

## GREAT MASSINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### JUNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council meeting began at 7.30pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June, with seven Parish Councillors in attendance – Robin Arbenz, Lex Brun, Mark Eldridge, Kevin Hobart, Peter James, Sue Nash, and Maria West. Five members of the public along with the Borough Councillor for the Massingham with Castle Acre Ward, Alistair Beales and County Councillor Stuart Dark were also present.

#### **Finance**

The annual accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023, along with the internal audit report will be made available on the Parish Council website for anyone who wishes to review this.

#### **External Audit (Limited Assurance Review)**

For the financial year 2022/23 the gross income or gross expenditure for the Council exceeded £25,000 therefore the Parish Council must complete Form 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return and submit this to the external auditor, PKF Littlejohn LLP.

The Parish Council must publish various documents on a publicly available website as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.

These include:

- Annual Internal Audit Report 2021/22
- Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2021/22
- Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2021/22
- Analysis of variances
- Bank reconciliation
- Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and declaration that the accounting statements are as yet unaudited.

#### **Souvenir medal for children to mark the King's Coronation**

The Parish Council has purchased Kings Charles III souvenir medals to be presented to both children attending the Primary School and Preschool at Great Massingham to mark the Coronation. The souvenir medals will be presented to the primary school children on Sports Day and the Preschool children will receive their medals via a private event organised by staff.

#### **Defibrillator Training for key members of the Community**

Around seven years ago, a defibrillator was installed at the village hall as a resource for the whole village should it ever been required. At the particular time training was given to various members of the community, including; sports coaches and village hall staff. The Village Hall Trustees have now arranged to have a refresher training session at the village hall for key members of the community in July, to include individuals from both the Village Shop and Dabbling Duck PH. The Parish Council have agreed to make a donation of £225 towards the first responders' charity in order to assist them with their unique and tremendously demanding work.

The Parish Council intends to submit an application to the Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk Defibrillator Scheme in order to hopefully secure a grant of up to £1,000 to assist with the cost to purchase and install another defibrillator in the village centre. Further details to follow.

#### **Beat your Bills Roadshows**

The roadshows offer help on all aspects of cost of living, including information about how to access benefits, grants, discounts, save money and more.

The remaining roadshows will be held across the borough on the following dates:

King's Lynn (Centre Point) – 5<sup>th</sup> July 10am-2pm

King's Lynn (South Lynn Community Centre) – 10<sup>th</sup> July 10am-2pm

Shouldham (village green) – 21<sup>st</sup> July 9am-4pm

South Creake (village hall car park) – 11<sup>th</sup> August 9am-4pm

Grimston (Hudson Fen recreation ground/park) – 25<sup>th</sup> August 9am-4pm

At each event there will be staff on hand to answer questions and give information on a range of cost of living subjects, including energy bills, rent problems, general money worries, grants, benefits and advice on how to reduce costs.

Residents can also look on the borough council's website for help at [www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.west-norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving).

### **Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Village Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2023 at 7.30pm. Members of the public are very welcome to join the meeting and there is an opportunity to make comments or ask questions of the Council during the first part of the meeting.

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