

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT DUNHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON JANUARY 22ND 2018 AT 8.00 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr R Warnes, Cllr B Upton, Cllr K Arnold, Cllr C Rhodes, Cllr G Lawes 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 Wakeling and these were accepted.

Dist. Cllr Elizabeth Gould also sent apologies.

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 20th

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

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

There were no matters arising.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that the Government has agreed a council tax rise can happen with a 3% cap, so it can go up without a referendum. Bus subsidies and gritting routes will remain unaffected. There is an idea to combine the Police and the Fire Service but not everyone thinks this is a good idea. The Fire Service personnel have been trained in First Response. The Fire Brigade is responsible for more than putting out fires. Breckland Council is hoping to attract employees who have expertise and are relatively young.

There was some discussion regarding salaries paid to Norfolk County Council employees and whether or not salaries should continue to be paid to them, when they are no longer employed by N.C.C.

5. To discuss Correspondence

The only correspondence received was a copy of the Clerks & Councils magazine.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

Breckland 3PIL/2017/1617 Mr & Mrs C Chapman, Briar Row, Castle Acre Road, single storey extension to rear, porch to front. The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

7. To discuss any Highways Matters

Update on the situation regarding the hedge on Castle Acre Road. This will be on the next agenda.

The flooding outside Meadow House, on the Litcham Road, was reported several years ago and has never been dealt with. The Highways Department will be asked to deal with it. There is also flooding opposite the entrance to South Street as well as at the corner of Church Farm Barn, on Litcham Road, but apparently this will be dealt with soon. There is a huge rut in the road outside the Rookery Farm,

on the Beeston Road and this will be reported o Highways. Also about half a mile down Castle Acre Road there is a very large pot hole. It is just before Cannister Farm. This will also be reported and Cllr Warnes will email a photo to the Clerk, so she can send it onto Highways to show them how big it is.

8. To discuss draining issues on Castle Acre Road

There is so much water that the ditch cannot cope with it. Cllr Kiddle-Morris will try and help sort out this problem. The drains are actually very blocked.

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

Cllr Kiddle-Morris will follow this up. He thinks ‘Google Earth’ probably shows them to be in place, but that is not the case.

10. To set the Precept

After discussion, Cllr Warnes proposed the precept be set at £2,125.00, seconded by Cllr Upton and carried.

11. 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 December/January £108.48 HMRC tax for December/January £27.00
Mazars (external auditor) £540.00 Information Commissioners Office £35.00

The Parish Council will be renewing its subscription with Nalc this year.

12. To discuss the new rules coming out regarding Data Protection

The Clerk distributed paperwork regarding this subject and reported that it was strongly advisable for a couple of the Parish Councillors to attend a training course on the subject. The Clerk will investigate when courses are available.

13. To receive update on the Protection status of the Play Area in South Street

Cllr Gould had reported that it was not worth putting in for the protection status because development plans had already been drawn up. It it was too late to do anything without incurring very high costs.

14. To receive items for the next agenda

Data Protection rules and training

Update on the situation update regarding the hedge on Castle Acre Road.

15. To set dates for the rest of the year’s meetings

The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 9th April at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The remaining dates are 21st May, the Annual Parish Meeting taking place at 7.30 p.m. and the Annual Parish Council meeting at 8.00 p.m.

Monday 16th July, Monday 17th September and Monday 19th November.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.25 p.m.

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Chairman Date