GARVESTONE, REYMERSTON & THUXTON
PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 4th May 2021 virtually by Zoom at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Mr M Garrod (Chairman for 12/78), Mrs C Harris, Mrs P Reade, Mr G Smith (Chairman from 21/79), Mr S Smith, Mr L Smith, Mrs T Garrod (for 21/78 and 12/79). Also present: District Councillor Paul Claussen, residents and the clerk.

Mr Garrod welcomed everyone to the meeting

21/78 To elect a Chairman
Mrs T Garrod proposed Mr G Smith, seconded by Mrs C Harris. There were no other nominations, and all agreed. Mr G Smith signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

Mr G Smith took the chair.
21/79 To elect a Vice Chairman
Mr G Smith proposed Mrs T Garrod, seconded by Mr M Garrod. There were no other nominations, and all agreed. Mrs T Garrod signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

21/80 To receive apologies for absence
None.

21/81 To receive declarations of interest and grant requests for dispensation as appropriate
None.

21/82 To agree the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19 April 2021
The minutes of the meeting were signed as a true record.

21/83 To receive matters arising from last Parish Council meeting
None.

21/84 To receive clerk's report
20/188 The clerk has been contacted by Highways about the obstructions on the verges on Mattishall Road. Highways confirmed that the obstructions should not be placed on the verge and that Highways have powers to have them removed. Highways will write to the householders to tell them remove within 14 days. If the obstructions are not removed, the person who placed them is liable if an accident is caused. Further action will be taken if the obstructions are not removed in 14 days. It was noted that a pedestrian tripped over one of the obstructions.
21/50 The anticipated delivery for the new benches is the week beginning 10 May 2021.

21/85 To receive any reports from District and County councillors
There is no news yet of a decision on planning applications 3PL/2021/0344/F and 3PL/2021/0345/LB at Reymerston Hall.

21/86 Meeting adjournment – members of the public invited to speak

The following issues were brought up

- Members of the public spoke in opposition to planning application 3PL/2021/0351/F at land adjacent to Ivy Cottage, Mattishall Road.
- A member of the public spoke in opposition to planning application 3PL/2021/0559/HOU at The Haven, Town Lane.

21/87 To agree comments to Breckland Council on any new planning applications

3PL/2021/0351/F	Land adjacent to Ivy Cottage, Mattishall Road, Garvestone NR9 4QN

The construction of 1no. detached, one and a half storey, 3 bedroom residential dwelling with detached twin garage

Objections: Having been contacted by many residents who are strongly opposed to the application and having heard these views, objections for following reason - site does not fit under the criteria in Local Plan Housing Policy HOU05 for infill as this a sparsely developed rural area, plot cannot be described as an otherwise built up street frontage, proposed property is far too big for the plot, overdevelopment, detrimental effect on amenity of neighbouring properties, out of keeping, would damage the character and distinctiveness of this area. Request application be called in to the planning committee.

3PL/2021/0538/HOU	Accra, Dereham Road, NR9 4QT

Two storey side extension with a garage at ground floor level, a single storey extension to the rear with a flat roof, a loft conversion with a dormer to the rear elevation

Objections: the dormer windows will overlook a neighbouring property

3PL/2021/0559/HOU	The Haven Town Lane NR9 4QR

2 Storey side extension to provide enlarged family Kitchen and Breakfast room, a Sunroom and upper floor bathroom facilities with Study room

Objections: the extension is far too big in proportion to the house, unsympathetic to an old and characterful property, overdevelopment of the plot, too close to neighbouring property

21/88 To note results of planning application

None.

21/89 To receive correspondence

None.

21/90 To discuss dates and venues (including via Zoom) for forthcoming Parish Council meetings

The clerk reported that the High Court has ruled against the bid to allow parish councils to continue to meet remotely and has confirmed that primary legislation is required to allow meetings under the 1972 Local Government Act to take place remotely. This means that all decision-making meetings taking place from 7 May onwards will have to be held in person. Mr Claussen said that Breckland Council are disappointed at the ruling and are having logistical difficulties finding a suitable venue for meetings to be held with appropriate social distancing. There was some discussion about the possibilities for minimising the length of meetings and the options for online meetings to discuss issues where a formal decision is not required. Some councillors wished to keep to only one meeting a month. It was agreed in order to reduce the risk from attendance at in-person meetings, that for the time being, the Parish Council will hold a virtual working group meeting one week before the in-person Parish Council meeting so that the in-person meeting can be kept short and attendance minimised. The quorate for a decision is three councillors. The next working group meeting will be on Monday 14 June at 7.30 pm by Zoom. The next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 21 June at 7.30 pm in the main hall at Garvestone village hall. [Clerk's note: 7 and 14 June were the preferred dates but the hall was not available on 14 June].

21/91 To receive members' items and items for the next agenda

Mr Garrod reported that SAM2 is now deployed on the B1135. There have been four Speedwatch sessions in April, these have been very successful. Four are planned for May.

Mrs C Harris said that she has not yet contacted Breckland Council about booking the litter picking kits.

21 92 Financial report

a. To approve receipts and payments

Payments		Net	VAT	Total
Frances Needham	Clerk's pay May 2021	£287.55		£287.55
Norfolk Pension Fund	Pension contribution May	£88.24		£88.24
Total		£375.79	£0.00	£375.79

b. To review the Assets Register and agree insurance cover from June 2021

The Assets Register was agreed. Zurich have not yet provided a quote for insurance cover from 1 June 2021. A higher premium is expected because the village gateways and benches have been added to the schedule. It was agreed to renew the policy if the increase is less than 10% of the current year's premium.

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

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at 7.30 pm on Monday 21 June 2021 at Garvestone village hall. There will be a working group meeting virtually by Zoom on Monday 14 June. The chairman thanked everybody for attending and closed the meeting at 8.36 pm.

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