

## **Gressenhall Parish Council AGM – Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

### **Report from Gressenhall Parish Council**

The parish council welcomed Councillor Louise Radford and Councillor Sarah Day following last year's elections.

The Parish Council met 11 times during the year and continued with the month-to-month duties including administering the allotments, maintenance, grass cutting, highways matters, planning, monitoring of SAM2 speed data and supporting the community car scheme.

The second Village Gateway was installed on Litcham Road and further funding has just been secured to resurface the road around The Green.

The affordable housing scheme is slowly progressing with Hastoe and Norfolk Highways in communication.

The play area funding project has raised over £50,000 at this time and plans are underway to begin the first phase of the project. Thanks to all involved with the tireless fund raising.

Volunteers are currently being recruited to help tidy the play area stream near the Drift. Anyone wishing to help can contact the Clerk for further details.

The following donations were made during the year:

- A donation to purchase coronation mugs for children of the village.
- A donation to Gressenhall Community Enterprise to help with the cost of a bike fix station.
- A donation made to the church to assist with maintaining the churchyard.

Recycling of glass and clothing income totalled £516.72 for the year. Thank you to all the residents who have recycled this year.

## **Gressenhall Parish Council AGM – Tues day 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

### **Report from Gressenhall Allotments**

The allotment rent remained at £10 this year.

There were no changes of tenants over the past year and all allotments are being used. There are currently six people on the waiting list.

Anyone interested in becoming an allotment holder can contact the clerk and be put on the waiting list.

## Gressenhall Community Car Scheme

The year from April to March has shown an increased level of demand for our drivers, with approximately 50% more miles covered, and a very substantial increase in the number of hospital trips, despite the year's strikes by hospital doctors. As can be seen from the chart, the numbers fluctuate quite a lot between months, with June and January having the highest demand in terms of mileage, but October the highest number of journeys.

We continue to rely heavily on a few drivers to do the bulk of the driving, but it is great that we have a number of others who may be available less often, but their contribution enables us to keep meeting demand. The lack of ambulance availability means that we have had a few requests to take people to A&E or for x ray

We continue to use the generous donations we receive to supplement the mileage rate, as the rate support allowance of 45 pence approved by the Treasury has remained unchanged now for many years, and oil prices have continued to be high. We will again be holding a stall at the fete and hope that the profit from this will help to keep our donations account at a satisfactorily comfortable level.

Many thanks go to all our drivers, to council members and Leanne, and to all our passengers and supporters. This really is a great community with a great spirit.



