

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT DUNHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
JULY 17TH 2017 AT 8.00 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

Others Present: County Cllr Mark Kiddle-Morris

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present. There were apologies received from Cllr G Lawes and Cllr C Rhodes and these were accepted.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no interests declared.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on May 15th

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Wakeling 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 May (not on the agenda)

There were no matters arising.

The Chairman suspended the meeting for the Public Participation Period.

Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that the Parish Partnership scheme is in force again, so a 50% contribution for a project from the Parish Council and 50% from N.C.C. would be available. The bids must be submitted by mid December. Projects such as trods and SAM2 signs would be considered. The Government has given £35m extra for social care costs as there is an aging population and more people need adult social care. The Childrens Services had an Ofsted inspection carried out and the result was not particularly good but the situation is improving. The next inspection will hopefully be better. Regular checks on children who are cared for by Social Services are carried out. 50 new Social Workers are to be recruited. Cllr Kiddle-Morris was asked why N.C.C. pays high amounts of money to employees when they decide to resign and work elsewhere but he explained that is the system. There was some in-depth discussion regarding N.C.C. and the financial situation in different situations.

The Chairman suspended the Public Participation Period and resumed the Parish Council meeting.

5. To discuss Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

There were no planning issues to discuss.

7. To discuss any Highways Matters

The pot holes were dealt with last week, apart from one in North Street. The Clerk asked that a photo be forwarded to here and she will chase up Highways again to deal with it. N.C.C. wish for problems to be recorded on their website and anyone can use it. The website address is www.norfolk.gov.uk The way to use it is to choose the Highways section and report any Highways issues by putting a pin on the area with the problem. There is a priority system in place, so if the pot hole is very deep, it will be considered a priority and it will be dealt with quite quickly. There is a footpath that needs strimming. It is located going towards Litcham, on the Litcham Road, from the Church Farm Barn corner towards North Street on the right hand side. The Highways Rangers will be asked to deal with this. The hedge also needs strimming.

8. To receive update regarding the purchase of the SAM2 sign by Gressenhall Parish Council

Cllr Upton had been in contact with the Gressenhall Parish Council Clerk and she will keep her updated with the progress. It seems the Gressenhall P.C. Clerk is having difficulty obtaining some paperwork from Mileham and if the situation does not progress soon, then perhaps it will only be Gressenhall, Great Dunham and Billingford that share the SAM2 sign.

9. 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 June & July	£180.60	HMRC tax for June & July	£45.20
Internal Auditor fee	£80.00	Roger Bell (repairs to notice board)	£25.00

10. To receive an update on the Awards For All application for funding for play equipment

£10,000 had been obtained from the Big Lottery Awards for All fund. All the money needed for the play equipment has now been raised. Money has also come from Dudgeon Offshore Community Fund, Geoffrey Watling Foundation and the Norfolk Playing Fields Association. Cllr Upton would like it minuted that the Parish Council wishes to give thanks to Mr Ed Hill for repairing the climbing frame in the community park. After the repairs were carried out the community park climbing frame was reopened to the public.

11. To discuss marker posts alongside Crow Lane/junction with Palgrave Road

Cllr Arnold spoke about the damage to the marker posts. Cllr Kiddle-Morris said he will look at this problem and deal with it.

11. To discuss the purchasing of a rubbish bin for South Street Play Area

Cllr Arnold proposed a rubbish bin be purchased, seconded by Cllr Wakeling and carried. The Clerk will order the bin from Glasdon UK.

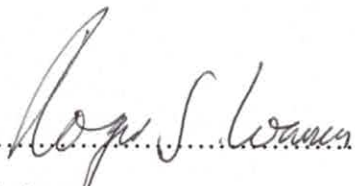
12. To receive items for the September agenda

Purchase of litter bin
 Marker Posts update
 Update on SAM2 speed sign
 Update on play equipment

13. To confirm date and time of next meeting in September

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was set for Monday 25th September at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.


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Chairman

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