

Great Snoring Parish Council

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To: David Clifton, Averil Cooper, Steven Hall, Tom Norman (Chair), Dawn Spiteri (Vice-Chair), Joyce Tibbitts

Cc: Tom FitzPatrick (District Councillor), Michael Dalby (County Councillor), SNT Wells

You are summoned to the Meeting of Great Snoring Parish Council on Thursday 14 November 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Social Club

Signed _____

Date.....

AGENDA

Welcome

- 1) **Apologies** and reasons for absence.
- 2) **Declarations of pecuniary interest** by the Councillors in any of the items listed below.
- 3) **Minutes of the previous Meeting** on 12 September to be 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 will be temporarily closed** for Parishioners to express any concerns they have and for reports from the District and County Councillors.
The Chair will re-open the meeting.
- 6) **Planning**
 - a) **Proposals** received from NNDC since the last meeting. None
 - b) **Decisions** made by NNDC
 - i) PF/24/1687: Two storey side extension to dwellinghouse; detached replacement garage at **Vine Park Cottage** Thursford Rd. APPROVED.
 - c) Other planning matters
 - i) **Cherry Tree Cottage.** To note the response from the enforcement officer: 'the wall is not listed, and the works being carried out were on a like for like basis and so there is no breach of planning controls. The enforcement case has now been closed.'
- 7) **Highways:** <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads/report-a-problem>
 - a) **Items to report**
- 8) **Flies**
 - a) The Environmental Health Officers are continuing the work with Top Farm and also collecting sticky papers from a few properties around the village to help with monitoring.
- 9) **Street furniture / Environment**
- 10) **Allotments**
 - a) To note that the hedge has been cut by Ian (for £40).
 - b) To note that Steven took a day off work to tidy up the allotments. He has suggested that his allotment rent is waived in lieu of payment.
 - c) To note that an allotment tenant will be keeping chickens and will carry out own pest control.
 - d) To consider what to do about reports of dogs running loose on the allotments.
- 11) **Gurney's Ground**
 - a) To note with appreciation that the Walsingham Estate tidied up the play area and the hedge on The Street has been cut. To consider how to manage the 'flower bed' and other areas which are not part of the grass cutting contract.

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12) Financial business

- a) **Receipts** since 31 July: allotment deposits £60; recycling credits £55.98; interest £25.47; precept £3300.
- b) **Regular payments** since 31 July: FT Grounds Maintenance £251.14; salary & on costs
- c) **Balances as at 30 Sept:** Current ac: £4199.98; Savings acc: £5068.94; Defib savings £183.54 & chq ac £0.53; Clock savings £600.76 & chq ac -£119.00.
- d) **To approve the following payments:**

Payee	Cheque no	Amount
Joanna Otte (expenses including newsletter)	100539	£27.10
Walsingham Estate (allotment rent)	100540	£120.00
Countrystyle Recycling Ltd	100541	£24.00
Gt Snoring Social Club (hire of hall)	100542	
Steven Hall (for clearing allotments)	100537	

13) Employment

- a) Salary increase for 2024-25. The Local Government Association (LGA) advised the National Association of Local Councils that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) has agreed on pay rates applicable from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.’
- i) SCP 19: was £15.48 increased to £16.10. Back pay for 2024-25 April to October: £56.42 (including employee’s pension contribution £3.10); employer’s pension contribution £12.98.
- ii) To approve and sign the instructions to the bank to make the back payments and to change the monthly payments.

14) Setting the Budget and Precept for 2025-26

- a) **Review the figures** (see attached spreadsheet)

Expected bank balance at the end of March 2025 is **£7367** (of which £482 is in the Parish Clock accounts and £335 is for the Kissing Gate; the rest is listed as reserved funds).

Expected **expenses** for 2025-26 are **£7,885**

Expected **receipts** for 2025-26 are **£ 458**

- b) Determine whether or not there are any other likely calls on planned expenditure

c) Options

Options	Increase by	%	Precept	Charge	Band D annual increase
Current			£6600	£71.97	
Option 1	£100	1.52%	£6700	£69.72	-£27.06
Option 2	£200	3%	£6800	£70.74	-£14.82

- d) **Proposed Precept is £6,700** (increase of £100 – or 1.5%)

- e) Agree the precept for 2025-26

- f) Complete and sign the form for NNDC

15) Correspondence: mail circulated as usual via email

- a) To note that a request was received from new residents to cut back the trees on the knoll outside The Tuns. It was confirmed via email that no action would be taken – the trees were crown-lifted

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

17) Date of the next meeting: **Thursday 9 January 2025 at 7 pm** in the Social Club.