

**MINUTES OF THE GRESSENHALL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7TH
DECEMBER 2015 AT 8:00PM AT GRESSENHALL READING ROOM**

8329 Present: Councillor Crisp Councillor Bunning
Councillor Duffield Councillor Melton
Councillor Reader Councillor Richmond

29 members of the public

8330 Apologies: Councillor Radford

8331 Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 2nd November 2015 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

8332 Declaration of Interest – Councillor Duffield, Abel Homes Planning application, Bittering Street.

The meeting was opened to the public for their comments.

8333 Doug Curd gave the results of a recent Community Speedwatch session. Over a four hour period during November, 324 cars were recorded. 60 cars were reported at travelling over 30mph and 20 vehicles were recorded as travelling over 35mph.

8334 A resident enquired whether the resident at Halls Drive was aware that no vehicular access had been granted. It was agreed the resident had been informed. It was agreed for the Clerk to contact UK Power Network to request that the transformer is not moved without informing the Parish Council until proof of ownership of the land has been received.

8335 Numerous residents discussed the Abel Homes planning application. The Chairman advised all residents to object individually to Breckland rather than sending a single petition. The deadline for any comments/objections has been extended until 18th December. Residents voiced concerns regarding insufficient drainage, surface water draining into another residents garden, inadequate sewerage, development is outside settlement boundaries, increased traffic, back yard developing and spoiling views for other residents. Clerk to forward objections on behalf of the Parish Council.

That being all, the Parish Council meeting continued at 8:35pm.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

8336 Highway Matters – An email was received from Norfolk County Council with regard to the numerous cars parked at Victoria Place. Apparently NCC cannot prohibit parking on rural verges. This was deemed unacceptable by the Councillors present. A pot hole was reported at the crossroads of Bittering Street/Manor Farm which was said to have been filled on 6th November. This has not been completed to date. The damage at Litcham Road caused by the badger set is very bad again yet Norfolk County Council's email state that no related defects were identified. The groups are blocked again at Dunfer Hill. Clerk to forward emails to Councillor Kiddle-Morris.

8337 Speeding in the village - An email was received from Highways saying that the village had adequate signage on entering the village and that it was likely to be locals speeding. It was agreed to advertise in the News and Views for any volunteers to help with the Speedwatch and also ask Beetley Parish Council if they would lend us their SAM2 sign.

8338 An email was received from Hugh Coggles regarding the Tree Protection orders. It was agreed to ask Nick Saunders to survey before an application is made to Mr Coggles. Clerk to contact.

8339 A resident of Litcham Road wrote regarding damage to the verge outside their property. Clerk to forward details to Highways to see if reflectors can be erected. Clerk to inform residents.

8340 Community Car Scheme – A quiet month with only 442 miles travelled. Clerk carried out 5 DBS checks this month all of which are paid for by Norfolk Community Transport Association. The pop up café kindly donated £100 to the scheme which was gratefully received.

8341 Restricted Byway – Councillor Kiddle-Morris informed the meeting that the restricted byway is only

4m wide. Any other part of the verge is not Norfolk County Council land but is maintained as Highway land.

- 8342 Website – Councillor Radford not at meeting.
- 8343 WWI Centenary- An email was received from Bridget Yates with regard to costings for printing 50 copies of the ‘Men on the Memorial’. It was agreed that the Parish Council, and perhaps the New’s and Views’ would help cover the cost of £250. Clerk to put a note in the News and Views if anyone would like to order a copy of the book to contact her.
- 8344 Post Office – An email was received from George Freeman’s office informing the Parish Council that an extended service of two days per week will commence in the New Year.
- 8345 Bus Shelter – It was proposed to bid for one bus shelter to be sited near Nicholas Court. This was agreed by all Councillors except Councillor Duffield. Clerk to submit bid by 17th December.
- 8346 Allotment Review – It was agreed to write to the four allotment holders who have not paid their rent saying, as no rent has been received, the Parish Council assumes they no longer require the allotment and that it will be offered to others on the waiting list.
- 8347 2016/17 Precept – Estimated costs for the forthcoming year were circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Councillor Duffield to claim the same amount as last year (£12,000). This was seconded by Councillor Melton and all Councillors agreed.
- 8348 Planning Permission
- Abel Homes – Bittering Street, 5 new dwellings – Object on grounds that the development is outside settlement boundary, insufficient drainage, surface water draining in another residents garden, inadequate sewerage, increased traffic, back yard developing.
 - Mr C White – Dairy Farm, Bittering Street – Single storey extension to property.
- 8349 Accounts
November expenses paid – Clerk’s salary and expenses - £196.64, HMR&C - £45.20, Gressenhall Community Car Scheme - £47.39, Information Commissioner - £35.00.
- 8350 Proposed by Councillor Reader and seconded by Councillor Daniells that all expenses are paid. All present agreed.
- Any Other Business
- 8351 It was proposed for the Clerk to add The Swan Public House as a village asset on Breckland’s website.
- 8352 Councillors agreed to repair the flooded area of The Green near the Reading Room over the Christmas holidays.
- 8353 Correspondence
- Age UK request for help letter
 - Bank statements – Oct, Nov
 - NCC Warm and Well poster (on website and board)
 - NGF Newsletter
 - NCC letter re invasive weeds
 - NCTA planning day invitation
 - Breckland email re public consultation
 - Information re new audit regime
 - Letter re playing field
 - Letter re problems with verge

In the absence of any further business, the meeting closed at 8:55pm. The next meeting of Gressenhall Parish Council will be held on Monday 1st February 2016.

Signed: Councillor Crisp

Date: 1st February 2016