

GISSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

On Tuesday 5th March 2024, 7.30pm

At Gissing Community Building

Councillors Present	Cllr Eddington (Chair), Cllr Leeder, Cllr Jordan, Cllr Calton, Cllr Bradley, District Cllr Catherine Rowett	
In Attendance	4 parishioners, Parish clerk L Fountain	
38	To Welcome the Public	
39	Adjournment of the meeting to receive reports from District and County Councillors 39.1 District and County Councillors District Councillor Rowetts report is available on the Parish website. www.gissingpc.info , under the Minutes and Agendas page. Covering budget shortfall from central government, budget cuts, Minimum Income Guarantee, road safety schemes and flooding. Update re: footpath access to Slough Lane. Confirmed that even though the footpath has been concreted over, access is not obstructed so NCC have no objection. District Councillor Easter was unavailable to attend the meeting, but provided a report which is available on the Parish website. www.gissingpc.info , under the Minutes and Agendas page. Report covering Council tax 2024 and SNC budget. Allocating additional investment income to: Leisure service (£250,000pa for 4yrs), household support fund (£355,000), Help Hub (£30,000), Flood prevention (£100,000), planning enforcement (£70,000), Wymondham public realm (£50,000). Waste infrastructure capital budgets – funds to purchase 14 new food waste lorries and new depot (£8m). 39.2 Public Participation Complaints from parishioners regarding lack of District Councillor contact and lack of powers for Parish Council to move forward issues regarding planning, footpaths, highways and flooding. Pinnocks – some ditches have been dug. No response from flood management team. 39.3 Community Groups <i>Heart of Gissing</i> - café continues to be popular. Classic car and craft fair event planned for June 2nd. In next newsletter ask for opinions on holding a village fete as volunteers needed. Gissing Support group – purchased 25 litter pickers. Jackets and gloves donated.	

	<p>21st March in Burston – Wellbeing Champion – training is available to all parishioners of Gissing. Parishioner Chris Tyler has completed.</p> <p>30th March, Saturday - Litter pick (part of the SNC big litter pick scheme)</p> <p>6th June lighting of the Beacon and reading at 9.15pm for D-Day commemoration.</p> <p>8th June BBQ by pub smoking shelter</p>	
40	To receive Apologies for absence District Councillor James Easter	
41	To record declarations of interest on any items on this agenda None	
42	To approve minutes of the meeting 2nd January 2024 & note any matters arising Minutes approved.	
42.1	Ongoing Flood Works and flooding within the Parish Letter to Highways re: Upper Street. Some ditches have been cleared but there remains an issue with a broken pipe. The Chairman reported that the Flood Management Team had responded but not sent any details regarding plans at Pinnocks Charity and Upper Street. Glebe Road – asked Highways if they can dig out ditches.	DE
42.2	Vacancy – Village Maintenance Position filled, David Cobb started last week and has been working on the car park maintenance and the orchard.	DE
42.3	Village Hall update Letter from Miss Colchester disclaiming any rights and declarations required. Declarations of Trusts will be completed in the coming weeks	
43	Footpath FP6 – Application for Redirection Redirection of footpath hasn't yet received official diversion; the current location of footpath is still inaccessible as it goes through the site where building works are being carried out and materials are all over. Ramblers Association looked at path, but no further action taken.	DCR
44	Car Park rent Currently the Parish Council charges Parish charities and church a nominal amount monthly for help to pay for upkeep of carpark. It was requested that this charge be removed for the current tax year in order to help the Charities and Church with rising costs. It was suggested that this be included in future precept and from CIL payment received. This currently produces an income of £960 year from all parties. P.C happy to pay so agreed to remove charges for next year and then review the situation. Proposed Cllr Eddington, Seconded Cllr Bradley	
45	Application for portrait of the King Agreed to apply and donate portrait to Children's centre. Proposed Cllr Calton, Seconded Cllr Jordan	clerk
46	To consider any planning applications received Malthouse Lane 2024-0559/amendment of 2022/0978. Non-material amendment to previous application. Plans show addition of a summer room. Objection by parishioner as footpath has not been opened. <i>Post meeting note – Cllr Calton telephoned the Planners to find out why the PC hadn't been consulted on this application and to ensure that the correct email address was currently held. Consultees are not consulted with this type of application as planning has already been approved and consultations made</i>	

	<i>at that stage. Parish Council needs to make a comment under the application rather than through Consultation.</i>	
47	<p>Finance and Clerks report</p> <p>47.1 Review of current policies <i>This section was kept to the essentials due to running out of time during the public participation and will be put on the July 2024 meeting Agenda.</i> Finance – need addition re: defibrillator emergency repairs. Will be updated for next meeting. Standing orders and other policies to be reviewed at July meeting.</p> <p>47.2 Biodiversity policy Draft policy to be circulated – action plan to be updated as working document. Will be signed off at July meeting and then published on website.</p> <p>47.3 Income and Expenditure for January and February 2024 Ratified, report circulated at meeting.</p> <p>Account balances at 28.02.24 Current a/c £1,299.95 Savings a/c £9,999.05 Gross £11,259 Allocated JB Philip £1610.00 CIL £2239.48 Available £7409.52</p> <p>Approved payments for January/February Heart of Gissing Hall hire £18 D.Cobb Maintenance £45 Clerk Jan 24 £166.40 HMRC PAYE Jan 24 £41.60 Clerk Feb 24 £166.40 HMRC PAYE Feb 24 £41.60 HMRC PAYE March 24 £41.60</p>	clerk
48	<p>To receive items for next agenda</p> <p>Car Park lighting</p>	
49	To confirm the date of the next meeting: 7 th May 2024, 7.30pm	