

# **GREAT DUNHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on **11<sup>th</sup> March 2019** in the Village Hall Litcham Road  
Great Dunham

Present: Mr R Warnes(chair) Mrs B Upton (vice-chair), Mr A Wakeling, Mr G Lawes, Mr C Rhodes, Mrs H White (Clerk), Mr M Kiddle-Morris (County Councillor)

The Meeting commenced at 8.00 pm

## **1. Welcome and to consider apologies for absence**

No apologies – all present

## **2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda**

None

## **3. To confirm and accept the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January**

Proposed by Mrs B Upton, seconded by Mr G Lawes, agreed by all

## **4. To discuss any matters from the January minutes (not on the Agenda)**

None

## **5. Resignation of Councillor Arnold**

Notified Breckland. No need to do anything else currently as we are within the 6 months of elections.

## **6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No public present

## **7. County Councillor**

Norfolk County Council agreed a net budget of £409.293m on the 11th February. It was agreed that Council tax would rise by 2.99% adding £39.51 per year to a band D property and that an adult social care charge of a further 3% rise was not to be made.

Adult social care costs continue to escalate, and the Council has made provision in the budget to invest £6m to address growing demand. Although the 3% adult social care precept was not raised this year all council tax rises from 2016-17 to 2018-19 are expected, by government, to be spent on adult social care. Thus, this year's council tax bill shows an adult social care precept of £96.05 (total of the precept increases for the above financial years) for a band D property with no increase for this year. The Council set the Children's Services budget at £186m for the year. The Council has around 200 statutory responsibilities to children in from birth to the age of 25 and the pressure on this budget is increasing. As an example, home to school transport costs £27.7m pa, placements and support for looked after children costs £57m pa and education and care for children with SEN £56.4m pa.

8. District Councillor  
Not present

**9. Finance Report**

Bank Reconciliation as at the 11<sup>th</sup> Jan shows we have £2935.42 in the bank. We have receipts of £424 and withdrawals of £444 so it's an accurate picture of our current position.

**10. Correspondence**

Local Plan

Election reminders – posters up 18<sup>th</sup> March.

**11. Planning Issues -**

**3PL/2018/1261/O - Erection of 4 dwellings**

Outline planning permission Land to the north of Rookery Farm Litcham Road.  
**Declined**

**12. To discuss any Highways Matters**

Faded signs on Litcham Road and Castle Acle road have now been replaced.

Markings outside School – Cllr Kiddle-Morris is arranging for road markings around the areas to be repainted, he will ensure that these are on the list.

Potholes – all reported have been repaired.

**13. Internal Audit**

Clerk to write letter to Jenny Cassam to engage her to do the final year end internal audit.

**14. A Christmas Carol on Tour**

We had received an email from a touring group who were trying to find villages that would be happy to host their Christmas panto for a fee. It was decided that with the school and the village doing their own, we did not need another one.

**15. To authorize financial payments**

Clerks wages £127.33

HMRC £31.80

SLCC £41.62

**16. To receive items for the next agenda**

Online banking

Sign off year end accounts

Defibrillator

**17. Confirm date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting which will also be the APM be on the 20<sup>th</sup> May.

Signed ..... Date.....