

**MINUTES OF THE GARVESTONE, REYMERSTON and
THUXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7:30PM**

Councillors Present: Karina Horn, Edward Stanford, Graham Smith (Chair) and Amanda Ward.

Members of the Public Present: 3 and District Councillor Paul Plummer

Clerk: Samantha Bromley

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J. Smerdon and Cllr L. Sandford (alternative commitment).

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Monday 20th January 2025 were AGREED as a true and accurate record signed by the Chair.

3. Declaration of Interest.

- 3.1. No pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest were declared.
- 3.2. No dispensation requests were received.

4. To receive updates on matters not elsewhere on the agenda.

- 4.1. The Councils 2025-26 precept has been requested and receipt confirmed.
- 4.2. The £345 donation from Mid-Norfolk Railway has been received. The Clerk has emailed London Hearts to request payment information to purchase the defibrillator and cabinet for Thuxton Railway Station.
- 4.3. To receive an update on the defibrillator outside of the Garvestone & Thuxton Village Hall. DEFFERED.
- 4.4. A request has been made to Konnectbus to update their system to change the name of the new bus shelter from Coates Corner to Baileys Corner.
- 4.5. The Clerk has tried calling the Barnham Broom post office several times to speak to the Mattishall post master regarding the mobile post office, with no success. – Clerk to contact Mattishall Post Office.
- 4.6. The meeting received an update on the escaped pigs' incident. This event has made national news. The pigs have now been fenced in on one side. An Environmental Officer and Breckland Officer have visited the owner of the pigs.

5. Correspondence.

- 5.1. Edward Connolly: Information. Noted.
- 5.2. Planning Inspectorate: Planning Inspectorate ROW/3343562. Noted. – Clerk to follow up on next steps as the path is overgrown and enquire as to what the category is of the byway. Clerk to write to Ian Witham to thank him for his work in making this path a PROW.
- 5.3. Parliament: RE: Safety of lithium-ion batteries campaign. Noted.
- 5.4. EAAA: CPR/AED training from EAAA. Noted.
- 5.5. Resident: Post Office. Noted.

6. Public Participation and Reports.

- 6.1. County Cllr Edward Connolly was not present and sent his apologies.

- 6.2. District Cllr Paul Claussen was not present. District Councillor Paul Plummer reported that the introduction of car parking charges has been put on hold due to Devolution.
- 6.3. The police were not present.
- 6.4. Open forum for members of the public.
 - 6.4.1. Thanks was given to District Cllr Paul Plummer for removing an obstacle from Skippers footpath. The obstacle was a piece of metal sticking out of ground.
 - 6.4.2. The importance of keeping the footpath names known was expressed to the Council. The following examples were given: Skippers footpath was named after a field and Little Low footpath was named after the piece of land.
 - 6.4.3. It was noted that down Skippers footpath, the end closes to Town Lane, there is a piece of land believed to house poultry. There is a drain leading from the area where the poultry are kept, which travels under the footpath and into a ditch on the other side of the footpath. It is believed that the drain is expelling dirty, foul-smelling water. - Footpath Officer to report to NCC.
 - 6.4.4. Thanks to given to Cllr J. Smerdon for making efforts to pacify the situation involving the escaped pigs and that the escaped pigs caused nuisance having dug up the ground of residents' properties.
 - 6.4.5. More information was requested regarding the planning application for 2 dwellings south of Dereham road.
 - 6.4.6. It was noted that the bus shelter timetable may still be wrong.
 - 6.4.7. It was noted that the security light on Wyvern Farm has been tilted down and times changed, for the better, since the last meeting, although it remains intrusively bright.
 - 6.4.8. It was requested that police be present at the next meeting to provide an update on the incident involving the escaped pigs.

7. Planning Matters.

- 7.1. To consider consultee response to applications received from Breckland District Council:
 - 7.1.1. PL/2025/0104/OMIN - Land South of Dereham Road Garvestone, Norfolk, NR9 4AD - Outline planning application for 2 no. dwellings with associated garden amenity areas and parking with all matters reserved except for access. OBJECT – On the grounds that the development is not a sensitive infilling and is not of appropriate design and scale for the settlement.
 - 7.1.2. 3PL/2024/0335/EU - Annexe Development 602756 305930, Park Lane, Reymerston - Use of the annexe as separate dwelling - certificate of lawfulness - existing use. OBJECT on same grounds as previous application for this site.
- 7.2. To consider consultee response to any other applications received from Breckland District Council after the publication of the agenda: (<http://planning.breckland.gov.uk/OcellaWeb/planningSearch>).
 - 7.2.1. PL/2025/0124/HOU – Walnut Tree Cottage, The Street, Reymerston – Extension and raise roof to rear single storey sunroom, including a roof lantern roof light. NO OBJECTION.
 - 7.2.2. PL/2025/0147/FMIN - Land North West of North Green Farm, North Green, Reymerston - Retrospective planning permission for an existing agricultural barn. Retention of vehicular access, provision of hard and soft landscaping including new wildflower planting, painting of existing palisade fence, relocating of fence posts and associated works. OBJECT – on the same grounds as previous application for this site.
- 7.3. To receive notifications of decisions made by Breckland District Council: NONE.

8. Financial & Governance Matters.

- 8.1. It was RESOLVED to AGREE the following payments, proposed Cllr A Ward, seconded Cllr K. Horn:

Payee	Description	Method	Net	VAT	Gross
Staffing	Salary/HMRC/Pension/WFHA	BACS	£541.36	£0.00	£541.36
Tesco	Mobile	DD	£11.66	£2.33	£13.99

9. Administration.

- 9.1. The next Parish Council litter pick will be held on Saturday 8th March 2025. Those who would like to participate are to meet Cllr Graham Smith at 10:00am at the Garvestone & Thuxton Village Hall.
- 9.2. It was noted that signs and posters, which have been installed around the parish to deter dog fouling, have had a positive impact. More posters are to be placed in other areas of concern.
- 9.3. It was AGREED to hold July's Council meeting in the Garvestone & Thuxton Village Hall.
- 9.4. It was noted that the Unity Trust Bank authorisations include:
- 9.4.1. Clerk: View (V), Submit Payments (S)
 - 9.4.2. James Smerdon: V, S, Authorise (A)
 - 9.4.3. Graham Smith: V, A
 - 9.4.4. Karina Horn: V, A
 - 9.4.5. Edward Stanford: V, A
 - 9.4.6. Lee Sandford: V, A
 - 9.4.7. Amanda Ward to be added with authorisation: V, A

10. Members Matters.

- 10.1. It was noted that litter and tyres have once again been left in the layby, before the golf club, on Hingham Road. – Clerk to report fly-tipping to NCC and request a new sign be installed to deter this. Clerk to investigate installing a camera due to the reoccurrence of fly-tipping at this location.

11. Items for the next meeting.

- 11.1. To consider holding another Defibrillator training session.
- 11.2. To receive an update on from police on the situation involving escaped pigs.
- 11.3. To review the start of the Council meetings and AGREE any action.

12. Next meeting of the council.

It was noted that the next meeting of the Council is to be held on Monday 10th March 2025 at 7:30pm, in the upstairs meeting room of the Garvestone & Thuxton Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8:55pm