

GISSING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On Tuesday, 9th March 2021 7.30pm Via Zoom

Councillors Present: Cllr J Cromley (Chair), Cllr D Eddington, Cllr M Harrowven, Cllr C Leeder and Cllr S Sell

In attendance: County Cllr Bev Spratt, District Cllr James Easter, Marianne Purdy (Clerk), Chris Bennett (South Norfolk Council – Senior Heritage and Design Officer), John Pennell (NALC – Wellbeing Initiative), three members of the public.

1. Welcome the public

The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

2. Presentation from South Norfolk Council – Gissing Conservation Area

Chris Bennett, Senior Heritage and Design Officer from South Norfolk Council gave a presentation on the Gissing Conservation Appraisal consultation. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation can be requested from the Parish Clerk.

3. Public Participation

John Pennell, Director and Chairman of the Wellbeing Initiative, Norfolk Association of Local Councils gave a report on the latest situation regarding the flooding in Norfolk. A committee has been set up to address the flooding which happened in December 2020. A meeting has been held and they are working together. A hotline will be set up and an article by Lord Dannatt who is heading the Committee will be in the EDP. A webinar will be held in March: Anglian Water, Fire Service and Water Resources will be present – further information to follow.

4. Reports from County and District Councillors

County Councillor Spratt: Reported that all schools in the area of Gissing are free of Covid. NCC are spending money on upgrading the recycling at Diss and Wymondham – they are looking for a new recycling area. NCC borrowed a further £12m bringing their total borrowing to £730m, with £30m a year interest. Long Stratton bypass may start at end of May.

District Councillor Easter: Census Day is 21st March 2021 this can be completed online, however, a paper version can be applied for. Diss and Roydon were set up as a testing centre for South African virus – no South African virus was found in 7,000 tested, however 13 people tested positive for Covid 19. South Norfolk Covid 19 cases are decreasing. South Norfolk Council Tax is going up £5 per year. 60 new businesses have started up in Diss during lockdown.

5. **Apologies for absence**
None.
6. **Declarations of interest**
None.
7. **Approval of minutes**
The minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2021, previously circulated to all Members of the Council, were unanimously agreed.
8. **Planning Applications**
 - a. Update on building on Rectory Road. Clerk had further contacted Planning at South Norfolk Council – they will visit the site and report back.
 - b. Update on Malthouse Farm – District Cllr Easter to arrange a meeting.
9. **Flooding in the Parish**
Discussed above.
10. **Emergency Plan**
Responses being received from Parishioners. Cllr Leeder will create a database.
11. **SAM2 data**
The SAM2 has been set up in three locations. Comparisons in data will be analysed and discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting.
12. **Car Park fencing**
Cllr Harrowven reported that Gissing Parish Council had received a grant from Saffron Housing for the sum of £2225.89 to purchase the fencing and posts required. Payment due 31st March 2021.
13. **Website**
All Parish Councillors happy with the new site. After a few weeks the new website should be at the top of the search on Google.
14. **Grit Bins**
The grit bin near the railway bridge is unusable, covered with brambles. Councillors to look into this.
15. **Village Plan**
Cllr Harrowven will circulate the Village Plan to all Parish Councillors for them to review and report back.
16. **Reviewing Parish Council policies**
The clerk will check what policies Gissing Parish Council has and look at dates for reviewing them.
17. **Annual Parish Meeting**
To be held on 11th May 2021 at 7pm. Venue to be confirmed nearer the time due to Covid.

18. Trees in Parish

The Children’s Centre had been gifted 23+ trees – to be spaced around the village. Discussions held as to where these could be planted.

Cllr Eddington to contact the Tree Warden to ask if he would do a survey of the trees around the village particularly ones that are overhanging and roots in ditches etc.

Cllr Eddington will contact Pinnocks Charity to ask for a detailed map of the land they own.

19. Telephone Box

Cllr Sell will look at painting this during April. Once safe (Covid) there will be a seed swap in there.

20. Updates

The following updates were given:

Village Hall – No developments.

Millennium Wood – Chris Tyler updated the meeting: received a grant from Saffron Housing for footpath signs which will be put up after the gate has been positioned. The cost of the gate will be put to the Trustees of the Community Hall.

Orchard – Cllrs Sell and Eddington recently cut the hedge.

Pinnocks Charity Land – No update.

Footpaths – Look at having the footpath walks in the summer.

Covid 19 – Still meeting weekly.

B4RN – Finished at Wood Farm, ducting in behind bottle bank. Reliant on weather. Good progress being made.

Community Building - Currently closed – hoping to re-open soon – dependant on Covid.

21. Car Park – Action Plan

No update – more to be done in Spring/Summer.

22. Grass cutting contract

Cllr Cromley to find details of grass cutter.

23. Finance training

The Parish Council agreed for the clerk to attend online financial training £44.00. Proposed by Cllr Cromley; seconded by Cllr Eddington.

24. Clerk/RFO report

The clerk to invoice HOG for share of the newsletter – amount to be confirmed to the clerk.

25. Finance

a. To note finances:

Current account: £3011.17 Savings (1) £363.78 Savings (2) £1744.48

b. Approve payments:

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| Miss M Purdy | Clerk’s wages x 2 months | £243.22 |
| Newman & Co | Payroll x 3 months | £36.00 |
| Primrose Press | Parish newsletter | £130.00 |
| PCC | Grounds maintenance | £200.00 |
| Steve Jackman | Website design | £144.00 |

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| Wix | Domain and Hosting x 3 years | £172.80 (paid) |
| Westcotec | 2 x brackets for SAM2 | £136.80 (paid) |

Proposed Cllr Eddington, seconded Cllr Cromley and unanimously agreed.

- c. To note monies received**
None

Allocated Funds

| Details | Balance 1/4/2020 | CR/DR | Balance |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------|-----------------|
| Dr J B Philip Memorial Fund | 1,610.00 | | 1,610.00 |
| CIL | 3,620.72 | | 3,620.72 |
| Orchard Fencing | 2,000.00 | | 2,000.00 |
| TOTAL £ | 7,230.72 | | 7,230.72 |

Parish Land Accounts

| PARISH LAND ACCOUNTS | Balance 1/4/2020 | CR/DR | Balance |
|---|---------------------|-------|-----------------|
| COIF Account 45216001T (460 units held) | 7,165.24 | | 7,165.24 |

- 26. Items for next Agenda**
None.

- 27. Time and Date of next Parish Council meeting**
11th May 2021 7:00pm Annual Parish Meeting followed by Parish Council meeting 7:30pm - venue to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at: 9:53pm