

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT DUNHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MARCH 20<sup>TH</sup> 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

**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 January 23rd**

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

There were no matters arising.

The Chairman closed the meeting for the Public Participation Period.

Cllr Kiddle-Morris reported that N.C.C. had raised the Council tax by 4.8%, which was what he had predicted. 3% was ring fenced for Social Services. The whole of the County Council will have an election on May 4<sup>th</sup>. There is £20m in the budget for 2017.2018 for Highways Maintenance. The Parish Partnership will continue. There was some discussion regarding what money had been saved because the non necessity for salting the roads.

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

**5. To discuss Correspondence**

No mail had been received that warranted discussion.

**6. To discuss any Planning Issues**

Letter from Campaign to Protect Rural England. The Parish Council had no comments to make on this campaign and felt the decisions needed should be left up to Breckland to make.

Regarding Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd there will be a meeting which the Public attend on March 24<sup>th</sup> in Necton Village Hall between 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**7. To discuss the Local Plan**

The Local Plan will be ready early next year.

**8. To discuss any Highways Matters**

The Chairman had sent photos of potholes to the Clerk and they will be forwarded to the Highways Dept. They are all on Castleacre Road, one is on the junction of Lexham Road and Castleacre Road. Flooding on the Litcham Road, opposite the entrance to South Street needs reporting. The gully there needs clearing out.

**9. To receive update on the SAM2 sign application by Gressenhall Parish Council**

The Gressenhall Parish Council Clerk had emailed the Great Dunham Parish Council Clerk to say she has had notification that the Gressenhall Parish Council bid was successful. She will continue to liaise with the Great Dunham Parish Council Clerk. A volunteer in Great Dunham is available to deal with the necessary moving around of the sign to the 4 sites. Mr Jon Winnett from the Highways Department has seen the sites and his Department has no concerns about them. The Great Dunham Parish Council Clerk will liaise with Mr Bryan Leigh, Clerk of another Parish to find out some information, such as software use and data.

**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 Feb. & March £180.80 HMRC tax for Feb. & March £45.00 End of year expenses invoice £228.99 Clerk's holiday pay in lieu £135.48 Zurich insurance invoice £164.45

**11. To receive items for the May**

Update on the SAM2 sign situation  
Update on the play equipment  
Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman  
Adopt the end of year accounts

**12. To confirm date and time of next meeting in May**

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was set for Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending. There being no other business to discuss, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

*Brenda Upton*  
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*14th May, 2017*  
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*Vice* Chairman

Date