GISSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

On Tuesday 4th March 2025, 7.30pm

At Gissing Community Building

Councillors Present	Cllr Eddington (Chair), Cllr Leeder, Cllr Bradley, Cllr Jordan, District Cllr James Easter
In Attendance	4 parishioners, Parish clerk L Fountain, Acting RFO B Calton

131	**To Welcome the Public**	
132	**Councillor vacancy -co-option** No interest in position currently. Will keep looking.	
133	**Adjournment of the meeting to receive reports from District and County Councillors** **133.1 District and County Councillors** County Councillor Rowett's report is available on the Parish website. www.gissingpc.info under the Minutes and Agendas page. Items covered are: Devolution and government reorganisation, Norfolk County Council budget, road repairs, Norfolk Rural Business Awards. Bird Flu and a consultation on proposed changes to Ofsted. District Councillor Easters report: Local government reorganisation – 3 options: 1) Unitary (all Norfolk), 2) split down middle two tier version, 3) Greater Norwich Mayor for Norfolk and Suffolk with limited responsibilities. Elections will be 2026. Parish Council invited to Devolution meeting in April. **133.2 Public Participation** NCC send road closure notices and need to take down signs. Request for bus stop on Common Road to be cleaned – it is on schedule. Complaints regarding brambles overgrown on Mill Green. PC to write to landowner. SAM machine needs repairing – digit missing. Will be moved to Common Road and data downloaded. Ditches need digging out behind the bus stop at the top of Common Road as it is causing a flood. Fences and a stile have been put in at the common. **133.3 Community Groups**	

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	Heart of Gissing – updated community building website Citizens Advice fundraiser and Twelfth Night events successful Upcoming heritage talk – medieval village in South Norfolk. Gissing Support Group - Litter pick on Saturday 15th March at 10am. This is part of the bigger South Norfolk litter pick. Gissing Support Group along with Friends of Gissing Church are planning 80th VE Day events on Thursday 8th May. The Friends would also like approval for the small plaque on the village bench.	
134	**To receive Apologies for absence** County Cllr Rowett	
135	**To record declarations of Interest on any items on this agenda** None	
136	**To approve minutes of the meeting 7.1.2025 & note any matters arising** Minutes approved. Amendments noted: Cllr titles FP17 rather than FP6. Slough Lane rather than Green Lane.	
136.1	**FP6 re-direction** Parish Council have written to the Open Spaces Society supporting the re-direction of the footpath. Waiting for a reply.	
136.2	**Village Hall update** Arranging a meeting with Mike Sarson to discuss next steps	
137	**To consider any planning applications** Late application re: garage at Malthouse Farm -replacement same size as previous dwelling. Will review application.	
138	**VE Day grant** Beacon lighting 9pm Thursday 8th May. Request from Gissing Support Group for £100 towards celebration costs. DE proposed, KJ seconded.	
139	**The Millenium Wood** Various issues including lack of management, compacted areas and items used by Children's Centre. Shed currently used by Heart of Gissing – need to ask landowner for permission to keep.	
140	**The Parish Council seat**	

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	No objections to plaque. Suggest change of wording to remove 'This plaque is' at the start. Suggest stainless steel rather than brass so it matches the seat in the orchard. Need a standard design and layout.	
141	**Policy Updates** Need renewal – send round to review and sign off.	
142	**Newsletter** Update at next meeting	
143	**Flood Emergency Plan** Sandbags are available Heart Of Gissing agreed community building can be used in an emergency.	
144	**Finance and Clerks report** **144.1 To ratify Income and Expenditure for January and February 2025** Ratified, report circulated at meeting. Account balances at 28.02.25 Current a/c £639.86 Savings a/c £11,208.56 Gross £11,848.42 Allocated JB Philip £1,610.00 CIL payments unallocated £1,366.43 Available £8,871.99 Need to spend CIL money by end March -fence posts and gravel for car park Income Transfer savings to current account £500 Payments to be approved Clerk January and February 2025 £332.80 (Proposed DE, DB seconded) D Cobb Maintenance £48 (Proposed DE, seconded DB) Heart of Gissing CIO Hall hire £36 (Proposed PL, seconded DE) HMRC -July, August, September NI/TAX £124.80 (DB, PL) Gissing Children's Centre – Electricity to run defibrillator for 2024 (PL, DB) Newman & Co 6-month payroll services £90 (DE, DB) HMRC- due April NI/Tax Jan 25 £41.60, Feb 25 £41.60, Dec 24 £41.60 Norfolk ALC – subs and membership fee £86.97 Upcoming payments New defibrillator pads -approx £72.50 Norfolk ALC membership fee – under £100 **144.2 Ink/paper costs –** clerk £20 agreed **144.3 Budget** Agreed at last meeting. Precept form has been submitted.	clerk
145	**To receive items for next agenda** Shed in Millenium Wood Job advertising	
146	To confirm the date of the next meeting: 6th May 2025, 7.30pm	

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