

4RGISSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting On Tuesday 5th September 2023, 7.30pm At Gissing Community Building

Councillors Present	Cllr Eddington (Chair), Cllr Bradley, Cllr Leeder, Cllr Calton
In Attendance	5 parishioners
1	To Welcome the Public
2	<p>To receive reports from District and County Councillors</p> <p>A report had been received from District Cllr James Easter and was read at the meeting.</p> <p>Nutrient Neutrality This is under review to be undertaken by DEFRA and Rivers Authorities for them to undertake work to stop pollution/clean rivers Long Stratton Bypass, consent is expected this week Local Plan is nearing completion. It is being discussed by Government again to join Parish Councils together and amalgamate. This was popular when it was discussed and Parish Councillors from this and other parishes met to discuss how it would/could not work</p>
3	<p>Public Participation</p> <p>Several items were raised and are addressed within these minutes but these are; quality and content of Agendas and Minutes produced; Planning at Malthouse Lane and its continued effect on the Footpaths and therefore Parishioners; The Parish Precept which was increased earlier in the year even though Parish Councillors voted not to raise and no feed back has yet been received regarding this issue; The cost of the Village Sign and how invoices seem to keep coming in we have been asked to provide total costs. Previously items have been brought to meetings by parishioners and no mention of these have been made in minutes and it was agreed that this should and would be amended in the future. A Parishioner requested information regarding the disrepair of Gissing Hall, and whether anything can be done to report it to South Norfolk Council Listed Buildings. POST MEETING NOTE – Clerk called South Norfolk and has brought the building to the attention to Planning and Listed Buildings but there is little that they can do at the current time.</p>
4	<p>To receive Apologies for absence</p> <p>Cllr Jordan, District Councillor James Easter and County Councillor Catherine Rowett</p>
5	<p>To record declarations of Interest on any items on this agenda</p> <p>None</p>
6	<p>To approve minutes of the meeting 4th July 2023 & note any matters arising</p> <p>Several discrepancies were brought to the attention of the Parish Council and the following amendments are noted:-</p> <p>2. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – SAMS Data is it being recorded and moved; Defibrillator training and new battery/pads required; Safety of Trees in the Churchyard; Planning at Malthouse Lane and how it affects the Footpaths and has done for several years; Gissing Community Building Chair, report on Hall usage and oil/electricity funding; Parishioner request for cost of Village Sign – Budget/actual cost</p>

	<p>17. UPDATES; Village Hall – a general update was given during the meeting regarding the potential sale and any holds over the hall; Millenium wood and orchard checked for potentially diseased/damaged/dying trees – all ok; Pinnocks Charity have been informed of all dying trees; David Weatherley had made repairs to carpark and volunteered his time/machine – a thank you was discussed; Defibrillator training was going to be held at the hall.</p> <p>18. the Clerk gave his resignation and would help for as long as he could. <i>POST MEETING NOTE</i> – subsequent email to the Parish Council gave 30days notice</p> <p>19. PRECEPT – an explanation as to the increase has still not been obtained. <i>POST MEETING NOTE</i> – the increase is due to the number of households paying contributions having decreased.</p>			
7	To note payments received since the last meeting (at 05.09.23)			
	A Milner	Use of Carpark	£10.00 x 2	
	Gissing Childrens Centre	Carpark Maintenance	£30.00 x 2	
	Gissing PCC	Carpark Maintenance	£30.00 x 2	
	Heart Of Gissing	Carpark Maintenance	£30.00 x 1	
8	To note payments made since the last meeting (at 05.09.23)			
	G Roderick Jones	Salary June/July	£332.80	
	G Roderick Jones	Salary May	£166.40	
	M Bushell	Village Maintenance <i>POST MEETING NOTE</i> – Amended payment amount to include hours sent after meeting but completed prior to meeting - £171.87	£115.63	
	Zurich Town and Parish	Parish Council Insurance	£241.00	
	London Hearts	Defibrillator Replacements	£321.99	
	Blast Power Service	Village Sign	£174.00	
9	To note current financial Status (31.08.2023)			
	Current Account		£2,256.78	
	Savings		£7,392.98	
	Savings		£2,351.60	
	Balance		£13,171.18	
	<p><i>Clerk Note to Parish Councillors – Please be aware that there is still a fund called Dr J B Phillip Memorial fund which is part of the total of the current account and savings. This is earmarked for something to honour the life of Dr J B Philip in the village in conjunction with his family.</i></p> <p><i>POST MEETING NOTE – This fund is £1,610.00</i></p>			CLERK
	Payments to be approved	Proposed	Seconded	
	Heart of Gissing £69.00	DE	PL	
10	To consider Planning Applications pending consideration			
a	2023/2470 – 31 Upper Street, Tree work No objections were raised with this application			
b	2023/2326 – Malthouse Farm, Variation of conditions& of 2022/0978 The matter of footpaths and their availability to the parishioners and wider population has been raised. A member of the public (CT) has been liaising with the County Council regarding this matter and CT has received a response that the matter has been passed to the Legal Team at County. The clerk will check whether there is yet an update on this and respond to the Planning Consultation Application regarding the footpath.			CLERK/DE
11	To receive an update on : Village Hall – The Solicitor acting on behalf of The parish Council as Trustees is liaising with Gaze Estate Agents in Diss following advice from Solicitor that			

	<p>best action going forward was to sell the hall with its Planning Permission in place. The Planning Application has been completed for resubmission to provide another 3 years.</p> <p>Millenium Wood, Trees, Parish Orchard, Pinnocks Charity – Several trees within the village were dangerous and/or dying. It was decided that a letter be sent to all households and landowners regarding checking their trees for signs of disease or dying and to take action. Pinnocks Charity have been informed of their dead trees. The Parish Orchard trees are in good condition - Chris Eaves who donated the trees would be asked to check too Millenium Wood – LN from the Children Centre had asked if the Hazelnut trees could be cut back to aid in keeping children safe with nut allergies Flooding – works are still ongoing in the village. School meadow works were agreed. Rivers Trust works are continuing at the Turtons, 2nd phase taking place Gissing Support Group – Church grounds had been undertaken and were ongoing when volunteers had time to undertake work. The network of volunteers were working together to ensure that a helpful group were maintained in order to be of best use to parishioners and village groups that required it. Grant meeting attended – there are 3 groups giving information and there are several grants for local groups to apply for Community Building- several events coming up; Macmillan coffee morning - 29th Sept, Border Hopper Tea - 19th September, Quiz – 3rd November. Builders are to be refurbishing the toilets in the old school. Car Park – Verges have been cut. A £40 donation had been received for car park use for a wedding. A bollard had been broken and would be repaired</p>	<p>CLERK</p> <p>DE</p> <p>PL/CT</p> <p>PL</p>
12	<p>To discuss recruitment of new clerk A candidate had been interviewed however they had no experience, but this was still an option. DE and BC also spoke to a few current local Clerks to see if they would be happy to include our Parish to their workload but this was unsuccessful. Cllr Calton suggested that she leaves her role as Councillor and returns to Clerk having Clerked for the village for 7 years previously. This was proposed by DE and seconded by DB POST MEETING NOTE Having spoken to NALC a Cllr cannot be a paid Clerk to their Parish Council for 12 months following being a Cllr. NALC can also advertise the post on their website and newsletters free of charge An advert to be posted by them and at next meeting we can see if anyone has come forward. BC to stand in for the meantime</p>	<p>BC</p>
13	<p>To receive items for next agenda Precept Trees</p>	
14	<p>To confirm the date of the next meeting : 7th November 2023, 7.30pm</p>	