

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF GREAT DUNHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
NOVEMBER 21ST 2016 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: 2 Electors

1. Welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed those present. Since the last meeting Cllr S Jenkins had resigned from the Parish Council and Breckland has been informed.

Apologies for absence were received from County Cllr M Kiddle-Morris and Dist. Cllr Gould.

2. To declare any Interests re items on the agenda

There were no interests declared.

3. To confirm minutes of the meeting held on September 5th

The minutes had been circulated. Cllr Upton 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 September (not on the agenda)

The public footpath that runs besides the Rix Farm along the Lexham Road looks like some weed killer has been sprayed on it and also the grass has been cut.

The Chairman closed the meeting for the Public Participation Period.

There was some discussion regarding the proposal put forward by a developer to build 10 houses off the Litcham Road and the public meeting that took place, but nothing further has been heard from them. There was also some discussion regarding Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd and their intentions to build 2 new offshore wind farms

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

5. To discuss Correspondence

The following mail had been received:-

Copy of Clerks & Councils Direct magazine

Letter from Breckland re smoke free areas around public play areas and adopting the voluntary code. This will be discussed in January, after the letter has been circulated.

6. To discuss any Planning Issues

3PL/2016/1047/LB G A Warnes & Son, Great Dunham Hall, proposed extension to offices, listed building consent received

Letter and newsletter from Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd regarding intentions to build 2 new offshore wind farms. The paperwork will be circulated and it will be put on the January agenda.

7. To discuss the Local Plan

There would not be a development boundary for villages that had less than 3 public facilities/services and Great Dunham only has two. The development will be limited to 10 properties over the next 30 years. There will be a maximum of 3 new dwellings in one area.

8. To discuss Highways Matters - footpaths

The resurfacing of the road, opposite Robins Wood, on the Beeston Road at the Station Road junction needs some attention. Also there are pot holes down Castle Acre Road. The Chairman will send some photos to the Clerk for her to submit to Highways.

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 Oct. & Nov. £180.60	HMRC tax for Oct. & Nov. £45.20
Great Dunham Amenities Committee Hall Hire £32.00	

10. To set the precept for 2017 – 2018

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

If the Clerk discovers that the SAM2 sign project will involve less parishes, then there will be no expense to each parish and the precept will have to be £2,500.00 but this will only be the case if absolutely necessary.

11. To adopt the Financial Regulations

The Chairman of the Parish Council proposed the Financial Regulations be adopted, seconded by Cllr Upton and carried.

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

Jon Winnett from Highways had come to the village and met up with members of the Parish Council to discuss locations. He said there are several locations that could be used. Data is collected when the sign is being used. A volunteer has been found who is willing to go on the course and be in charge of the monitors. The Parish Council and the Clerk discussed the situation of sharing the sign amongst Great Dunham and three other parishes. The other three interested parishes are Mileham, Gressenhall and Billingford. Those three had already agreed to join together. The Parish Council would prefer to share the sign amongst three parishes but it may have to be four, if they want to become involved with the other three who will quite probably join forces already. The Clerk will check out exactly what the situation is because the situation will affect the precept required.

13. To receive items for the January agenda

Set meeting dates for 2017

Discuss the letter and newsletter from Vattenfall Wind Power Ltd.

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

14. To confirm date and time of next meeting

The date of the next Parish Council meeting was set for January 23rd 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 9.17 p.m.

Roger S. Wain
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Chairman

23rd January 2017
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Date