declined. It will now be offered to the next person.
- 10014 To discuss Himalayan Balsam at the playing field – Councillor Melton will take a look.
- 10015 Update on the next village litter pick – It is hoped the next pick will be over the weekend of 26th June (assuming the equipment is available).
- 10016 Update on the defibrillator – A resident who checks the defibrillator attended a first aid course recently. It was recommended that a razor and tough scissors are available in the cabinet. Councillor Atterwill also recommended that child pads are available in the cabinet too. Councillor Keidan raised the issue as to whether procedures are up to date and suggested a review of policy with appropriate emergency services, in light of discussions with North Elmham PC have had regarding their defibrillator. Clerk to look into and it was agreed to arrange an annual review every June
- 10017 To confirm the clerk's annual salary review – The clerk's annual salary review took place in May where a 3% increase was confirmed.
- 10018 To discuss planning matters – Four 0 Nine Bridge Street ~ Removal of existing flat roof. Construction of flat-topped hipped roof to provide more headroom within existing study – There were no objections to this application.
- 10019 14 Chequers Lane ~ Single-storey Flat-roof Rear Extension - There were no objections to this application from councillors present.
- 10020 Manor Farm, 57 Bittering Street ~ Change of Use from Display Area for Children's Play Equipment (for Retail) to Garden Land with below ground swimming pool for ancillary use of the dwelling house ~ No objection logged as comments due by 4th June.
- 10021 White House, Bushy Common ~ Reserved matters application for two dwellings with single garages following outline permission 3PL/2017/1561/O ~ No objection logged as comments due by 3rd June.
- 10022 Report from District Councillor Atterwill – Breckland Council have introduced Work Smart 2020 review with employees working from home or hot desking in Elizabeth House. The ground floor of Elizabeth House will still include the benefits office and the rest will be let. The first floor is being refurbished and will be used by council staff. There are concerns about contacting staff working at home. Consideration is being given to the future of Dereham following a review of all market towns. Councillor Atterwill had two ideas. Firstly, to site a bus terminal in Cowper Road which would free up the market place and secondly, a link road to link the north of Dereham from Corners Nursery to Tuddenham. This would give easy access to the A47.
- 10023 Report from District Councillor Duffield – None.
- 10024 Report from County Councillor Kidde-Morris – None.

- 10025 To Approve June payments - Clerk salary and expenses - £314.96, HMR&C - £72.00, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme PC - £39.55, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme BC - £41.75, NPFA - £20.00.
- 10026 Councillor Harris proposed payment of the above. This was seconded by Councillor Melton and all councillors present agreed.
- 10027 Reports from councillors – Councillor Bunning ask whether he could trim the trees on The Green prior to the village fete on 3rd July. This was approved.
- Councillor Reader asked if anything more had been thought of re the young people of the village. Councillor Melton has heard from one young person. Add to next agenda.
- 10028 Correspondence: An email was received requesting permission to use The Green for outdoor yoga. Clerk to inform the Charity and ensure the provider has public liability insurance.

In the absence of any further business, the meeting closed at :pm. The next meeting of Gressenhall Parish Council will be held on Monday 5th July 2021 @ 8:05pm.

Signed: Roly Beazley

Date: 5th July 2021