Great Snoring Parish Council

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Present:
David Clifton, Steven Hall, Tom Norman (Chair), PJ Savory, Dawn Spiteri (Vice-Chair), Joyce Tibbitts
and: NNDCllr Tom FitzPatrick (left early), NCCllr Victoria Holliday (arrived late)
and five members of the public and two children (left after the public participation)

Meeting of Great Snoring Parish Council
on Thursday 9 July 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Social Club

MINUTES

Welcome

1) **Apologies** (Averil Cooper not present)

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

3) **Minutes of the previous Meeting** on 14 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**.**
   a) It was noted that NNDC Environmental Health had a meeting on 23 June in the Social Club at the request of residents to talk about the issue of flies in the village.
   b) The Vice-Chair asked if PJ would provide more information about the point he raised in an email prior to the meeting with the Environmental Health regarding the declaration of vested interests (personal or commercial) with any of the Stakeholders in the fly situation. He had been led to believe there may be 'person relationships' for some that have been referenced before. He refused to provide any further information or name names even when pushed by parish councillors who said that they had been upset by the implications of his email. The Clerk explained that the meeting had not been a Parish Council meeting, but if there was a demand for declaring interests then this would have to apply to everyone attending the meeting (and there would have to be a definition of what an 'interest' in this case would be). A couple of councillors reiterated that they felt uneasy with the situation and that the comments had created an element of distrust, but they had to accept that there would be no further explanation as to where the request declaring interests had originated.

5) **The Meeting will be temporarily closed** for Parishioners to express any concerns they have and for reports from the District and County Councillors**.**
   a) **NCCllr Victoria Holliday** report circulated via email.

   b) **NNDCllr Tom FitzPatrick**
   - Re-iterated from the public meeting that no evidence of larvae had been found in the ground stuff in the chicken sheds, and the Environmental Health Team are looking for possible alternative sources of flies in the locality to assist in identifying / clarifying the source. He explained that he would be holding the Environmental Health Officers to account to ensure that they carried out what they had promised to do at the meeting including finding the source of the flies. Examination of larvae and flies indicated that the source of flies in homes was not the chicken sheds. If the source/s were identified he would ensure that the procedures were followed including putting an enforcement notice in place.
   - Local Government Reorganisation – three unitary authorities. The County Council and South Norfolk are threatening a judicial review, but the other district councils are working towards the Government's timeline: May 2027 elections for shadow authorities; vesting in April '28.

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- Mayoral elections in May 2028 – devolved powers including transport, adult education and extra funding.
- New Community Fund
- Warm weather advice on North Norfolk District Council website.

c) Members of the public

- It was noted that the Environmental Health Officer had been shown round the allotments and that there was no evidence flies coming from there. The following questions were asked
  - where the muck goes when it is cleared from the sheds?
  - where does the muck come from that is on pad Barsham Road?
  - why is the Environmental Health Team not monitoring when the chicken sheds are being cleared?
- They reported that some of them had received abuse from other people in the village following the fly meeting and this, in addition to the flies was making their lives unbearable. They ask the Parish Council for help in bearing the load.
- It was agreed that the Parish Council would set up a Working Group of Parish Councillors and residents. The residents asked that the Working Group would be confidential.

The Chair re-opened the meeting.

6) Planning

a) **Proposals** received from NNDC since the last meeting.
   i) PF/26/0968: Single storey rear extension that protrudes to the side with integrated porch. Brick wall to front to replace fence at **Field Lodge Fakenham Road**. Link circulated. No objection submitted 30 May.

b) **Decisions** made by **NNDC:** none

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

a) **Items to report**
   i) **Road signs:** obscured by overgrown hedges: Remind owners to cut back hedges (in newsletter and Walsingham Estate).

8) **Street furniture / Environment**

a) Bench on the Tuns Knoll: work in progress.
b) Signs to warn drivers of children have been placed on the verges on Dildash Lane (approach to the allotment track) and on the verge of Gurney's Ground. The person who requested these has written to thank the parish council.

9) **Allotments**

a) The Clerk was asked to remind allotment tenants of their obligation to keep paths clear, maintain hedges and cut back weeds on the uncultivated parts of their plots.
b) A request from a new tenant to have metal raised beds was approved.

10) **Gurney's Ground**

a) Report on visual inspection of playground:
   i) A failing bolt on wobbly bridge was ordered from Kompan and has been fixed in place.
   ii) It was agreed to get some bird deterrent strip for the top of the swings
   iii) Issues with weeds and growth around equipment and at the pedestrian gate was been raised with Hingley Agricultural Services and dealt with.
   iv) It was noted that the knoll at Top Farm is cut once a month and the other knolls and Gurney's Ground are done twice a month.

11) **Financial business**

a) **Receipts** since 1 May: £436.65 VAT refund
b) **Regular payments** since 1 May: Hingley Agric £241.09: salary & on costs

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c) **Balances as at 29 May were confirmed**: Current ac: £2071.46; Savings acc: £8314.46; Defib and gate savings £317.35 & chq ac £0.50; Clock savings £489.94 & chq ac £0.23.

d) **The following payments were approved:**

Payee	Chq no	Amount
NNDC (emptying dog bins)	100578	£312.00
R Pigot (allotment deposit refund)	100579	£50.00
CAS Insurance (annual premium)	100580	£522.70
Countrystyle Recycling Ltd (emptying bottle bank)	100582	£6.00
Kompan Ltd (bolt for playground repair)	100584	£42.60
Norfolk ALC (website hosting)	100585	£86.88
Joanna Otte (expenses)	100586	£37.52
Walsingham Parish Council (printing newsletter June)	100587	£9.60
Steward Safety Supplies (warning signs for playground x 3)	100588	£48.67

12) **Correspondence:** mail circulated as usual via email

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

a) Fly Working Group (PJ to draft Terms of Reference)

b) County Councillor Victoria Holliday was asked to request a change to the Fakenham to Wells bus service so that the route alternates between East Barsham & Houghton St Giles, and Great Snoring, Little Snoring and Kettlestone. This would allow people from these villages to have access to Fakenham (and onwards to Dereham, Kings Lynn, Norwich) and to Wells and the rest of the coast.

14) Date of the next meeting: **Thursday 10 September 2026 at 7 pm** in the Social Club.

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