

GISSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
On Tuesday 2nd January 2024, 7.30pm
At Gissing Community Building

Councillors Present	Cllr Eddington (Chair), Cllr Leeder, Cllr Jordan, Cllr Calton, District Cllr Catherine Rowett
In Attendance	4 parishioners, Parish clerk L Fountain
27	To Welcome the Public
28	<p>Adjournment of the meeting to receive reports from District and County Councillors</p> <p>28.1 District and County Councillors District Councillor Rowetts report is available on the Parish website. www.gissingpc.info, under the Minutes and Agendas page. Covering Flooding, road safety schemes, winter fuel payment, devolution, buses and health/volunteering campaign. District Councillor Easter was unavailable to attend the meeting and did not provide a report. Planning approval has been given for the Long Stratton bypass. There is a 6 week challenge period regarding the diversion of footpaths. DC Rowett is seeking to set up a working group to make it easier for villages to request safer speed limits. She will be attending and bringing this up at her January meeting.</p> <p>28.2 Public Participation Flooding issues at Burston Road (pipes under road not a suitable size), Malthouse Lane and Durbridges Hill (ditch maintenance) Residents were reporting problems to County Council but nothing happening. District Councillor Rowett asked that items are reported, especially items such as flooding as it provides statistics for councils to put together to access funding to get matters sorted. A parishioner asked if the parish magazine could be restarted. Dangerous tree work- Trees officer at county council will be contacted to clarify situation regarding checking if work has been completed and appeal notices. <i>School Meadow</i> – there is currently no access over the scaffold bridge on the permissive path, Chair to write to Jonathan Cole to see if it will remain closed. No reply yet. Visitors are unaware that the pallets blocking the bridge can be moved.</p> <p>28.3 Community Groups <i>Gissing Support Group</i> - The benches at Millennium Wood have yet to be installed due to the poor recent weather. <i>Heart of Gissing</i> - New Years Brunch was a success.</p>
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29	To receive Apologies for absence Councillor Dawn Bradley, District Councillor James Easter	
30	To record declarations of Interest on any items on this agenda None	
31	To approve minutes of the meeting 7th November 2023 & note any matters arising Minutes approved.	
31.1	Ongoing Flood Works and flooding within the Parish The Chairman reported that to date no update had been received following a meeting regarding options at Pinnocks Charity and Upper Street. This has been chased several times and will be reported once received. Watermeadow ditches need clearing, landowner objecting to maintenance cost. Permissible walk is meant to have a footbridge – Emily Winter from Waveney Rivers Trust meeting with Chairman to discuss. Deep water was reported at Burston Road on the corner at No1 and Elm Tree Farm. The reason is a piped section (Highways piped) where the pipe isn't big enough to take the flow of water. Reported and photos sent to Mr Matthews the Assistant Flood Manager at NCC. No reply as yet.	DE KJ/PL
31.2	New Vacancy – Village Maintenance No interest as yet. Will advertise further afield – Burston and Aslacton noticeboards, NextDoor; Cock Crow; Gissing Village Life; Parish Website.	CLERK
31.3	Village Hall update Planning permission granted, will be offered for sale on open market. Hope to have sold within next 6 months. New owner to register on land registry.	
31.4	Car Park Lighting Previous issue now resolved. Glare from lights – suggestions of solar lights – SPV lighting – work on motion sensor or placing a hood over lights to filter light and remove glare, look into grants for environmentally friendly lights.	BC
32	Footpath FP6 – Application for Redirection DCRowett written to ask schedule to move line to correct position – no reply as yet. Consultation ended 29 th December. Enforcement-Planning permission ended 8 th Dec, started work 9 th . Drainpipes installed contrary to approval. Cllr Easter reported to have seen enforcement notice today. DCRowett was informed of the driveway which has been put over the footpath (FP17) Clerk would send a map with it highlighted so that she could look into it with the Footpath Officer. Officer said concrete is acceptable, but parishioners argue it isn't his land so should not be allowed.	DCR
33	Clean up and Bloom Grant Application – in conjunction with Gissing support Group A £300 grant available for village litter picking and some form of planting scheme, to be agreed, within the village, a scheme to be provided by Gissing Support Group with support from GPC. RESOLVED that Gissing Parish Council will support an application for the Clean up and Bloom Grant. All councillors in agreement. Suggested locations for plants by GSG – triangle, 30mph signs at Rectory Rd, Burston Rd and Common Rd. PC raised concern over future upkeep/costs	BC

	relating to planters, suggestions such as bulb planting. All to be agreed if grant successful	
34	To consider any planning applications received No new applications.	
35	<p>Finance and Clerks report</p> <p>35.1 New Clerk Training Agreed for clerk to do induction training via Zoom with NorfolkALC. NALC course Starts 12th January</p> <p>35.2 Income and Expenditure for November and December 2023 Ratified, report circulated at meeting Budget approved for 2023/24 and agree budget should increase slightly as costs very close to current precept. Agreed 3% increase to £6297.39.</p> <p>Account balances at 27.12.23 Current a/c £4273.20 Savings a/c £7447.43 Gross £11708.63 Allocated JBPhilip £1610.00 CIL £2239.48 Available £7859.15</p> <p>Good interest was being earned on the savings account so resolved to transfer moneys from current account to savings account £2500. All agreed.</p> <p>Approved payments for January/February Wix domain 3yrs £32.49 Wix software apr £250-300 due February 2024 (invoice not yet received and is taken by D/D) Heart of Gissing Hall hire £18 Leah Smith Internal audit £50 NorfolkALC clerk Training £90 ICO d/d £35</p> <p>Vat refund not completed for 2022 this has been calculated at £187.28 Vat refund for 2023 to date £ £340.51 This will be submitted this month 2023/24 Internal Audit will be £75 as more work was required for the 22/23 tax year.</p>	
36	To receive items for next agenda Car Park Rent	
37	To confirm the date of the next meeting : 5 th March 2024, 7.30pm	