

GISSING 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 unpopular when it was discussed previously 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;-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Planning at Malthouse Lane and its continued effect on the Footpaths and therefore Parishioners; ii. 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; iii. The cost of the Village Sign and how invoices seem to keep coming in we have been asked to provide total costs. iv. 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. v. Gissing PCC – J Cromley attended the meeting on behalf of the Gissing Church to discuss the Grounds and Remembrance Day. Thanks was given to all who had been helping maintain the grounds this year whilst they were looking for someone regularly. In view of this there wasn't a request for a donation towards the grounds maintenance, but they would like it noted to be able to request next year. It was asked if the Parish Council would be placing a wreath at the War Memorial for Remembrance Day. This was approved. <i>POST MEETING NOTE – a wreath has been purchased and will be placed at the memorial</i> vi. 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. <i>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.</i>

4	To receive Apologies for absence Cllr Jordan, District Councillor James Easter and County Councillor Catherine Rowett		
5	To record declarations of Interest on any items on this agenda None		
6	<p>To approve minutes of the meeting 4th July 2023 & note any matters arising 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 – subsequent email to the Parish Council gave 30 days notice</i></p> <p>19. PRECEPT – an explanation as to the increase has still not been obtained <i>POST MEETING NOTE – Clerk has contacted South Norfolk Council. Precept was raised by £1 overall but tax-base (number of Band D properties) has reduced from 109 to 107. This can be due to Council Tax assistance, a property being refurbished, reclassification from residential to business i.e. Holiday let.</i></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 POST MEETING NOTE – 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
	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		

	<p><i>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</i></p> <p><i>An advert to be posted by them and at next meeting we can see if anyone has come forward.</i></p> <p><i>BC to stand in for the meantime</i></p>	BC
13	To receive items for next agenda Precept; Village Sign; Trees; Footpath at Malthouse Lane; Remembrance Day Wreath	
14	To confirm the date of the next meeting : 7 th November 2023, 7.30pm	

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