

GISSING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On Tuesday, 1 November 2022 7:30pm at Gissing Community Building

Present: Cllr S Sell (Chair), Cllr D Eddington, 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 that Covid remains a concern, and people should continue to take precautions; avian flu is also a concern especially in this area. The budget consultation will begin soon and information will be sent out. Countryside Access Officer Frances Salway has been unable to obtain a response from the landowner on Malthouse Lane and has been asked to follow up urgently.

3 Public Participation: A question was raised as to why Burston is to get a new development, but not Gissing, which has a suitable brownfield site – this is in connection with the Village Clusters. A resident says that after several attempts to contact the footpaths officer he has been unsuccessful: Cllr Duffin asked him to try again and to copy him into the correspondence. There is a broken footbridge and the resident will check if this is a County matter or if it is the landowner's responsibility.

4 Apologies for absence: Cllr J Cromley, District Cllr J Easter

5 Declarations of interest: Cllr Jordan, item 7 (planning)

6 Minutes of meeting 6 September and matters arising: agreed

7 Planning applications:

2022/1931 Grove Farm, Grove Road, prior notification of application for muckstore cover (already approved)

8 NOTED finances as at 25 October 2022:

Current a/c £11,124.59
Savings a/c £389.88
Savings a/c £2,145.63
Balance £13,660.10

9 NOTED payments made:

a. Unity Bank	service charge	£18.00
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10 NOTED payments received:

a SNDC	30 Sept precept	£3,056.00
b Children's Centre	12 September (car park)	£30.00

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c	PCC	1 September (car park)	£10.00
d	PCC	3 October	£10.00
e	Children's Centre	10 October	£30.00

11 APPROVED payments to be made: (proposed by Cllr Sell, seconded by Cllr Calton)

a	Gareth Roderick-Jones	salary Sept & Oct	£416.00
b	Heart of Gissing	hall hire Nov	£17.00
c	Heart of Gissing	hall hire September	£17.00
d	Heart of Gissing	hall hire July	£14.00
e	Malcolm Bushell	village maintenance	£228.68
f	Gareth Roderick-Jones	reimbursement/wreath	£23.98

12 Village Sign: design has been updated. Clerk awaits information regarding installation requirements from Highways and will follow up.

13 Village Hall Planning renewal: Cllr Calton has ascertained that the current permission is valid until 2023

14 Flooding measures: Cllr Eddington attended a meeting at Burston and has received some additional information. A separate meeting of Gissing councillors will be needed to discuss this (also to discuss the village sign and any other infrastructure matters – clerk will attend if available).

15 Car Park Signage: There are two quotes (Diss Signs £435 + VAT, Black Dog Signs £450 + VAT): Cllr Eddington will go ahead, using the funds received from B4RN

16 Village Upkeep: proceeding well; Upper Street noticeboard to be added, and one more orchard cut.

17 Highways Issues: the Common Road/Upper Street bridge railings have been renewed. Mr Pilch has still not received an acknowledgement from Highways despite numerous attempts to get compensation for work he has carried out. Clerk will write to Martin Wilby (NCC Cabinet Member for Highways).

18 Street Nameplates: the following need to be replaced:

- Malthouse Lane junction with Rectory Road
- Rectory Road junction with Glebe Road
- Rectory Road
- New Road junction with Malthouse Lane

19 Updates:

- Old Village Hall: the solicitor is still working on issues around the covenant; see 13 above
- Millenium Wood: the dead pine has been taken down along with a cherry and other tree work; gate will be installed soon and the commemorative plaque can be attached to the gatepost; new trees could be planted to replace those removed
- Footpaths: see item 3 above; Cllr Jordan will repair broken stile
- Gissing Support Group: recent litterpick attracted 20 volunteers; current activities include doctor/hospital transport and crime prevention information
- Community Building: the Events Committee have published a full calendar of activities during the coming autumn and winter; they plan an open garden day with classic cars

(with permission to use the car park and for additional parking) plus classic bikes at the Crown on 4 June 2023.

- Friends of the Church: planned fund raising events include a quiz, auction, raffle, Festival of Angels; have applied as a Warm Room with a weekly hot meal.
- Car park: see item 15 above; some potholes are developing as expected at this time of year – materials are to hand to repair as necessary

20 Clerk's report: the website contact details have been updated in accordance with recommendations under GDPR; meeting dates for 2023 have been scheduled and will be circulated and published on the website.

21 Items for the next agenda: footpaths; hourly rate for village maintenance; Litterpick 2023 and items noted above

22 Next meeting: 3 January 2023 at 7.30pm

