

GARVESTONE, REYMERSTON & THUXTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Cllrs Mr G Smith (Chairman), Mrs P Reade, Mr M Garrod, Mr S. Smith, Mrs T Garrod (also taking minutes)

Mr G Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone of the guidelines for attendance at the meeting to reduce the risk from Covid-19.

21/155 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mrs C Harris, Mrs F Needham (clerk) and County Councillor Ed Connolly.

21/156 To receive declarations of interest and grant requests for dispensation as appropriate.

None.

21/157 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 16th August 2021

The date of the next meeting was amended to 12th September 2021 and agreed and signed as a true record.

21/158 To receive matters arising from the last Parish Council Meeting

20/47 Information from MNR regarding visit from Flying Scotsman has been circulated to councillors.

21/153 Mr G Smith is in the process of composing a PC level planning application review policy. Mrs Garrod to forward list of material considerations.

21/137 Mr G Smith reported on findings regarding future blended meetings. He and Mr S Smith will look further in to feasibility at our settings and costs and report back to PC.

21/94 The new bench for Reymerston will be sited on the Remembrance Space.

21/133 Mr G Smith will liaise with Mrs C Harris regarding collection of litter picking equipment.

21/145 Mr G Smith reported that access is still possible to footpath 1 where building work is being carried out .

21/159 To receive clerk's report

21/114 Policy from Planning on notices has been forwarded to councilors

21/72 No feedback yet from Ian Martin on the pavement damage at the Meadows

20/47 An email was circulated to councilors regarding MNR plans to put volunteers at key locations during the visit of the Flying Scotsman. This is seen as sufficient at the moment.

21/160 To receive any reports from District & County Councillors

None

21/161 Meeting adjournment – members of the public invited to speak

The following issues were brought up

- A member of the public asked if Ian Martin had got further clarification regarding site notices for planning applications, a full policy was handed to the member of public.
- A member of the public reported that areas of damaged pavement near The Meadows have been marked with spray paint, in anticipation of repair.
- A question was asked about who would be funding the new school classroom. This was confirmed as Children's Services by another member of the public.
- A member of the public reported that a tree between Holly House and The Meadows has been cut down, freeing overhead cables and allowing in more light.

- A member of the public reported that all 4 houses at The Meadows are now inhabited but there is a long snag list. They felt any repairs to the pavement should wait until the snagging is complete as machinery on site may cause more damage.
- Mr B. Peard reported on the planning decision for Reymerton Hall 3PL/2021/0344/F and 3PL/2021/0345/LB – 3PL/2021/0351/F, stating there was a strong emphasis on the conditions when permission was granted. He thanked councilors at all levels for their involvement in the process. Mr G Smith thanked Mr Peard for speaking on behalf of the PC at the planning meeting.
- A member of the public commented on the angle of the building in the plot 3PL/2021/1225/F

21/162 To agree comments to Breckland Council on any new planning applications.

3PL/2021/0948/F Church Farm, Thuxton

No objections

3PL/2021/1184/F Garvestone CP School

No objections but comment made on unimaginative building design and suggested the accuracy of school boundary to be checked on plan.

3PL/2021/1187/D The Lings (Plot 2) Garvestone

No objections

3PL/2021/1225/F The Lings, NR9 4QG

Objections : very large house for the plot. There was some concern about the accuracy of detail in the application, the risk of flooding on the site, the fact that work has already started, the hedge has already been removed even though the application states that no hedges are affected, the discharge of the sewage disposal and the orientation of the building on the plot. If permission given, contractors' vehicles to be parked off the road, CPRE lighting recommendations to be followed and rainwater harvesting to be incorporated.

21/163 To note comments on planning applications decided by email since last meeting.

3PN/2021/0041/UC Manor Farm, Town Lane, NR9 4QR

Amendment- Straw barn element to be demolished.

21/164 To note results of planning applications.

3PL/2021/0696/F Tanners Green House, Tanners Green, Garvestone

Permission

21/165 To note appeal against refusal of planning permission

Appeal ref: APP/2605/W/21/3270857 Reymerton Road

Still objecting on same grounds as previously. Also there is no need to balance housing across the road as the appeal states, demonstrated in The Willows application.

There was a short break to allow members of the public who did not wish to stay for the remainder of the meeting to leave.

21/166 To receive correspondence

Letter received from George Freeman MP inviting the council to be part of a forum looking at opportunities for our communities that will arise from the development of the “Norfolk Research Triangle”. It was agreed that the council would like to be involved, and a reply is to be sent.

21/167 To discuss applying to the Parish Partnership Scheme for 20mph wig-wags near the school.

Councillor Ed Connolly has offered the 50 % share required from PC from his allowance. Garvestone charity also offered a contribution. It was agreed to accept the money from Councillor Connolly. The wigwags are active at programmed times and this will need to include when breakfast club, after school clubs and High School children are active around the signs.

21/168 To decide the process for filling the casual councillor vacancy.

If an election has not been requested by 17/09/21, councillors to come to next meeting with suggestions of people interested in being co-opted.

21/169 To receive members items and items for next agenda.

Mr S Smith requested an update on Anglia Water main sewer scheme.

Mr S Smith reminded the council that the road markings were to be re-newed as part of the Village gateway scheme, this has not yet been done. To be chased up.

Mr S Smith commented on the patchy availability of fast and secure broadband in the parish and the effect on local business. This is something we need to communicate to G. Freeman as part of his new initiative.

Mr M Garrod offered to remove the old Garvestone bench and back fill any holes.

Mr M Garrod noted next year is 100 years since dedication of Garveston & Thuxton war memorial and suggested it should be cleaned and rededicated to mark the centenary.

Mr M Garrod asked when the Hingham junction would be finished as the work appears to be half complete.

Mr G Smith announced the Remembrance Space official opening will be 23/4/22

Mr G Smith has information on grants available to restore ponds and suggested this be done on the 2 ponds on the Surveyors land. Also regarding Surveyors land, at the next Trust Meeting, the agenda should include changing signatories for Trust account.

21/170 Financial report**To approve receipts and payments****Payee**

Frances Needham	Clerk's pay September 2021	£287.55
Norfolk Pension Fund	Pension contribution September 2021	£88.25
Frances Needham	Clerk's expenses Jun – Sep 2021	£31.40

Acceptance of financial report was proposed by Mr S Smith , seconded by Mr M Garrod, all agreed

21/171 To pass a resolution to exclude members of the public and press for a confidential item.

Agreed

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 9:08 pm

The councilors remained to discuss an update on the advert for the post of Parish Clerk and agreed the process for selection.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30pm on Monday 11th October 2021 at Garvestone Village Hall.

Signed

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