

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT DUNHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON APRIL 9TH 2018 AT 8.00 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr R Warnes, Cllr K Arnold, Cllr C Rhodes, Cllr G Lawes, Cllr Wakeling and Mrs G Hubbard (Clerk)

Others Present: County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence
The Chairman welcomed those present. There were apologies received from Cllr B Upton and these were accepted.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda
Cllr Warnes declared a Personal Interest in item 6, Panning.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on January 22nd
The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Lawes proposed the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Arnold and carried.

4. To discuss any matters from the minutes of January (not on the agenda)
Potholes are slowly being dealt with.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

The council tax has been set to go up 5.99% and 3% will be for additional Adult social care, which is needed. The number of people living to over 85 years of age is rising. There are a large number of children in care and the cost of looking after them is huge. By 2021 Councils will not receive any Government support grant. There will be no over run this year or next, so by 2021 the Norfolk County Council budget should be in the 'black'. There is still an on-going fight regarding the Police trying to take over the Fire and Rescue Service. At the moment it is very effective as it is. If it were to be taken over by the Police there will not be the spending power to deal with issues. There has been a great deal of work being carried out by the Highways Department recently and much flooding has taken place. They are dealing with potholes in a different way and it seems to be working well. Cllr Kiddle-Morris will chase up the marker posts alongside Crow Lane problem and the pot holes down Castle Acre Road. He will also look at the blocked drainage problem at Cannister Farm.

5. To discuss Correspondence

The only correspondence received was a copy of the Clerks & Councils magazine and an email from Mr Gordon Phillips regarding the amount of litter being thrown about in the village. The Clerk replied to him stating the Parish Council has no authority to sue anyone for being a litter bug and suggested he attended this meeting, but he did not attend.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

Breckland 3PL/2017/1617/HOU Mr & Mrs Chapman, 2 Briar Row, single storey extension to rear and porch to front, application approved.

Breckland 3PL/2018/0046, Roger Warnes Transport Ltd., Great Dunham Hall, proposed extension to grain store, the Parish Council had no objection to this application.

Proposed Housing Development on land off Litcham Road. An informal meeting had taken place and the Parish Council members there suggested a Public Meeting should take place. It was not thought to be a good site for development and no actual applications had been submitted.

7. To discuss any Highways Matters

Situation update regarding the hedge on Castle Acre Rd. Cllr Wakeling had looked at the hedge and it is regenerating itself and after another year it will be quite big.

8. To discuss draining issues on Castle Acre Road

The ditch from Cannister Farm down to the brook/stream needs clearing out as it is blocked. The Highways Department will be asked to deal with this. Cllr Kiddle-Morris will be copied into the email.

9. To receive update on marker posts alongside Crow Lane/junction with Palgrave Road

This problem has still not been sorted. Cllr Kiddle-Morris said he will yet again chase up this issue.

10. To authorize necessary financial payments

Cllr Wakeling proposed the following necessary financial transactions be authorized for payment, seconded by Cllr Rhodes and carried.

Clerk's end of year expenses £246.58	Roger Bell (notice board repairs) £6.00
G Hubbard (reimbursement) for David Bracey £96.00	NALC Subs £149.95

11. To discuss the Clerk's Contract of Employment

The Clerk had not returned a signed copy of the Contract to the Parish Council as she wished for some amendments to be made to it. She explained her concerns and hopefully a revised acceptable Contract will be submitted by the May meeting.

12. To discuss Data Protection rules and Councillor training

Cllr Rhodes will soon be attending a training course regarding the new Data Protection rules. The Parish Council adopted the Policy and Terms of Reference. There needs to be a Committee formed so the Parish Council passed a Resolution to form a Data Protection Committee comprising of Cllr Upton and Cllr Rhodes with Mrs Hubbard acting as the Clerk.

13. To receive items for the May agenda

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Adoption of the End of Year Accounts

Report from Cllr Rhodes regarding his Data Protection training

Highways Matters – drainage on Castle Acre Road

Update on Marker Posts alongside Crow Lane/junction with Palgrave Road

14. To confirm date and time of May meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 21st May at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. It will be preceded at 7.30 p.m. by the Annual Parish Meeting. The Parish Council meeting will be followed by the Data Protection Committee meeting.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

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Chairman

Date