

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT DUNHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
JANUARY 23RD 2017 AT 8.00 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Others Present: County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris and Dist. Cllr E Gould

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present. There were no apologies to be received as all 6 Parish Councillors were present.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no interests declared.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on November 21st

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Lawes proposed the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting, seconded by Cllr Upton and carried.

4. To discuss any matters from the minutes of November (not on the agenda)

There were no matters arising.

The Chairman closed the meeting for the Public Participation Period.

Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that Norfolk County Council will have to raise the council tax by 4.8%. There was an overspend of £21.5m and this has to be dealt with. It is hoped that eventually NCC will start with a 'clean sheet'. There will be an additional £5m available for adult social care. The elderly are living longer and the amount of money needed for Children in care is enormous. There is reorganization going on in the Highways Department and there will be 3 depots instead of 4. The Great Yarmouth depot will close. The 3 remaining will take over the running of the whole county. On May 4th there will be an Election.

Cllr Gould reported that Breckland had not raised the council tax for a few years but they are now going to raise it by £5.00 per household per year for a while. The new homes bonus has changed, so not so much money will be created from that. Regarding Vattenfall, the scoping for this is still going on. Until the scoping document comes out, it is difficult to make much comment. Breckland will be hosting some more working groups for this situation. There are many homeless people sleeping 'rough' in Norwich and 8 people in Breckland. There is a Slaughter House at Thetford but because of the abuse to animals being carried out there they no longer have a license to slaughter halal meat.

The Chairman closed the Public Participation Period and resumed the meeting.

5. To discuss Correspondence

Since the last meeting, the following mail has been received:-

Dudgeon has put some money into a 'funding pot' and the Amenities Committee will look into trying to obtain some of it for improving the play area.

Letter from Vattenfall regarding their proposed development and the outcome of their drop-ins occurred last year.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd :- there is nothing further to report on this project at the moment.

7. To discuss the Local Plan

Discussion groups will be taking place soon. This item will go on the May agenda.

8. To discuss Highways Matters

Footpaths and Pot Holes

The pot holes have been filled in. The reporting section of the Norfolk County Council website proving to be very efficient when pot holes need to be reported. There are currently no problems with footpaths.

9. Discuss the letter from Breckland re-smoke free areas around public play areas and adopting the voluntary code

The Parish Council decided not to pursue this as it was felt it would be impossible to enforce it

10. To authorize financial payments

Cllr Upton proposed the following necessary financial transactions be authorized for payment, seconded by Cllr Warnes and carried:-

Clerk's net salary for Dec. & Jan. £180.60 HMRC tax for Dec. & Jan. £45.20

11. To receive an update on the Parish Partnership scheme and funding for a SAM2

The Clerk to Gressenhall Parish Council has submitted the bid to Norfolk County Council and will hear in March/April whether they have been successful.

12. To discuss the Saffron Housing Trust

All the residents of Great Dunham have received a questionnaire from Saffron Housing Trust and they are exploring the possibility of providing a small development of affordable shared ownership housing in the village. The questionnaire has also been sent out to six other parishes. This opportunity was discussed at length, including the advantages and disadvantages of Shared Ownership housing. It was mentioned that there are already empty properties in the village that belong to Orbit Housing.

13. To Set meeting dates for 2017

The remaining meetings for the year will take place on the following dates:-

Monday 20th March at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

Monday 15th May at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. This meeting will be preceded at 7.30 p.m. by the Annual Parish Meeting

Monday 17th July at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Monday 25th September at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

Monday 20th November at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

14. To receive items for the March agenda

Update on the SAM2 sign application by Gressenhall Parish Council

15. To confirm date and time of next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was set for March 20th 2017 at 8.00 p.m. The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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Chairman

Robert J. Wainwright

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