

MINUTES OF GARVESTONE, REYMERSTON and THUXTON PARISH **COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2022 AT 7:30PM**

Councillors Present: Cllrs Mike Garrod, Tamzin Garrod, Polly Read, James Smerdon, Graham Smith and Stephen Smith.

Members of the Public Present: four members of public and District Councillor Paul Plummer.

Clerk: *Samantha Bromley*

1. Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr L. Dinnie (illness).

2. Minutes.

The minutes of the meeting of the council held on Monday 17th October 2022 were **AGREED** and signed by the chairman.

3. Declaration of Interest.

3.1. Cllr M. Garrod declared a pecuniary interest within item 12.2 and did not participate in discussions relating to church funding.

3.2. No dispensation requests were made.

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

4.1. Highways have given permission for the Parish Council to purchase a SAM2 sign to remain permanently in the village. The application to bid for 50/50 funding from the Parish Partnership Scheme for the SAM2 sign has been submitted.

4.2. ENF/131/22/PAR - The owner has been spoken to with regards to the hedgerow removal and fence. This is being reviewed by their legal team. A site visit is planned to assess any structures being erected without planning permission.

4.3. The council received an update from Cllr J. Smerdon regarding the neighbourhood plan.

4.4. County Cllr Edward Connolly and District Cllr Paul Plummer have contacted the relevant party. Cllr Paul Plummer reported receiving a response requesting a site visit to identify possible work that may need doing to resolve the parking issue.

4.5. It was reported by the clerk that she has received all signatures needed for Barclays to authorise the transfer to Unity Banking.

5. Public Participation and Reports.

5.1. To receive a report from County Cllr Edward Connolly if present. Not present.

5.2. To receive reports from District Cllrs Paul Claussen and Paul Plummer if present. Cllr P. Claussen was not present. A report was received from Cllr Paul Plummer who gave a planning update for the Breckland District.

5.3. To receive a report from the police if present. Not present.

5.4. Open forum for members of the public (maximum of 3 minutes per person)

5.4.1. A request for MOP to receive meeting information via email.

5.4.2. Archived Parish Council documents were checked with no issues reported.

6. Correspondence.

6.1. Offshore Wind: Norfolk Parishes Movement for an OTN: October '22 Update. Received and noted.

6.2. Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylon: Meeting with Government's offshore team. Received and noted.

- 6.3. Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylon: Update - political latest & various consultation. Received and noted.
- 6.4. Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylon: Hold Rishi Sunak to his summer pylon pledges. Received and noted.
- 6.5. Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylon: Rishi Sunak is reviewing his pledge. Received and noted.
- 6.6. Essex Suffolk Norfolk Pylon: Pylons campaign update. Received and noted.
- 6.7. CPRE: We did it, Fracking ban reinstated. Circulated. Received and noted.
- 6.8. NCC: Advice for bird keepers in Norfolk amid avian influenza (Bird Flu) outbreaks. Received and noted.
- 6.9. Resident: It was reported to the council that footpath 8 is in need of maintenance. Received and noted.
- 6.10. Police: Public Drop-in Sessions – Dereham and Thetford. Received and noted.

7. Dog Bin

- 7.1. Cllr J. Smerdon reported that Highways have given permission to instal the dog bin on their post and Breckland Council have agreed to add the waste collection to the current contract.
- 7.2. It was RESOLVED to AGREE to install a dog bin on post 9 on Dereham Lane by the Town Lane junction, up to the cost of £150. Proposed Cllr M. Garrod, seconded Cllr T. Garrod.

8. Wig-wag Sign

Cllr J. Smerdon gave an update on the wig-wag sign and recommended a possible course of action subject to permission. Deferred to next meeting for council to make a decision.

9. Defibrillator

It was AGREED for Cllr J Smerdon to run monthly maintenance checks on the defibrillator.

10. Remembrance Sunday 2023

To AGREED to have Remembrance Sunday 2023 as an agenda item in October 2023.

11. Planning Matters.

- 11.1. To consider consultee response to applications received from Breckland District Council: None.
- 11.2. 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>).
- 11.2.1. 3PL/2022/1259/HOU – Garvestone, 4 Meadows, Dereham Road – Erection of a single story detached timber garage on concrete pad. No objections.
- 11.3. To receive notifications of decisions made by Breckland District Council: None.

12. Financial & Governance Matters

- 12.1. It was RESOLVED to AGREE the following payments. Proposed Cllr M. Garrod, seconded Cllr J Smerdon.

Payee	Description	Method	Amount
Staffing	Salary/HMRC	BACS	£405.00
Tesco	Mobile	DD	£13.99
M.P Dennis and Sons	Hedge Cutting	BACS	£234.00
Totals			£652.99

- 12.2. The draft budget was reviewed.

- 12.2.1. It was AGREED that the council will not pursue the purchase of another SAM2.
- 12.2.2. It was AGREED that the council would budget for half of the cost of a contested election and if needed, use the councils reserves to fund the rest.
- 12.2.3. It was AGREED to reduce funds for S136 by half.

13. Administration

- 13.1. The Memorandum of Understanding was AGREED and signed by the chair.
- 13.2. The NALC model standing orders were AGREED as presented.
- 13.3. Consider means for electronically storing and backing up Parish Council documents. deferred to next meeting.
- 13.4. To identify dates for the upcoming litter picking sessions. Deferred to next meeting.

14. Members Matters

- 14.1. Cllr G. Smith reported that the village walk was a success.

15. Items for the next meeting.

- 15.1. Agree dates for the 2023 village walks
- 15.2. To identify dates for the upcoming litter picking sessions.
- 15.3. Consider means for electronically storing and backing up Parish Council document.
- 15.4. To consider the location and dates for the 2023 Parish Council meetings.
- 15.5. To AGREE a course of action for the Wigwag sign to improve visibility.
- 15.6. To review and agree the final draft budget.

16. Next meeting of the council.

To confirm that the date of the next council meeting will be held on Monday 12st December.

Meeting closed at 9:30pm