Great Snoring Parish Council

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Present: A Cooper, J Lockhart (Vice-Chair), T Norman, D Perowne, D Spiteri, V Thompson (Chair), J Tibbitts; and: T FitzPatrick (District Councillor),

Meeting of Great Snoring Parish Council
on Thursday 8 July 2021 at 7:00 pm in the Social Club

MINUTES

Welcome

1) **Apologies** from NCCllr M Dalby.

2) **Declarations of pecuniary interest** by the Councillors in any of the items listed below**.** None.

3) **Minutes of the previous Meeting** – 13 May were approved and signed

4) **Matters arising:** Progress on items from previous meetings for information or reminders only. Items not on this agenda requiring decisions will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting**.**

5) The meeting was temporarily closed for members of the public to raise matters of concern and for District and County Councillors to report.
   a) **Report from NNDCllr T FitzPatrick**: NNDC is supporting Plastic Free July – an initiative of the Plastic Free Foundation. NNDC is working towards being a single use plastic free Council by 2023. This is all part of tackling how much we have become dependent upon plastics. Billions of plastic objects are manufactured that are used for a matter of minutes, but after disposal, remain with us for centuries. Plastic micro-particles are now being found in every part of the planet. The plastic free July campaign will provide tips and information on how we can all do our bit to reduce our reliance on plastic.
   Sustainable Communities Fund is the successor to the hugely successful Big Society Fund. Funding up to £15k is available for eligible projects. The committee meets every three months, but small grants of up to £1k are considered on a monthly basis.
   He also mentioned that there were delays in the planning process – partly due to a (national) shortage of (good) planners.
   b) **Report from NCCllr M Dalby** was circulated via email and included the following: everyone in Norfolk is reminded to get tested for Covid-19 twice a week as case numbers continue to rise in the county. Litter can now be accepted at recycling centres. People looking to organise a group litter pick can still contact the District Council who can help provide bags, grabbers and arrange for collection of the waste collected. As with all household waste it will be free to leave picked litter at the recycling centres (it will need to be bagged, with cans and glass separated for recycling) and come from public land such as roadsides and verges. Composting bins are available from Norfolk Recycles for £1 plus delivery. The County Councillor has a small budget for environmental as well as highways-related projects.

The Chair re-opened the meeting.

6) **Financial business**
   a) **Receipts** 1 April – 28 May: Allotment rent and deposit £66; Surveyor's allotment £1.50; precept £2500; refund for missed dog bin emptying in 2020 £25.
   b) **Regular payments** 1 April – 28 May**:** salary & on costs £424.18; grass cutting £120;
   c) **Balances as at 28 May** 2021: Current ac: £4,073.65; Savings account (allotment deposits): £302.36; Defibrillator savings £183.87; Clock savings £805.85, Clock £3;

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Chair

d) The statement of accounts compared to budget was circulated.

e) The following payments were approved:

Payee	Cheque no	Amount
J Otte (expenses)	100422	£19.42

7) Allotments and Gurney's Ground

a) Progress report on project playground and adult fitness equipment. The Chair, Clerk and David Perowne had had a useful site visit with a potential benefactor. A wish list had been drawn (is £30,597.50 + VAT of £6,119.50).

Item	Cost
Woodland tower climber with rockwall, cargo net and steps & safety surface	£5,365
Swings 2 x flat + 1 x cradle seats & safety surface	£2,775
Basketball hoop and bounce area	£3,684
Picnic table	£460
Double Cross Country Skier, fixings and matting	£1,589
Double Air Walker, fixings and matting	£1,704
Compliance sign for fitness equipment	£285
All-inclusive twister roundabout & safety surface	£10,925
Delivery, installation, site security	£3,990

b) It was noted that the gate at Gurney's Ground needed to be replaced. There was a suitable one at Top Farm which would be provided free of charge. A request for a volunteer to erect it would be put in the newsletter.

c) There had been no further complaints about hens on the allotments.

d) Pest control: nothing to report.

8) Highways: https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem

a) Items to report

i) Signage 'unsuitable for HGVs' need to be replaced at Thorpland and Fakenham Road.

b) It was noted that the work on the drain at Duck End has been completed and seems to be working.

c) It was noted that the Greenway to Walsingham was very overgrown. A concerned resident had been directed to contact the Diocese as it is part of the new Walsingham Way. She will be meeting with the Walsingham Estate Agent to discuss.

d) It was reported that parking on The Street at some points is causing difficulties for some people to get into their driveways. The Clerk was asked to put a notice in the newsletter asking people to park with consideration and to ensure that the width of the road is wide enough to allow for large farm vehicles during harvest.

9) Street furniture / Environment

a) It was noted that **dog fouling** can be reported to NNDC: https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/environmental-protection/report-dog-fouling/ . 'If you want to report an instance of dog fouling, please make a note of the following information if possible: date and time the fouling took place, or when you discovered it; location of the incident; description of the dog and owner. If you have any additional information such as the name or address of the dog owner concerned, please include this on the form.'

b) Fly-tipping should also be reported to NNDC: https://www.north-norfolk.gov.uk/tasks/environmental-protection/report-fly-tipping/

c) The issue of smoky **bonfires** was discussed. The Clerk was asked to put an item in the newsletter asking people to consider their neighbours when lighting a bonfire.

10) Litter Pick was cancelled because the verges had not been cut. A new date will be set in the autumn. Thank you to all those who do litter pick around the village.

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Chair

11) Emergency Plan

a) It was decided that the Chair would circulate the Plan to councillors for comment and subsequent discussion at the next meeting.

12) Planning

a) **Proposals** received from NNDC since the last meeting:

i) PF/21/1040 & LA/21/1041: Single storey extension to Rose Cottage following removal of car port; insertion of roof lights; conversion and alterations to detached garage to form holiday let; erection of pergola within garden Internal alterations to Vine Cottage Internal alterations to Cherry Tree Cottage Conversion of outbuilding to holiday let Construction of pergola and associated landscaping works at Cherry Tree Cottage. Link circulated. Response submitted 31 May: Great Snoring Parish Council has the following concerns which we trust will be considered:

- The Cedar tree is quite a special species and should be retained.
- Rose Cottage - the extension is 'significantly different in design' and not suitable in proximity of listed buildings. An extension if required should be in keeping and traditional.
- Holiday Let - it is thought that the raised height of the roof would be visible and obtrusive when viewed from further along The Street
- There is also concern that the overall package, particularly the introduction of the purpose-built holiday let, produces an enclave which will always be holiday lets and never could revert to full time occupation as separate entities.

ii) PF/21/0988: Erection of double car port and outbuildings; replacement windows to house at **Unicorn House Norwich Road. Re-consultation.** Link circulated. No objection submitted 11 June.

b) **Decisions** made by **NNDC**

i) PF/21/0988: Erection of double car port and outbuildings; replacement windows to house at **Unicorn House Norwich Road. Re-consultation.** APPROVED

13) Newsletter

a) Comment received that they like the new format and that all groups in the village were included.

b) Items to include: Bowls Club report, art work, apology for cancelling litter pick at short-notice, parking

14) Correspondence: mail circulated as usual via email

a) To note that parish councillors and the clerk made a combined contribution of £30 to the fund organised by Langham Parish Council to give a thank you gift to former County Councillor Dr Marie Strong.

15) Items for report or placing on the agenda for the next Meeting.

a) Defibrillator and CPR training to be arranged for a Thursday evening in October at 7 pm.

16) Date of the next meeting: **Thursday 9 September 2021** at 7 pm in the Social Club

Meeting closed at 8:20 pm

Signed_____ Date……..

Chair