

# Great Snoring Parish Council

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Present: A Cooper, J Lockhart (Vice-Chair), T Norman, D Spiteri, V Thompson (Chair), J Tibbitts  
And one member of the public

## Meeting of Great Snoring Parish Council on Thursday 4 November 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Social Club

### MINUTES

Welcome

- 1) **Apologies** from T FitzPatrick (District Councillor).
- 2) **Declarations of pecuniary interest** by the Councillors in any of the items listed below. None
- 3) **Minutes of the previous Meeting** – 8 September were approved for signing.
- 4) **Matters arising:** Progress on items from previous meetings for information or reminders only. Items not on this agenda requiring decisions will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. None.
- 5) To consider **co-opting** to fill the vacancy: postponed
- 6) **The Meeting was temporarily closed** for Parishioners to express any concerns they have and for reports from the District and County Councillors. Report from District Councillor circulated via email.  
The Chair re-opened the meeting.
- 7) **Planning**
  - a) **Proposals** received from NNDC since the last meeting:
    - i) PF/22/2043 & LA/22/2044: Two story side extension to dwelling to replace existing two storey section; rebuilding and enlargement of front porch; external alterations Internal and external works to dwelling: **Bridge Cottage Thorpland**. Link circulated 8 Sept. No objection.
  - b) **Decisions** made by NNDC: none
  - c) **Other planning matters**
    - i) **Empty home on Fakenham Road:** no update.
- 8) **Highways:** <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>
  - a) **Items to report**
    - i) **Pothole:** Duck End – outside stables
    - ii) **White lines:** junction of Back Lane and Fakenham Road – completely worn away – dangerous situation as right of way is presumed (two near misses).
    - iii) It was noted that the groups and grips near the empty house on Fakenham Road had been cleared out thoroughly. The Clerk was asked to thank Highways.
- 9) **Street furniture / Environment**
  - a) **Kissing Gate.** Residents were asked, via the newsletter, to supply evidence of need if they wished to see the kissing gate added to the Definitive Map and also to indicate if they would be willing to contribute to the cost to the Parish Council of a new gate. Although the Parish Council did not receive any responses directly, a couple of residents collected signatures in support of retaining the kissing gate: 49 people put their names to survey (5 of whom do not live in the

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village); 38 indicated that they would be willing to make a donation towards the cost of a new kissing gate. 17 people added comments: Heritage (7), Appearance (2), Nostalgia (4), Safety (3), Accessibility: not important as the church path could be used (1). The written summary of this report was sent to NCC along with additional comments regarding safety and accessibility: none of the responses are from parents with young children; the gate to the Church is deliberately left open during the day to show that the church is open. While this is helpful for those who need accessible access it brings into question the need for a barrier at the end of the footpath which opens onto the same stretch of pavement. The Parish Council has left it to the County Council to make the ruling on whether or not the kissing gate should be included on the definitive map using the information collected in the village, along with the views expressed by the Ramblers Association and Norfolk County Council policy.

- b) **Notice board:** repairs are being carried out by Wells Men's Shed.
  - i) It was agreed to make a donation to the Wells Men's Shed (up to £150) once the work has been completed to contribute to their costs and time.
  - ii) Two supporting posts have been erected. Thank you to Tom Norman.
- c) **Bench:** repainting / staining. Once completed the bench will be blotted back into place.
- d) **Litter Pick:** October: Thank you to all those who helped.
- e) **Fly Survey:** 35 responses, 26 of which recorded an unacceptable level of flies. Thursford Road and Dildash Lane were particularly badly effected but the problem continued over to the Loke, partially down the Street from the Social Club towards the Church and the Sheltons. A full report including observations and queries has been sent to Environmental Health at the District Council. The Chair reported that the Environmental Officer was interested in data and comments and was following up the questions raised. They would meet up in early December for a walk-round. The Chair assured the member of the public that the Parish Council would continue to pursue the problems until a satisfactory outcome had been achieved.

### 10) Allotments and Gurney's Ground

- a) Installation of **playground** equipment started in the week beginning 24 October.
- b) Ideas for an 'opening' were discussed and it was agreed to try and arrange something that was child-focussed.
- c) It was suggested that the Estate could be approached to see if it would be possible to have the hedge on Gurney's Ground cut so it was neat and tidy for the 'grand opening'.
- d) The Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of the Parish Council renting the land next to the Social Club for a peppercorn rent to use as a car park e.g. for visitors to the playground.

### 11) Parish Clock

- a) Jan and Tom agreed to join Joyce with regular cleaning of the clock room – every three months (covering the mechanism with a plastic sheet while doing so to prevent dust getting in). Joyce would organise a date on a Saturday.

### 12) Setting the Budget and Precept for 2023-24

- a) The **figures** of the draft budget were reviewed (attached spreadsheet).  
Expected bank balance at the end of March 2023 is **£5951** (of which £589 is in the Parish Clock accounts and the rest is listed as reserved funds).

Expected **expenses** for 2023-24 are **£6,780**

Expected **receipts** for 2023-24 are **£ 605**

- b) Determine whether or not there are any other likely calls on planned expenditure
  - i) It was agreed to add an additional £300 to the insurance to cover the new equipment, and an additional £200 to cover the costs of signs for the playground.

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- c) It was agreed to transfer some money to the **Defibrillator** accounts which currently hold £161 to make it up to £200.
- d) It was agreed to set the **Precept at £6,500** (an increase of just over 8%)
- e) The form for NNDC was completed and signed by the Clerk and Chair.

### 13) Financial business

- a) **Receipts** 30 July – 30 Sept: interest 31p; NCC Recycling Credits £124.46; HMRC VAT refund £140.69; Gt Sn Social Club (for defib pads) £38.50, NNDC Precept £3,000.
- b) **Regular payments** 30 July – 30 Sept: FT Grounds Maintenance £365.40; salary & on costs
- c) **Balances as at 30 Sept 2022:** Current ac: £32,257.00; Savings acc (allotment deposits): £332.53; Defib savings £30.27 & chq ac £130.93p; Clock savings £586.17 & chq ac £3.
- d) **The statement of accounts compared to budget** was circulated.
- e) **The following payments were approved:**

Payee	Cheque no	Amount	Date
Kompan (playground equipment)	100457	£25668.46	5/10/22
Joanna Otte (expenses)	100458	£24.56	
Vanessa Thompson (Jewson – board for noticeboard)	100459	£54.88	
Walsingham Parish Council (newsletter Oct)	100460	£5.76	
Walsingham Estate (allotment rent)	100461	£120.00	
Countrystyle Recycling (bottle bank)	100462	£21.00	
J Otte (to pay Rodent Service for pest control)	100463	£76.80	
Gt Snoring Social Club (hire of hall for meeting)	100464	£12.50	

14) **Correspondence:** mail circulated as usual via email

15) **Items for report or placing on the agenda for the next Meeting.**

16) Date of the next meeting: change to **Thursday 12 January 2023 at 7 pm** in the Social Club

Meeting closed at 8.10 pm