

GISSING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING On Tuesday, 3 January 7:30pm at Gissing Community Building

Present: Cllr S Sell (Chair), Cllr J Cromley, Cllr K Jordan, Cllr B Calton

In attendance: Gareth Roderick-Jones (Clerk), County Cllr B Duffin, 3 members of the public

- 1 **Welcome to public** The chair of the meeting welcomed the member of the public
- 2 **Report from County Councillor:** Cllr Duffin informed the council a devolution deal for the county has been agreed in principle but the detail has yet to be finalised.
A small amount of grant is available until April for minor highways works.
The “Try Your Brakes” sign is missing from Malthouse Lane.
Report from District Councillor: Cllr Easter reported on a report on Norfolk Constabulary by the Inspectorate. Norfolk Constabulary did well in most categories except on interaction with public, including stopping members of the public and keeping that paperwork up to date. They were best at responding to 101 and 999 calls (40% of which are mental health, not crime, related).
Pylons: National Grid recently held a briefing at which they admitted that the cables could be laid at sea but it would be more expensive also it would require three onshore boosters and these are currently in short supply. The next consultation starts in April; support from MPs and Grant Shapps will be required.
Finances: SNDC anticipate a zero increase in their portion of Council Tax for next year; grants have been awarded for “warm rooms” for example at Gissing, Shelfanger, etc.
BBC are planning to reduce broadcasting hours for Radio Norfolk – SNDC are objecting as many people rely on this as part of their routine and as a way of keeping in touch.
Harleston improvements were completed in time for Christmas.
Ukrainian families – 260 families are housed in S Norfolk but this will be reduced – there will be an impact on housing supply.
Deal Farm – planning permission has been refused and enforcement of demolition will take place in the near future.
- 3 **Public Participation:** none
- 4 **Apologies for absence:** Cllr D Eddington
- 5 **Declarations of interest:** none
- 6 **Minutes of meeting 1 November and matters arising:** agreed

7 Planning applications:

- a 2022/2129 26-27 Upper Street: replacement window – no objection
- b late applications - none

8 To note finances as at 27 December 2022:

Current a/c	£9,782.73
Savings a/c	£389.88
Savings a/c	£2,208.70
Balance	£12,381.31

9 To note payments made:

G Roderick-Jones	salary Nov/Dec	£416.00
Parish Online	subs	£43.20
J D Tree Services	tree work	£300.00
Zurich	insurance	£186.00

10 To note payments received:

Children’s Centre	car park	£30.00
PCC	car park	£10.00
HoG	car park	£30.00
S Sell	sale of mugs	£15.00
D Eddington	sale of wood	£25.00

11 To approve payments to be made:

Gareth Roderick-Jones	salary Jan & Feb	£416.00
Malcolm Bushell	village maint	to be paid at new rate – see 19 below

12 To decide on the 2023-24 precept demand.

The council voted to maintain the present precept – proposed by Cllr Crowley, seconded by Cllr Sell and all agreed

13 Village Sign: George Hammond has requested professional help with detail of design and has increased the budget accordingly. He suggests the sign celebrate both the Jubilee and the Coronation. Cllr Calton will send the clerk details of location and he will submit form to Highways.

14 Flooding measures: Ongoing. There is a silted-up pipe at the bottom of Glebe Road which Cllr Sell will investigate and contact the landowners. A site visit by NCC Highways is needed to look at various flooding issues.

15 Car Park Signage: new quotes are awaited with adjustments for safety

16 Public Rights of Way: Mr Smith has agreed to sort out the two footpaths on Malthouse Lane – one to be rerouted, and one to be reinstated. The paperwork has not yet reached the Countryside Access Officer.

17 Bridge & Fence at School Meadow: Cllr Sell has arranged for a digger and will deal with the bridge and the fence which borders Millennium Wood using new fenceposts. Cllr Sell will also arrange two signs: “To the Millennium Wood” and “Millennium Wood”, and Heart of Gissing will clear rubbish around the shed area.

18 Hedge and Ditch Maintenance: see above

19 Hourly Rate for Village Maintenance: currently £10.00ph; to be increased with immediate effect to £12.50ph – proposed Cllr Cromley, seconded by Cllr Sell

20 Gissing Litterpick 2023: to be held in March/April – clerk will inform when information received from SNDC

21 Updates:

- Old Village Hall: the solicitor and Charity Commission are still working on issues around the covenant;
- Millenium Wood: as above;
- Community Building: there have been various events recently including a classic film night; a “warm room” serving home-made food has been set up, spring events will include open coffee mornings;
- Car park: residents are using the carpark for long term parking; Cllr Sell will approach them and request £10pcm.

22 Clerk’s report: none

23 Items for the next agenda: as noted above

24 Next meeting: 7 March 2023 at 7.30pm

