

**GARVESTONE, REYMERSTON & THUXTON
PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting on Monday 13th January 2020 at Garvestone Village Hall at 7.30 pm

In Mr Garrod's absence, Mrs T Garrod chaired the meeting. Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: Cllrs Mrs P Reade, Mrs T Garrod, Mrs C Harris, Mr G Smith, Mr S Smith and Mr L Smith.
Also present: County Councillor E Connolly, District Councillor I Martin, residents and the clerk.

20/6 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mr Garrod.

20/7 To receive declarations of interest and grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate

None.

20/8 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th December 2019 and of the extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th January 2020

The minutes of the meetings were signed as a true record.

20/9 To receive matters arising from last Parish Council meeting

19/189 Mr Martin reported that Breckland Council have agreed that planning officers will contact the district councillors if no response is received from the Parish Council for any planning application. Breckland request that the Parish Council respond for all applications even if there are no comments. The Parish Clerk already does this.

20/10 To receive clerk's report

19/113 Enforcement at Breckland Council have informed the Parish Council that as the planning permission for the mobile home on the field next to the footpath on North Green has been refused, they have re-opened the enforcement case.

19/199 Having received further details about the caravan possibly being occupied without planning permission on Mile Road, the clerk suggested awaiting further information before reporting to Enforcement and this was agreed.

19/199 The clerk requested more information about the flooding on Hingham Road which was provided. The clerk will raise this with NCC Councillor Ed Connolly.

19/205 Confirmation of the change of signatories has been received from Barclays.

20/4 A complaint was made to Enforcement about work having been started on the site of planning application 3PL/2019/1510/D, Dereham Road before reserved matters are agreed and about the site entrance not being in the agreed location. A reply has been received from Chris Curtis that he has inspected the site and spoken with the developer and is satisfied that the works being undertaken are consistent with land clearance, which does not constitute development. The developer has been made aware that he may not lay any services or foundation trenching until reserved matters have been approved. The developer has removed a section of hedging to access the site, this is not the permanent access which will be provided in the approved position. It is the intention of the developer to replant new hedging.

20/11 To receive correspondence

- Breckland Council – Section 106 money of £6027 available for outdoor sport and play from developments in the parish. Of this, £3402 has a spend by date of February 2022. It was suggested that the funds could be used by Garvestone Village Hall for replacement or

additional play equipment. The clerk will forward the information to Dot Leeder, and will check whether the funds can be used for footpath maintenance.

- Ian Martin, District Councillor - report by Breckland Council, Mattishall Ward Councillors.

20/12 To receive members' items

Mr S Smith said he was please to see that the planning application at Dumpling Green (3PL/2010/1361/F) was refused permission at the planning committee meeting on Monday. Mr Martin said that the Local Plan was instrumental in this application being refused. The vote was 7/4.

Mr S Smith reported on behalf of MNR that the Polar Express carried over 29,000 passengers over the winter. MNR are expecting to continue running the Polar Express for another five years. The Flying Scotsman will be visiting for several months in the autumn, tickets will be available online.

Mr G Smith said he would give an update on the Remembrance project and the rights of way working group at the February meeting, and reported that Ian Witham has submitted the application to add Tollers Lane to the Definitive Map.

Mrs Garrod thanks Mr Goolden for organising the New Year footpath walk. Mrs Dobson is retiring from providing refreshments for the walks and was thanked for doing so for many years.

Mrs Garrod suggested the Parish Council consider holding a Garvestone organisations day to raise awareness of the various groups and activities. Following discussion, it was suggested that this should be a parish wide event. Groups which might want to be involved include: village halls, bowls, Eat 'n' Meet, classes (yoga etc), Speedwatch, Youth for Christ, Broomsticks, Knit and Natter, litter picks, footpath walks, film nights, dance evenings, Post Office van, mobile library, churches and chapel, ukulele group, Marion Danby's band. It was agreed to put this as an item on the next agenda.

The stile on the Surveyor's land to footpath 11 from The Street, Reymerston is broken. The clerk will find out whether Highways are responsible for repairing it.

Mr G Smith said he would be attending the Norfolk Local Access Forum Parish Paths Seminar (south) on Friday 28th February 2020.

20/13 To receive items for the next agenda

None.

20/14 Meeting adjournment – members of the public invited to speak

The chairman reminded members of the public that each person could speak for no longer than three minutes.