# BRECKLAND COMMUNITY CAR SCHEMES

SCHEME: GRESSENHALL

CLAIM FOR THE YEAR: 2023-2024

| CLAIM FOR THE YEAR: 2023-2024 |                                  |                             |                                                 |                   |          |            |                       |                                                                              |                                   |                              |                                |                                             |                                           |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------|------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| NUMBER OF JOURNEYS            |                                  |                             |                                                 |                   |          |            |                       |                                                                              |                                   | MONTHLY TOTALS               |                                | E                                           |                                           |
| HOSPITAL                      | DOCTORS/<br>DENTIST/<br>OPTICIAN | VISITS<br>SICK &<br>ELDERLY | MEET<br>TRAINS &<br>LONG<br>DISTANCE<br>COACHES | OTHER<br>JOURNEYS | JOURNEYS | PASSENGERS | A<br>TOTAL<br>MILEAGE | B<br>PAID TO<br>DRIVERS (A<br>x current<br>mileage<br>rate 45p<br>per mille) | C<br>ADMINIS-<br>TRATION<br>COSTS | D<br>GROSS<br>COSTS<br>(B+C) | PASSENGER<br>CONTRIBU-<br>TION | BALANCE DUE<br>FROM<br>BRECKLAND<br>COUNCIL | BALANCE DUE<br>FROM<br>PARISH/<br>COUNCIL |
| APR2023                       | 12                               | 29                          |                                                 | 2                 | 43       | 43         | 809                   | 364.05                                                                       | -                                 | 364.05                       | 161.10                         | 101.13                                      | 101.82                                    |
| MAY2023                       | 14                               | 42                          |                                                 | 2                 | 58       | 57         | 1042                  | 468.90                                                                       | -                                 | 468.90                       | 208.60                         | 130.25                                      | 130.05                                    |
| JUN2023                       | 33                               | 30                          |                                                 | 6                 | 69       | 72         | 1662                  | 747.90                                                                       | -                                 | 747.90                       | 342.10                         | 207.75                                      | 198.05                                    |
| JUL2023                       | 16                               | 34                          |                                                 | 5                 | 55       | 55         | 1123                  | 505.35                                                                       | -                                 | 505.35                       | 222.60                         | 140.38                                      | 142.37                                    |
| AUG2023                       | 22                               | 12                          |                                                 | 5                 | 39       | 35         | 767                   | 345.15                                                                       | -                                 | 345.15                       | 175.70                         | 95.88                                       | 73.57                                     |
| SEP2023                       | 18                               | 22                          |                                                 | 6                 | 46       | 42         | 821                   | 369.45                                                                       | -                                 | 369.45                       | 169.20                         | 102.63                                      | 97.62                                     |
| OCT2023                       | 26                               | 45                          |                                                 | 3                 | 74       | 74         | 1477                  | 664.65                                                                       | -                                 | 664.65                       | 328.20                         | 184.62                                      | 151.83                                    |
| NOV2023                       | 17                               | 25                          |                                                 | 7                 | 49       | 50         | 1200                  | 540.00                                                                       | -                                 | 540.00                       | 243.50                         | 150.00                                      | 146.50                                    |
| DEC2023                       | 18                               | 19                          |                                                 | 3                 | 40       | 42         | 890                   | 400.50                                                                       | -                                 | 400.50                       | 188.00                         | 111.25                                      | 101.25                                    |
| JAN2024                       | 33                               | 33                          |                                                 | -                 | 66       | 69         | 1625                  | 731.25                                                                       | -                                 | 731.25                       | 327.90                         | 203.13                                      | 200.22                                    |
| FEB2024                       | 14                               | 30                          |                                                 | -                 | 44       | 51         | 990                   | 445.50                                                                       | -                                 | 445.50                       | 202.00                         | 123.75                                      | 119.75                                    |
| MAR2024                       | 23                               | 20                          |                                                 | 1                 | 44       | 50         | 1148                  | 516.60                                                                       | -                                 | 516.60                       | 236.40                         | 143.50                                      | 136.70                                    |
| TOTALS                        | 246                              | 341                         |                                                 | 40                | 627      | 640        | 13,554                | 6,099.30                                                                     | -                                 | 6,099.30                     | 2,805.30                       | 1,694.27                                    | 1,599.73                                  |



# Gressenhall Community Car Scheme Expenditure 2023/24

| DATE     | To Whom Paid     | Com. Car.<br>Scheme |
|----------|------------------|---------------------|
| 04.04.23 | GCCS - Breckland | £ 107.62            |
| 10.05.23 | GCCS - Breckland | £ 101.13            |
| 06.06.23 | GCCS - Breckland | £ 130.25            |
| 04.07.23 | GCCS - Breckland | £ 207.75            |
| 08.08.23 | GCCS - Breckland | £ 140.38            |
| 05.09.23 | GCCS - Breckland | £ 95.88             |
| 03.10.23 | GCCS - Breckland | £ 102.63            |
| 07.11.23 | GCCS - Breckland | £ 184.62            |
| 05.12.23 | GCCS - Breckland | £ 150.00            |
| 02.01.24 | GCCS - Breckland | £ 111.25            |
| 06.02.24 | GCCS - Breckland | £ 203.13            |
| 05.03.24 | GCCS - Breckland | £ 123.75            |
|          |                  | <hr/>               |
|          |                  | £ 1,658.39          |

**REPORT FOR THE GRESSENHALL POOR LANDS CHARITY – MAY 2024**

The Trustees met once during the year.

