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MINUTES OF THE GRESSENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th JULY 2026 AT 7.00PM IN THE READING ROOM

11572 Present: Councillor Beazley - Chair Councillor Crisp
Councillor Day
Sue Horton (clerk)

Also in attendance: Cllr Richard Duffield, Cllr Roger Atterwill

2 members of the public

11573 To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Radford, Cllr Reader, Cllr Melton, Cllr Keidan, Cllr Dickerson

11574 Declarations of interest – All Councillors in attendance declared an interest in The Swan Public House.

11575 To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June 2026 – The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd June were agreed by all Councillors present and signed by the Chairman.

11576 To report progress on items not on the agenda from the last meeting (information only). It was confirmed that there is no allocation for Gressenhall in the Local Plan.

11577 Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public.

11578 Reporting of any Highways Matters including:

- To receive any highways defects – Nothing to report.
- To receive any water leaks to report – Two leaks on the Green have been reported. Clerk to report leak on Bittering Street. **AP**

11579 To discuss and consider update on The Social Club – It was reported that the first auction took place at the Social Club on Monday 6th July, the club was left in a clean and tidy condition. The football club have also commenced training sessions on Tuesday evenings and will be playing 12-14 matches on Saturdays. It was agreed that more users need to be attracted. A fire risk assessment has taken place.

11580 Update on the Gressenhall Community Car Scheme – 694 miles covered over 25 journeys with a total of 26 passengers.
Total cost = £312.30, fares received = £152.50, balance to pay = £159.80. Breckland payment = £86.75, Parish Council payment = £73.05. Continued thanks were given to Anne Maskell and the team of volunteer drivers.

11581 To discuss and consider issues on the Green – Costs for soakaway awaited from Cllr Melton.

11582 To discuss and consider update on the allotments – members of the Parish Council viewed the allotments, a number of which are overgrown and unkempt. Clerk to write to tenants concerning the condition of the plots. It was agreed that if new tenants took on a plot then some dispensation over the rent would be given. **AP**

11583 To discuss and consider bus shelter – Cllr Beazley reported that if the Surveyors Pit was not sold at auction, then the parish council would incur legal fees of about £2500, which would put additional pressure on the existing budget, so it was agreed to see if additional funding for the bus stop could be found beyond the parish partnership 50% arrangement.

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- 11584 To discuss and consider planning matters - **ENF/244/25 – Land to the West of Longham Road, Gressenhall** –no further progress has been made and the matter is still with Breckland Legal team. Cllr Atterwill confirmed he will follow up with Breckland Enforcement.

Proposal: Non-Material Amendment to PP PL/2025/1038/FMIN - Addition of garage doors to openings, addition of windows to garage, and brick dentil courses in lieu of fascia/verge.

*Site: **Beryew Cottage** The Green, Gressenhall, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 4DT – **No objections***

To receive planning decisions: None

- 11585 Report from County Councillor – Report received from Cllr Dickerson which is available on the parish council website.
Report from District Councillor – Cllr Atterwill reported that the Local Plan documents had been published and a six-week consultation process would begin.

Cllr Atterwill also reported that food waste bins would be delivered to all households in September 2026. The collected waste will be used for biomass energy.

- 11586 Financial Matters – to confirm payments for June:
Clerk salary and expenses - £336.60, HMR&C - £19.40, Gressenhall Community Car scheme (Parish) - £73.05, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme (Breckland) - £86.75. TTSR (grass cutting) = £1007.43

All Councillors present agreed to payment of the accounts. It was agreed Councillors Beazley and Cllr Crisp would authorise the payments online.

To confirm payment made: SLCC (Cilca training) = £282.86

To receive income for June: NCC Urban Cut funding = £1097.88

- 11587 Reports from Councillors (for information only)
Cllr Day confirmed that the water leaks on The Green had been reported.
- 11588 Correspondence (for information only) Email received from resident concerning the condition of the swing seats in the play park. **AP**
- 11589 To confirm the date of the next Meeting of the Parish Council – **Tuesday 4th August 2026** at 7.00pm. A meeting of the Surveyor's Pit Charity will follow.

That being all, the meeting closed at 7.23pm.

Signed:.....

Dated:.....