

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: T FitzPatrick (District Councillor),

Meeting of Great Snoring Parish Council on Thursday 9 March 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Social Club

MINUTES

Welcome

- 1) **Apologies** from M Dalby (County Councillor).
- 2) **Declarations of pecuniary interest** by the Councillors in any of the items listed below. None.
- 3) **Minutes of the previous Meeting** (12 January) were approved and signed.
- 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) **The Meeting was temporarily closed** for Parishioners to express any concerns they have and for reports from the District and County Councillors.
NCCllr Michael Dalby had sent a written report which was circulated via email.
NNDCllr Tom FitzPatrick had emailed a report which was circulated via email. He also handout information about the Coronation Celebrations. He reported that the District Council Budget for 2023-24 had been agreed. He noted that the Levelling-Up Bid for Fakenham (including funding for a swimming pool) had been unsuccessful. The Local Plan had been submitted to the Planning Inspector. Following feedback from this, the Plan would be sent out for final consultation. He reminded the meeting that the Parish and District Council Elections on 4 May would be the first ones where voters would be required to present photo ID at the polling station.

The Chair re-opened the meeting.

6) Planning

- a) **Proposals** received from NNDC since the last meeting: None.
- b) **Decisions** made by NNDC
 - i) PF/22/2543: Single storey side/rear extension to dwelling at **The Red House** The Street. APPROVED.
 - ii) LA/22/2625: Replacement front windows and door at **90 The Street**. APPROVED.
 - iii) PF/22/2850: Erection of garden building (garden room/ store) at **Methodist Chapel The Loke**. APPROVED.
- c) **Other planning matters**
 - i) **Empty home on Fakenham Road**. It was noted that work had begun on maintaining the property: the roofs were being repaired.

7) Highways: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>

- a) **Items to report**
 - i) Waymarker post on Green Lane: rusty and needs to be replaced.
 - ii) Potholes:
 - (1) Back Lane / Fakenham Road
 - (2) Thursford Road (just beyond junction with Dildash Lane)

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iii) Missing white lines at junction of Back Lane / Fakenham Road

8) Street furniture / Environment

- a) **Kissing Gate:** the Clerk was asked to follow up with the County Council
- b) The **notice board** has been collected from Wells Men's Shed. They have done a fantastic job. The new wood is to be stained and painted with a sealant before being re-mounted.
- c) It was noted that the **bench** was back at the top of The Street and looked great.
- d) **Fly Survey.** The Chair reported that she had had a walk around the village with the Environmental Health Officer, looking at all the different points that had been raised in the survey. The Officer had been shocked by the extent of the problem. It had been emphasised that despite the lack of chickens in the village at present it was imperative to continue to monitor the situation and take action as required.
- e) **Litter Pick:** Sunday 30 April at 2:30 pm: meet in the church yard
- f) It was noted that the door of the **defibrillator cabinet** was rusty. The Clerk was asked to see if anything could be done to tidy it up.

9) Celebrating the Coronation

- a) It was agreed to join forces with the PCC for a bring your own picnic in the Church yard (or possibly on Gurney's Ground). A portaloos had been ordered. Help would be needed with chairs and tables, and bunting

10) **Allotments:** some allotments vacant / uncultivated.

11) Gurney's Ground

- a) Informal opening of the Playground on 5 Feb was a success.
- b) End of Project Monitoring Report has been submitted to the Sustainable Communities Fund
- c) Waiting for a date for a formal opening.
- d) It was noted that a request had been made for a 'grandparents' bench. It was suggested that plank and log bench could be made which would be in-keeping with the natural look of the area. The Clerk would investigate.
- e) It was noted that the insurance brokers have been informed of the new equipment and have made adjustments to the insurance policy.
- f) Visual check of the apparatus on a weekly basis: Tom Norman (Clerk to provide a checklist)

12) Financial business

- a) **Receipts** 1 Dec – 31 Jan: interest 54p.
- b) **Regular payments** 1 Dec – 31 Jan: salary & on costs
- c) **Balances as at 31 January:** Current ac: £5,495.06; Savings acc (allotment deposits): £332.72; Defib savings £38.53 & chq ac £30.27p; Clock savings £586.50 & chq ac £3.
- d) **The statement of accounts compared to budget** was noted
- e) **The following payments were approved:**

Payee	Cheque no	Amount	Date
J Otte (Rodent Services quarterly charge - pest control)	100470	£76.80	5/02/23
Arthur J Gallagher Insurance Brokers Ltd (cover for playground apparatus)	100471	£117.59	9/02/23
Joanna Otte (expenses)	100472	£34.85	
Walsingham Parish Council (newsletter February)	100473	£5.76	
Gt Snoring Social Club (hire of hall for meeting)	100474	£12.50	
V Thompson (cash for Wells Men's Shed)	100475	£125.00	
Countrystyle Recycling Ltd (bottle bank)	100476	£15.00	

13) Employment

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- a) It was noted that a re-declaration has been made to the Pension Regulator as required.
- b) It was noted that the National Salary Award agreed by the NJC in November was to increase salary by £1 per hour to be applied retrospectively from 1 April 2022.
- c) It was noted that the Employer's pension contribution will decrease by 0.5% for year beginning April 2023
- d) The Standing Order instructions to include the following adjustments were approved and signed:
 - i) backdated salary increase for the payments in March
 - ii) decrease in employer's pension contributions for 2023

14) Correspondence: mail circulated as usual via email

- a) Parish Council election on 4 May 2023. Reminder to those who wish to stand that they need to complete nomination forms which have to be delivered to NNDC office in Cromer between 21 March and 4 April.
- b) It was noted that the Norfolk Association of Local Councils was facilitating meetings with installers of electric vehicle charging points. It was thought that these was not something that the Parish Council would pursue at present.

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

16) Date of the next meeting will be on the **Thursday 11 May 2023 at 7 pm** in the Social Club and will consist of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

Councillors thank Vanessa for being a councillor for seven years and the Chair for five years. Jan was also thanked for her service of ten years.

Meeting closed at 8.05 pm