£1990.00 was distributed during the year to individuals in need in the village. The annual distribution was increased to £80.00 per person. Anyone finding themselves in need may write to the chairman for financial assistance.

The Land off Taylors Lane was due for re-tender in October 23 and the Trustees have been able to secure a 5 year tenancy agreement with a local individual.

The accounts for year ending March 31<sup>st</sup> 2024 are not yet finalised.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024

2023/2024 has been another very uneventful year for Gressenhall in regard to incidents and general criminality eg thefts, anti- social behaviour and street crime. As the chairman of the team I took it upon myself as stated in last year's Annual Report to only call meetings as required. There being no business to discuss in the past 12 months meetings have not been called.

I have however, endeavoured to keep the residents abreast of the rural crime reports produced by the Norfolk Police. Whilst these reports have not been specific to Gressenhall they do outline the type of countryside crimes that occur and which could blight our local area. I shall continue to publish these reports until such time as it is necessary to highlight any incidences of criminality that may occur in our village but that is something I sincerely hope will not be necessary.

The above policy will continue to be in place for the foreseeable future and any changes will be reported in the next annual Report for 2024/2025.

There has been one development in as much as a meeting has been proposed for all of Norfolk Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinators to discuss the issues associated with villages and small towns and to bring together a sharing of ideas and best practice.

The meeting is being chaired by Michael Onassis (NHW, area Co-ordinator and Cyberhood Watch Ambassador, Norfolk Police Area, Breckland, B11,B12,B13,B21,B22 )

A date has yet to be arranged but following the meeting and the production of the minutes thereof a copy of said minutes will be forwarded to Gressenhall Parish Council for their perusal and if necessary a meeting of the Gressenhall NWT will be convened to discuss/implement any items of relevance.

Doug Curd

Chairman Gressenhall NWT

Annual General Meeting  
of  
Gressenhall Playing Field and Social Club  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
7.30pm for 8.00pm

## Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the 2023 AGM
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
4. Chairman's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Chairman stands down and Vice Chairman  
takes over for election of new Chairman
7. Nominations for New Committee
8. Election of the New Committee
9. Any other Business / General discussion
10. Meeting date for the New Committee
11. Close of meeting



MINUTES OF AGM HELD OF MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> 2023 AT 8pm  
HELD IN FUNCTION ROOM, GRESSENHALL SOCIAL CLUB

Present: George, Elsie, Kath, Sarah, Iris, Sally, Diane and Micheal.  
8 Members were also present.

Minutes of 2022 AGM were, read, approved and signed.

All monies received and paid out speaks for itself. Most expenses have increased over the last year, the insurance was £500,000, now it's £800,000. Calor gas is over £1000 each time it comes in.

The club really needs the support people from the village, as well as people outside the village.

It was decided to relaxed the rule that people had to be a member to play the weekly bingo, which has seen an increase in numbers playing over the last few months.

The auction has bought in so much more money since the Winterbone family took over.

It was ask if it would be a good idea to advertise the Social Club more, a leaflet drop was done once and George got complaints and junk mail being put through doors. It was suggested to see how much to advertise in EDP.

The roof has had to be put on hold for the time being, the money has been spent on getting the heating system fully working, new wiring in the kitchen, hand driers in the toilets and new manhole covers put outside. The fire extinguishers have been replaced, fire alarms all up to date. The toilet seats need replacing quite often, and all 3 toilet brushes were stolen one weekend !!

Sarah bought up about getting a grant towards getting the roof done, George pointed out that as we are a social club and not a village hall we don't qualify.

George thanked Sarah and Scott for all their hard work putting on the events, Sarah thanked Simon for doing the lovely posters.

George is still disappointed at the number of members at the meeting, it was twice last years figure, 8 members.

As of today there is a total of £158,87 . 28p in the bank.