The following issues were brought up

- A member of the public suggested that publicity such as fliers might be a more effective way of publicising parish groups and activities.
- A member of the public gave an update on the number 17 bus which is still very full and sometimes has to turn people away. The member of the public requested that the Parish Council contact Cathryn Barron to ask that the problems with this service be taken into consideration in the review of bus services in the Dereham area, and that the Parish Council and Councillor Connolly be kept informed of this review. This was agreed. The clerk will copy Mr Connolly into any correspondence with Cathryn Barron. Mr Connolly said that he is supportive of trying to solve the problems with the bus service.
- A member of the public said that he had contacted Highways about problems in Thuxton and had been told to ask that the Parish Council request a formal review of the situation. Problems raised include damage to banks (particularly outside Station Farmhouse), wide vehicles driving on the verge, surface water, the bridge and only one of the SLOW signs being. It was agreed that the PC will request a review.

- A member of the public expressed concern about the effects on traffic in Thuxton of the Norwich Northern Distributor Road being linked up to the A47.

20/15 To agree comments to Breckland Council on any new planning applications

3PL/2019/1542/D	Mr Cameron Black Land adjacent Thuxton Grange Station Road	Reserved matter application for single dwelling following outline permission - 3PL/2018/1309/O
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Strong objections, outline permission was for a small bungalow, this is a large one-and-a-half storey house, too large for plot, out of keeping with the setting, larger than Thuxton Grange, loss of amenity to neighbouring properties. The District Councillors will be contacted to request the application is called in to the Planning Committee.

3PL/2019/1590/F	Mr Karl Hunt Rosehaven, Reymerton Road	Demolish of existing garage. Proposed extension to the side of the property, allowing for a new attached garage and 2 additional bedrooms to the upper floor
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No objections in principle to an extension. Objection to the detail of this proposal, no space for car parking other than garage, on street parking directly opposite the new access to the dwelling in the garden of Jasmine Cottage, and close to junction, extension proposed as part of application 3PL/2019/1171/F (to back of the house) was much more appropriate.

3PL/2019/1581/HOU	Mr & Mrs S Thompson North Green Farm House, North Green, Reymerton	Alterations and rear extension of dwelling
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No objections, request conditions: CPRE light pollution guidelines, work vehicles parked on site

20/16 To note results of planning applications

3PL/2019/1324/F	Mr & Mrs Hosking Land at Rectory Barn, Tinkers Lane, Reymerton NR9 4ET	Erection of Self-Build Dwelling with Associated Works, Including; Provision of Internal Access Road and Landscaping Permission
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3PL/2019/1177/F	Ms Janice Bell Caravan Long Meadow North Green Reymerton NR9 4PD	Change of Use of part of the land for retention of Static Home including the provision of a treatment plant and a mains water connection. Change of use of part of the site for dog agility training the remainder to remain as horse grazing with field shelter Refusal
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20/17 To plan a litter pick

It was agreed to have a litter pick on Saturday 8 February 2020, meet 9.30 am at Garvestone Village hall. Mrs Harris will plan litter pick dates for the rest of the year so these can be publicised in Group News.

20/18 To receive an update on village gateways

The clerk has not yet requested an update on the installation of the village gateways but will do so for the next meeting.

20/19 Financial report

a. To approve receipts and payments

Payments

Frances Needham	Clerk's pay January 2020	1471	£280.66		£280.66
Norfolk Pension Fund	Pension contribution	1472	£83.16		£83.16
Garvestone village hall	Room hire 6/1/20	1473	£12.00		£12.00
Garvestone village hall	Room hire 13/2/20, 20/1/20, 10/2/20, 9/3/20, 23/3/20	1474	£87.50		£87.50
Frances Needham	Clerk's expenses Sep 2019	1475	£46.32		£46.32
Total			£509.64	£0.00	£509.64

b. To report bank balance and reconciliation

The balance of the Community Account at 31/12/19 was £14,834.02 with payments of £312.00 outstanding to 7/1/20 leaving a balance as per cash book of £14,522.02. Of this, £7,900 is the HLF grant for the Garvestone, Reymerston and Thuxton Remembrance Trail.

c. To receive a financial report

The clerk presented a financial report.

d. To agree the budget and precept for 2020/21

Mr S Smith proposed that the presented budget and a precept of £9,000 be agreed, seconded by Mr L Smith and all agreed.

Acceptance of the financial report was proposed by Mr S Smith, seconded by Mr G Smith, all agreed.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 10 February 2020 at Garvestone Village Hall. The Chair thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

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