

# GISSING PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

On Tuesday, 5 May 2022 7:30pm at Gissing Community Building

**Present:** Cllr D Eddington (Chairman), Cllr J Cromley, Cllr S Sell, Cllr K Jordan

**In attendance:** County Councillor Barry Duffin, District Councillor James Easter  
Gareth Roderick-Jones (Clerk)

1. **Welcome:** Cllr Eddington opened the meeting by welcoming those present.

2. **County Councillor, District Councillor reports:**

*County Councillor Barry Duffin* reported: The annual budget includes an increase of 2.99% on Council Tax. Norwich now has 15 all-electric buses in services, and the electric scooter scheme has now been launched.

*District Councillor James Easter* reported: The Community Action Fund (CAF) for community groups has been increased from £50 a year to £150k a year. There is a cap per project of £15k, with priority given to smaller parishes without CIL money and with few assets. It is open to organisations towards projects which will increase a community's assets; the current deadline is 4 July 2022. Cllr Easter will represent qualifying applications.

South Norfolk already has a sizeable Ukrainian population, and more have recently arrived. Some invitations from people willing to host Ukrainians have been blocked because of government visa requirements.

Planning applications are on hold, including the Long Stratton bypass and housing because of the new Nutrient Neutrality regulations. These are under discussion with the various agencies involved.

3. **Public participation:** Should we be planning a litter pick? It was suggested that a litter pick for perhaps October should be organised after the Jubilee weekend

4. **Apologies** none

5. **Declarations of interest** none

6. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2022, previously circulated to all Members of the Council, were unanimously agreed and signed. No matters arising.

7. **Planning**

**2022/0324** Malthouse Farm Barns 2 garages for No 2 and No 4; Cllr Eddington will forward details to the clerk regarding provision of passing places and clerk will then contact SNDC.

8. **SAM2 Data:** The SAM2 will be moved tomorrow by Cllrs Eddington and Sell.

9. **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Events**

There will be a separate meeting next week to discuss the running and funding of the hogroast etc.

- 10. National Grid proposal for pylons and overhead power lines**  
National Grid intend to install overhead lines to carry power from the North Sea via Norwich to Tilbury in Essex. Cllr Easter and Cllr Duffin are campaigning across this area to ensure that parishes are aware of the impact these plans will have, and to seek ways to mitigate the negative effects, including looking at alternative routes and methods such as underground cabling and undersea cabling. This current consultation is to gauge initial reaction, and the statutory consultation will take place April-July next year, so councils and individuals need to respond to both consultations. Details have been distributed and can also be found on the National Grid website.
- 11. Village Sign:** George Hammond is in the process of designing the sign, which will probably take the form of a metal cut-out. Exact placement needs discussion (suggestions welcome), perhaps with the aid of a template which can be tried in situ. We might need the permission of Highways and/or the Conservation Officer.
- 12. Upkeep of Village:** The grass outside the church needs mowing. A hi-vis jacket, perhaps branded?
- 13. Highways Issues:** The Upper Street bridge over the beck has rusted ironwork. This has become dangerous and is in need to replacement.
- 14. Updates various**
- Millenium Wood: this is in use
  - Tree – Howard Dyke is to conduct a tree survey on Lower Street
  - Parish Orchard: the bench has now been installed
  - Footpaths: FP6 – clerk has reported to Countryside Access Officer but no reaction yet; clerk to follow up. Elsewhere posts and signs have been attended to.
  - Gissing Support Group: planning to run First Aid/Defib training once funds are available
  - B4RN have started in Hales Street and The Maltings and will move on towards the Gliding Club; the pricing structure has changed
  - Community Building: the floor has been re-varnished; lots of events are now happening post-Covid; the Garden Café has started successfully
  - Car park: new signs have been planned and will be shown soon; clerk to send out invoices for HoG, The Children’s Group and the church to start contributing to the upkeep
- 15. Clerk’s report:** none
- 16. To note finances as at 24 April 2022: NOTED**
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| a. current account | £6,482.09 |
| b. savings account | £363.96   |
| c. savings account | £1991.11  |
| d. balance         | £8,837.16 |
- 17. To approve payments:** (proposed Cllr Cromley, seconded Cllr Eddington and all agreed)
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| a. Heart of Gissing      | room hire                 | £31.50  |
| b. Gareth Roderick-Jones | salary                    | £166.40 |
| c. HMRC                  | PAYE (3 months)           | £99.00  |
| d. Malcolm Bushell       | village maint. (18.5 hrs) | £185.00 |
| e. SNDC                  | dog bin servicing         | £178.56 |

- 18. **Items for next Agenda:** As above; also finances including end of year figures and full AGAR
- 21. **Approve and sign new clerk's contract:** deferred to next meeting
- 20. **Time and date of next Parish Council meeting**  
Tuesday, 7 June 2022 7:30pm (Annual; Finance Meeting) Gissing Community Building

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