

MINUTES OF THE GARVESTONE, REYMERSTON and THUXTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th JANUARY 2025 AT 7:30PM

Councillors Present: Karina Horn, Lee Sandford, Edward Stanford, James Smerdon (Chair) and Amanda Ward.

Members of the Public Present: 4 and District Councillor Paul Plummer

Clerk: Samantha Bromley

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Graham Smith (alternative commitment).

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Thursday 19th December 2024 were AGREED as a true and accurate record, following an amendment to the 'meeting closed time' to read 8:26pm, and signed by the Chair.

3. Declaration of Interest.

3.1. Cllr L. Sandford declared an interest in item 7.1.1.

3.2. It was resolved to AGREE to grant a dispensation to Cllr L. Sandford to provide background information only on item 7.1.1.

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

4.1. It was noted that the money for the Reymerston Phone Box has been received. - Clerk to send receipt of payment to the buyer.

4.2. It was noted that the Council's ground maintenance contractor is unable to do an additional cut on the playground outside of the Garvestone & Thuxton Village Hall due to his mowers in for maintenance.

4.3. To receive an update on the defibrillator outside of the Garveston & Thuxton Village Hall. DEFERRED.

5. Correspondence.

5.1. Edward Connolly: Information. Noted.

5.2. Planning Inspectorate: ROW/3343562 - Norfolk County Council (Whinburgh, Yaxham & Garvestone) Modification Order 2023. Noted.

5.3. Go East Anglia: Re: [EXTERNAL] Garvestone new Bus stop. Noted.

5.4. Resident: Lane adjacent to Faye and Holly Cottage. Noted.

6. Public Participation and Reports.

6.1. County Cllr Edward Connolly was not present.

6.2. District Cllr Paul Claussen was not present. District Cllr Paul Plummer reported that NCC applied to the Government to go for Devolution and should hear back at the end of the month. There are 50 Councils applying but only roughly 7 will be chosen. If selected, there will no longer be District Councils and the next Council elections will be postponed to accommodate change. It has been noted that the new planning portal is harder to navigate, in addition you now must download site documents to view them and can no longer view comments. – District Cllr Paul Plummer to feedback to Breckland.

- 6.3. The police were not present but the Chair informed the meeting that the parish's Speedwatch is 1 of 2 in the County that are being allowed to change the distance of where the sign is placed and are receiving more enforcement.
- 6.4. Open forum for members of the public (maximum of 3 minutes per person).
 - 6.4.1. Correspondence regarding the mobile post office was read to the meeting. – Clerk to enquire about obtaining the replacement services of the Mattishall mobile post office.
 - 6.4.2. It was noted that Mid-Norfolk Railway have purchased 3 defibrillators to place on 3 stations in Norfolk. – Clerk to confirm whether one is being placed at Thuxton Station, if not, to contact them to enquire about their donation to the Council for a defibrillator for Thuxton Station.
 - 6.4.3. It was noted that large vehicles have occasionally been arriving at Wyvern farm, causing damage to the verges opposite and have been blocking the road trying to enter the farm. The road this morning was blocked for 10 minutes. It was also noted that there is a bright, high powered security light which shines the light across rather than down.
 - 6.4.4. It was noted that residents of Tanners Green have had their lawns damaged due to a large number of escaped pigs.
 - 6.4.5. Concerns were raised over the unreliability of the current mobile post office.
 - 6.4.6. It was noted that it is believed that the timetable and location name on the new bus shelter is incorrect. – Clerk to write to Konnectbus regarding updating the name on their system to Baileys Corner and will check the times on the bus shelter.
 - 6.4.7. An enquiry was received regarding the planning application for 2 new dwellings at Manor Farm.

7. Planning Matters.

- 7.1. To consider consultee response to applications received from Breckland District Council:
 - 7.1.1. PL/2024/1031/HOU – 2 Park Lane, Garvestone, Norwich, Norfolk, NR9 4EU – Single storey extension. *As per the dispensation request, Cllr L. Sandford provided background information.* NO OBJECTION.
- 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/2024/1110/LB – Riverside Tanners Green, Garvestone, Norwich, Norfolk, NR9 4QS – Replacement of nine existing windows that are beyond repair in a style to match existing. NO OBJECTION.
- 7.3. To receive notifications of decisions made by Breckland District Council:
 - 7.3.1. 3PL/2022/0078/F – Manor Farm House, Town Lane, Garvestone – Demolition of five buildings, erection of two new dwellings and associated cartlodes and change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage and ecological buffer zone. APPROVED.

8. Financial & Governance Matters.

- 8.1. The general reserves were reviewed and note.
- 8.2. The budget was reviewed and precept set at £12370.00. This is an increase of £343, but due to the increase of tax base, this is a 0% increase for tax band D. Proposed Cllr J. Smerdon, seconded Cllr K. Horn. AGREED.
- 8.3. It was RESOLVED to AGREE the following payments, proposed Cllr J. Smerdon, 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
Viking	Office Supplies	BACS	£39.55	£7.91	£47.46
G&T Village Hall	Hall Hire	BACS	£85.00	£0.00	£85.00

**To include any invoices received after publication of the agenda.*

9. Administration.

To decide the date of the next Parish Council litter pick. DEFERRED

10. Members Matters.

- 10.1. It was noted that there has been a reoccurring issue of dog fouling on the field behind the Garvestone & Thuxton Village Hall. Signs have been put up to deter this. Posters have also been designed by local school children which are to be laminated and put up around areas of concern.

11. Items for the next meeting.

- 11.1. To discuss the dog fowling issue and AGREE any actions.

12. Next meeting of the council.

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 17th February 2025 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Meeting Closet at 8:44pm