

GISSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting On Tuesday 1st September 2026, 7.30pm At Gissing Community Building

Councillors Present	Cllr Eddington (Chair), Cllr Bradley-Smith, Cllr Leeder	
In Attendance	3 parishioners, Parish clerk	
260	To Welcome the Public	
261	Adjournment of the meeting to receive reports from District and County Councillors 261.1 District and County Councillors: <u>District Councillor Easter</u> Report was read out at the meeting and is attached and available on the website <u>County Cllr Margaret Thomas</u> Report was read out at the meeting and is attached and available on the website 262.2 Public Participation A request was made for a newsletter to go out, many new parishioners in the village. Items suggested – Bottle bank, cutting hedges back, Phone Box Pylons Bus stops need cleaning, they are slippery The Phone Box hasn't been used much recently, it needs a tidy Footpath FP8 is causing some issues in the village with disturbance – see 266.3 Pothole to be reported again at 1 Burston Road, Gissing 263.3 Community Groups Heart Of Gissing – A series of talks would be taking place at the Community Building by WASP 'Winfarthing Anglo Saxon Project. The first, to be held 10th September, is The Discovery of the Treasure. Community Café still well attended	
264	<u>To receive Apologies for absence</u> Cllr Jordan, District Councillor James Easter , County Councillor Margaret Thomas	
265	<u>To record declarations of Interest on any items on this agenda</u> None	
266	To approve minutes of the meeting 7th July 2026 and note any matters arising Minutes amended (the word Annual in the title removed and the word absent in 'In Attendance'. Minutes then approved and signed accordingly 266.1 – New Footpath Map OS Maps still do not show FP6 in its amended position. DE would scan the one on display and amend.	

	266.2 – Village Hall Meeting held on 21st July (GVHA) Officers appointed – Clerk to check with appointed treasurer if they will now need to account to Charity Commission No response has been received from Church. It was agreed that the new Vicar should be approached and asked if she could assist (Tracey Crosswell) It was agreed to get some information out to the parishioners regarding the Village Hall and the position to date, this would be via a hand delivered flyer The GCHA will report to the Parish Councillors as Trustees regularly First AGM to be held July 2027 266.3 – FP8 (Footpath 8, White House to Tivetshall across railway line) Several villagers have been disturbed by the horn that sounds as trains approach FP8 crossing. A Parishioner has been corresponding with Network Rail and Norfolk County Council regarding FP8 whistle board sounding. Network Rail have sensors which have recorded 10 crossings in 10 years, and many parishioners have said that they do not use the crossing. A Network Rail worker has reported that he has never seen anyone use the crossing in 14 years. Network Rail are in support of closing the crossing which has to have the support of Norfolk County Council. Norfolk County Council will support of safety aspect cause. Network Rail would fund moving the footpath if there was a sensible route for this to go. All parish Councillors are in support of its closure. Only the Clerk has walked the footpath, once in 30 years, and wouldn't use it again. In early August Network Rail wrote to Parishioner (John Stedman who is leading the complaint on behalf of himself and several others on the East side of Gissing) and stated that they were in support of the closure and are taking legal advice. The Parish Council will write to Norfolk County Council to also support the closure of the Footpath Crossing	
267	Planning Applications 2026/1736 – Grove Farm – Proposed Pig Building and muck store cover Parish Council had no comments. The new building was within the existing yard for the farm and not visible from the road. Any increase in traffic would be minimal to the centre of the village Open Applications 2026/1122 The Old Bakery – Listed building and Full Planning - Pending 2026/1892 53 Lower Street – Listed building – replacement windows – Pending Approved 2026/2202 Treetops – reduction of Oak Tree Crown - Approved	
268	Finance and Clerks Report To ratify Income and Expenditure Finance report attached Agreed to pay £200 towards Churchyard maintenance – all in agreement Poppy wreath to be purchased – upto £30	
258	To receive items for the next agenda Footpath FP8 Gissing Village Hall update Newsletter	
240	Next Meeting :- 3rd November 2026	

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Agenda item 268 - FINANCE AND CLERKS REPORT

Poppy wreath for 2026 Armistice Day

Planning – current

2026/1736 – Grove Farm – Proposed Pig Building and Muck store cover

2026/1122 – The Old Bakery – solar, outbuilding and greenhouse - Pending

2026/1892 – 53 Lower Street – Replacement Windows - Pending

2026/2202 – Treetops, reduction of Oak Tree Crown – Approved

Phase 2 roll out of food waste collection rescheduled from 28th Sept to week commencing 9th November

Please see below payments made and received since last meeting.

	Balances as at 30.06.2026			
	Current Account (20427951)		Balance b/f	£ 1129.36
	<i>Payments since last meeting</i>	<i>Debit</i>	<i>Credit</i>	<i>Description</i>
09.07.26	Bernadette Calton	(June) £180.00		Salary
09.07.26	David Cobb	£36.00		Maintenance
28.07.26	Heart Of Gissing	£19.50		Hall Hire
31.07.26	Unity Bank	£7.00		Service Charge
11.08.26	Heart of Gissing	£21.00		Hall Hire
31.08.26	Unity Bank	£7.00		Service Charge
	Income/Expenditure	£ 270.50		
30.06.26	Closing Balance			£ 858.86
	Savings Account (20427964)	30.06.26 31.08.26	Balance b/f Closing Balance	£ 11,992.80 £ 11,992.80
	Dr J B Philip Memorial Fund (20534307)	30.06.26 31.08.26	Balance b/f Closing Balance	£1,644.92 £1,644.92
	VILLAGE HALL (20534323)	30.06.26 31.08.26	Balance b/f Closing Balance	£ 142.08 £ 142.08
	PARISH LAND – Charity Account (20427977)	30.06.26 28.08.26 31.08.26	Balance b/f Dividend £68.45 Closing Balance	£3,348.94 £3,417.39 £3,417.39
	PAYMENTS to be approved			

	B Calton	July 2026 August 2026	£ 105.00 £ 75.00 £ 180.00	
	David Cobb – Inv 261	Maintenance	£ 72.00	
	Heart of Gissing	Hall Hire – 01.09.26	£ 21.00	
	Newman & Co	Payroll April-June	£ 90.00	
	Karen Birchall	Village Hall Solicitor	£1,507.00	
	Gissing Church	Ground Maintenance	£180.00	
	D/D Payments due and upcoming payment to note			
	Unity Bank	Service Fee 30.09.26	£ 7.00	

NOTE TO REMEMBER – WIX PAYMENTS ARE COMPLETED ON A DEBIT CARD – THIS HAS BEEN UPDATED TO BERNIES PERSONAL CARD AS WE DO NOT HOLD ONE FOR UNITY TRUST BANK

Section 137 Expenditure - Under Section 137, expenses that may be incurred by a parish council include, but are not limited to:

- ✓ Donations to Charities: A council might decide to make a donation to a local charity that provides services benefiting the local community.
- ✓ Grants for Local Clubs: Supporting local youth clubs, senior citizen clubs, or other community groups that offer beneficial services or activities to residents.
- ✓ Awards and Prizes: For local competitions, perhaps to encourage community spirit, art, or environmental awareness.

2026/2027 £11.60 per electorate –

2025/2026 £11.10 per electorate - £2,419.80 – (218)

2024/2025 £10.81 per electorate (226) - £2443.06

2023/2024 £9.93 per electorate