

**MINUTES OF THE GRESSENHALL PARISH COUNCIL ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7:00PM IN THE READING ROOM**

11158 Present: Councillor Beazley – Chair Councillor Melton
 Councillor Crisp Councillor Radford
 Councillor Reader Councillor Keidan
 District Councillor Atterwill
 District Councillor Duffield

8 members of the public

11159 To receive and accept apologies for absence – Councillor Day and County Councillor Kiddle-Morris.

11160 Declarations of interest – All Councillors in attendance (except Councillor Radford) declared an interest in The Swan Public House, Councillor Reader declared an interest in agenda item 11 - Gressenhall play park.

11161 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th October 2024 – The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th October were agreed by all councillors present and signed by the Chairman.

11162 To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting (information only) –

- Breckland's car park consultation is now open. It was agreed to write to Breckland with concerns raised including the negative impact on high street shops, additional costs for residents when their council tax should cover this area, additional costs for residents attending medical appointments and the cost to implement, monitor and enforce the parking.

11163 Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public. The meeting was opened to the public at 7:13pm.

A resident reported that pot holes in the village which had been marked, are now losing the white paint. The path leading to the social club, Rougholme Close and Freezer Close has been tarmaced, but is now like a mud bath. Clerk to report to Highways. The resident also enquired whether there was a netball team in the village.

That being all the meeting resumed at 7:18pm.

11164 Reporting of any Highways Matters including:

- It was agreed that pot holes along the sides of the road have probably been caused by Murphy Group. Clerk to write to them to chase a response to the letter sent.
- The speed sign quote was again reviewed. It was agreed to see if the current SAM sign can be used at different locations.
- The SAM2 data did not indicate major problems. The average speed was less than 30mph.
- There are five volunteers for the speedwatch. Clerk to speak to Beetley and find out the next steps.
- Repairs are required caused by the Anglian Water leak outside Peartree Cottage. Clerk to obtain photos and contact Anglian Water to arrange repairs.

11165 Update on Affordable Housing scheme –. No further information.

11166 Update on the Gressenhall Community Car Scheme – It was a busy month with 1,124 miles covered. There were a lot of journeys for vaccinations and to Toftwood Surgery who are now offering an eye clinic. More volunteers are still required.

- 11167 Update on the Elmham GP Surgery – No issues were raised this month. Councillor Keidan did request that Christmas opening times were sent to the News and Views before the deadline.
- 11168 To receive update from Play Park Project – The new equipment is being well used. The white lines will be painted when the weather conditions allow. Stage 2 fundraising is still ongoing with two applications being made, one to Grantscape and one to Breckland. The Halloween party held at Beetley Village Hall raised over £1,000. It is hoped phase 2 will commence in the spring.
- 11169 To receive update re Post Office closure – Residents are encouraged to inform the clerk of any feedback regarding the loss of services.
- 11170 To receive update from RWE/Murphy Group – A road closure notice was received from Murphy Group. This has been put on the parish noticeboard and website.
- 11170 To consider items of expenditure for 2025/26 Precept – Clerk to forward draft budget to councillors who will consider any additional items.
- 11171 To consider Gressenhall PCC's grant application – All councillors agreed to grant £500 towards the upkeep of the churchyard.
- 11173 **To discuss and consider planning matters**
Planning Applications
- Norfolk Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Publication of proposed Main Modifications and Additional Modifications - Invitation to make representations – It was agreed that the publication had no immediate relevance to Gressenhall so no representations will be made.
- 11174 Report from County Councillor – Report circulated prior to meeting.
- 11175 Report from District Councillor Duffield –Breckland have a Household Support Fund. Residents can contact either District Councillor Duffield or Atterwill who will make a claim on the resident's behalf.
- 11176 Report from District Councillor Atterwill – Breckland are holding a Car Park Consultation drop in at Dereham Library on 21st November from 11am to 7pm. It was reported that the surgery website triaging is working really well which seems to be taking pressure off of the telephones. However, the pharmacy is not working as well. Breckland's planning has moved to a new system. There are some issues which will hopefully be sorted soon.
- 11177 **Financial Matters**
To confirm payments for October: Clerk salary and expenses - £363.22, HMR&C - £84.40, Gressenhall Community Car scheme - £124.60, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme (Breckland) - £140.50, TTSR Limited - £897.43, Reading Room - £12.00, Community Heartbeat Trust - £131.94, Norfolk Woods and Hedges Limited - £594.00, Norfolk Woods and Hedges Limited - £222.00 and Gressenhall PCC - £500.00.
- All councillors present agreed to the payments. It was agreed Councillors Beazley and Crisp would authorise the payments online.
- 11178 Reports from councillors (for information only) – None.
- 11179 Correspondence (for information only)

- None

11180 To confirm the date of the next Meeting of the Parish Council – Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at 7:00pm.

In the absence of any further business, the meeting closed at 8:06pm.

Signed: Coouncillor Beazley

Date: 3rd December 2024