

**MINUTES OF THE GRESSENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2ND AUGUST
2021 AT 7:00PM ON THE GREEN**

10061 Present: Councillor Beazley Councillor Bunning
Councillor Keidan Councillor Crisp
District Councillor Atterwill County Councillor Kiddle-Morris

4 members of the public.

10062 Apologies: Councillors Harris, Melton and Reader, District Councillor Duffield, Leanne Jarrett – Clerk.

10063 Declarations of interest – All councillors (except Councillor Bunning) declared an interest in The Swan Public House.

10064 To approve and sign minutes of the meeting held 5th July 2021 - The amended minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5th July 2021 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

10065 Progress on items not on the agenda from previous meetings – A discussion regarding North Elmham Surgery and the article in the EDP took place. It was agreed that it would be sensible to continue a dialogue with the surgery and to ask them to give further advice regarding protocols. CCG data might also assist in a better understanding of the challenges arising out of the EDP article.

The meeting was opened to the public for their comments.

10066 A resident suggested that we should make a separate and specific reference in the News and Views to the income that the parish receives from the use of the bottle and clothes bank next to the social club. All agreed that this was a good idea. Residents also raised concerns regarding the slow rate of progress with the filling of potholes. This will be discussed in the main meeting.

That being all the parish council meeting resumed.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

10067 Update on COVID-19 – Nothing specific to report.

10068 Reporting of Highway Matters – Councillor Kiddle-Morris reported that the contractors may only fill potholes which have been marked in advance by white paint. If they see other potholes that they consider should be repaired then they are meant to ring in to the highway engineer to seek authority. It is therefore important to make sure that problem potholes are reported to the engineer/Councillor Kiddle-Morris before the visit is made.

With regard to verge cutting, problems remain with the contractor teams being half the size that they were a year ago. It was agreed that we should continue to consider engaging a contractor direct for verge trimming but would need to know what cost is currently being incurred, which could then be made available in any new contract. Councillor Atterwill is currently pursuing this issue on a wider front.

With regard to the Church Lane hedges councillors agreed that a letter needs to be sent to the landowners concerned.

10069 Update on Affordable Housing Scheme – A public consultation may be premature as there is ongoing work required on pedestrian access.

10070 Community Car Scheme Update – A busier month with 26 journeys (16 hospital and 10 dentist,

opticians etc). It was agreed that it was encouraging that there was a greater take up of the scheme as we are all aware of the backlog. Anne and her drivers were thanked for their continued support.

- 10071 Update on The Swan Community Group – Work is going well and the continued support of the volunteers is of huge value to the project .
- 10072 Update of the Parish Partnership Funding for 2020/21 – It was felt that there should be room for a small fence arrangement on the other side of the road. Councillor Kiddle-Morris is pursuing this with the highway engineer.
- 10073 Update of the Parish Partnership Funding for 2021/22 – A quote to supply and fit posts is awaited as, with local assistance, it may be possible to source some oak which could be used for the posts.
- 10074 To discuss Parish Partnership Funding 2022/23 requirements – Parish Partnership Funding bids for 2022/23 need to be submitted by 10th December. Councillors to give active consideration to potential projects. These are not limited to highway matters and could be used for environmental purposes, such as tree planting schemes.
- 10075 To provide an update on internet banking – Awaiting to hear from Barclays.
- 10076 To discuss Himalayan Balsam at the playing field – The window of opportunity may have passed and this needs to be addressed at an earlier stage next year.
- 10077 Update on the Maui Haui Festival – The festival organiser has not been in touch so Councillor Beazley will make further contact and let councillors know when a meeting is arranged. Signage needs to be from the Dereham end.
- 10078 Update on the Longwater Planning Application – Councillor Kiddle-Morris reminded councillors that the outcome of the Local Plan will not be in till mid-2022. It was thought that the mineral company in this case may wish to pre-empt the Local Plan process. Though their planning agents have invited the parish councils to a further Zoom meeting, and on balance, it was felt that it would be sensible to have such a meeting alongside Beetley Parish Council.
- 10079 To update on obtaining views of younger residents – It was suggested that the parish council should have a presence at the village fete later this month. This may be as simple as a display board explaining in more detail what the Parish Council does. This could, at the same time, invite feedback from the younger members of the parish. It was agreed to ask the Clerk if she was able to put some form of display board together.
- 10080 To discuss the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Beacon - The Fete Committee will give thought to this after the fete later this month.
- 10081 Update on the hedge at the bottom of the allotments – It was agreed that this should be trimmed from the outside. Nick Saunders will be asked to do this work.
- 10082 Update on the missing barrier at The Drift - It was agreed that this should be reinstated.
- 10083 Update on the Horse Fair – The recent horse fair was discussed. It was not as large as some of the previous events. Apparently, the police had paid a visit prior to the fair but there was no evidence that they had been to the fair itself.
- 10084 To discuss planning applications: Vanguard Application - to be discussed at the next meeting.
- 10085 Report from District Councillor Atterwill – Councillor Atterwill reported on the grass cutting arrangements and the shortage of resource. There are problems with the sourcing of brown bins.

Councillor Atterwill is enquiring as to whether there will be any funding available for Jubilee celebrations next year.

- 10086 Report from County Councillor Kidde-Morris – Councillor Kiddle-Morris reported on the availability of environmental grants for tree planting and other such initiatives. His own personal budget has increased to £10,000 per annum which could be used for environmental projects as well as other initiatives.
- 10087 To Approve July payments - Clerk salary and expenses - £311.00, HMR&C - £72.00, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme PC - £91.77, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme BC - £96.38.
- 10088 All payments were agreed.
- 10089 Reports from councillors – It was reported that there was a caravan at the social club. It was suggested that this should not be parked there.
- 10090 It was agreed that future meetings would remain starting at 7pm. Meetings will resume in the Reading Room from September onwards.

In the absence of any further business, the meeting closed at 7:55pm. The next meeting of Gressenhall Parish Council will be held on Monday 6th September 2021@ 7:00pm.

Signed: Councillor Beazley

Date: 6th September 2021