Present committee to stand down and new one voted in:  
New committee as follows:

|                |                                                  |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Chairman:      | George...nominated by Simon, seconded by Sarah   |
| Vice chairman: | Scott.....nominated by George, seconded by Iris. |
| Treasurer:     | Iris.....nominated by George, seconded by Sarah  |
| Secretary:     | Sally.....nominated by Iris, seconded by George. |

Rest of committee voted back on en-bloc

A.O.B.

The hall is getting so well used now that there is not much more space to take any more bookings, maybe when the darts and pool have a break something can take there place. Slimming World is now meeting here, 52 weeks have been booked, in time it is hoped that more meeting can be added,

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9 – 10 pm.



Gressenhall Playing Field and Social Club  
Gressenhall  
Dereham  
Norfolk

## Income and Expenditure Account

|                                                            | Year to<br>31st December 2023 |                        | Year to<br>31st December 2022 |                         |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                                            | £                             | £                      | £                             | £                       |
| <b>Monies Received</b>                                     | 79,570.18                     |                        | 74,468.83                     |                         |
| Interest Received                                          | <u>35.12</u>                  |                        | <u>0.74</u>                   |                         |
|                                                            |                               | 79,605.30              |                               | 74,469.57               |
| Less Deposits Returned                                     |                               | <u>0.00</u>            |                               | <u>60.00</u>            |
| Net Monies Received                                        |                               | 79,605.30              |                               | 74,409.57               |
| Less :- Purchases                                          | 32,346.19                     |                        | 28,322.84                     |                         |
| Wages                                                      | 10,076.11                     |                        | 6,765.55                      |                         |
| Cardnet Charges                                            | 458.88                        |                        | 463.17                        |                         |
| Card Machine Charges                                       | <u>345.60</u>                 |                        | <u>345.60</u>                 |                         |
|                                                            |                               | 43,226.78              |                               | 35,897.16               |
|                                                            |                               | <u>36,378.52</u>       |                               | <u>38,512.41</u>        |
| <b>Expenses</b>                                            |                               |                        |                               |                         |
| Breckland Council Tax                                      | 0.00                          |                        | 0.00                          |                         |
| Ground Rent                                                | 5.00                          |                        | 5.00                          |                         |
| Anglian Water                                              | 400.00                        |                        | 1,316.00                      |                         |
| Electricity-E.on                                           | 9,565.07                      |                        | 5,899.20                      |                         |
| Calor gas                                                  | 3,364.15                      |                        | 3,408.85                      |                         |
| BOC Ltd                                                    | 667.14                        |                        | 700.42                        |                         |
| Sladdin Insurances                                         | 1,997.41                      |                        | 1,297.68                      |                         |
| T V Licence                                                | 159.00                        |                        | 159.00                        |                         |
| Annual Licences                                            | 400.00                        |                        | 225.00                        |                         |
| Entertainment - Lottery, Bingo,<br>Darts, Pool and Raffles | 456.60                        |                        | 721.26                        |                         |
| Repairs and Maintenance                                    | 6,395.17                      |                        | 4,418.13                      |                         |
| Travel Expenses                                            | 1,260.91                      |                        | 1,064.75                      |                         |
| Cleaning Wages + Expenses                                  | 5,014.54                      |                        | 4,065.25                      |                         |
| Refuse Collection                                          | 1,627.03                      |                        | 1,183.16                      |                         |
| Postage, Stationery + Telephone                            | 398.22                        |                        | 313.05                        |                         |
| Adverts                                                    | 99.00                         |                        | 90.00                         |                         |
| Accounts                                                   | <u>400.00</u>                 |                        | <u>300.00</u>                 |                         |
|                                                            |                               | 32,209.24              |                               | 25,166.75               |
| Net profit/-Loss for the Year                              |                               | <u><u>4,169.28</u></u> |                               | <u><u>13,345.66</u></u> |

The above accounts have been prepared from the books, papers and information supplied to me and I can certify they are in accordance with the information herewith

  
Kathryn Perry

Dated - 29th February 2024

Gressenhall Playing Field and Social Club  
 Gressenhall  
 Dereham  
 Norfolk

## Summary of Bank Balances and Agreement therewith

|                                              |                         |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Opening Bank Balance No.1 A/c as at 1.1.2023 | 21,153.46               |
| Opening Bank Balance No.2 A/c as at 1.1.2023 | 1,496.63                |
| Opening Bar Float - as at 1.1.2023           | 500.00                  |
| Opening Cash Balance - as at 1.1.2023        | 78.25                   |
|                                              | <u>23,228.34</u>        |
| <b>Add</b>                                   |                         |
| Receipts for Year No.1 a/c                   | 76,694.18               |
| Receipts for Year No.2 a/c                   | 2,876.00                |
| Receipts for Year Interest                   | <u>35.12</u>            |
|                                              | <u>79,605.30</u>        |
|                                              | <u>102,833.64</u>       |
| <b>Less</b>                                  |                         |
| Expenses for Year No.1 a/c                   | 75,436.02               |
| Trf from Savings to current A/c              | 0.00                    |
|                                              | <u>75,436.02</u>        |
|                                              | <u><u>27,397.62</u></u> |

### Represented by:-

|                                                  |                  |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Closing Bank Balance Main A/c - as at 31.12.2023 | 22,131.12        |
| Closing Bank Balance No.2 A/c - as at 31.12.2023 | 4,407.75         |
| Closing Bar Float - as at 31.12.2023             | 500.00           |
| Closing Cash Balance - as at 31.12.2023          | 358.75           |
|                                                  | <u>27,397.62</u> |

Net profit for year to 31st December 2023

|                                        |             |
|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| Agreed to Income and Expendure Account | 4,169.28    |
|                                        | <u>0.00</u> |

|                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Estimated Stock at Club on | 31st December 2023 |
| Bar Stock                  | 3,500.00           |
| Cleaning Stock             | <u>300.00</u>      |
|                            | <u>3,800.00</u>    |

## Summary of Savings Account

For the Year to - 31st December 2023

|                                          |                        |
|------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Monies b/f 1.1.2023                      | £                      |
|                                          | 1,496.63               |
| Add Monies Banked No.2 a/c in 2023       | 2,876.00               |
| Add - Interest Received during 2023      | <u>35.12</u>           |
|                                          | <u>4,407.75</u>        |
| <b>Monies Paid out</b>                   |                        |
| No Payments made                         | <u>0.00</u>            |
|                                          | <u>0.00</u>            |
| Balance in No.2 Account as at 31.12.2023 | <u><u>4,407.75</u></u> |

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## Monthly Expenses for year to 31st December 2023

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# GRESSENHALL READING ROOM AND VILLAGE HALL

REGISTERED CHARITY NR. 272666

## Chair's APM Report Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024

The Reading Room Committee, comprising 9 members, continues to hold bi-monthly meetings.

Our much valued and long standing Chairperson, Jane Roberson, decided in August that after 7 years at the helm, it was time to stand down from the chair and the committee. We were all very sorry to see her go and thank her for all the work and contributions she has made throughout those years.

Our planned improvements to the hall continued to be enacted over the past 12 months,

A new projector and screen were purchased, with funds provided by an anonymous donor. It is hoped the new equipment will attract more hirers. It was agreed that the equipment could be hired out for a modest fee.

New lighting has been installed in the main hall together with new curtains, blackout blinds and redecoration.

The 125 club is fully subscribed provides valuable funds and we continue to advertise in the News and Views any fund raising events and attract new hirers.

Bridget Yates has continued to organise a series of well attended talks on Friday evenings. Our latest series of talks began last September when Joy Evitt talked about *Make Do and Mend* followed by monthly talks culminating in a talk, this April, by Helen Bainbridge based on her research into workhouse nursing and healthcare. Further talks are planned, commencing in the Autumn 2024.

We have held a very advantageous fixed price agreement with our electrical supplier over recent years. Unfortunately this is about to expire and we anticipate a substantial increase in our heating costs from the Autumn onwards. We may therefore have to review our hire charges later in the year.

Garth Russell - Reading Room Chairman