

GISSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
On Tuesday 3rd September 2024, 7.30pm
At Gissing Community Building

Councillors Present	Cllr Eddington (Chair), Cllr Leeder, Cllr Jordan, District Cllr James Easter	
In Attendance	4 parishioners, Parish clerk L Fountain	
91	To Welcome the Public	
92	Councillor vacancy -co-option No interest in position currently. Will keep looking.	
93	Adjournment of the meeting to receive reports from District and County Councillors 93.1 District and County Councillors District Councillor Rowett's report is available on the Parish website. www.gissingpc.info under the Minutes and Agendas page. Items covered are Norfolk County Council energy plan and Norfolk Trails webpage District Councillor Easters report: -Next year's budget – it is anticipated that extra reserves will have to be put aside to cover housing issues. -The government has indicated a large number of new houses will be built – concerns were expressed regarding the amount of new infrastructure needed. CAF application regarding refurbishment of the old school toilets was unsuccessful due to oversubscribed grant. No further update regarding pylons. 93.2 Public Participation Requesting an update from Cllr Rowett re: footpath FP6 in minutes 7 th May. Chairman has written to Catherine to ask for confirmation that nothing can be done about concreting over the green lane where it joins the top of Malthouse Lane The Tree Warden Mr Dyke suggested Jonathan Cole should be thanked for removing the dead tops from the Stag Headed oak trees near Slough Lane. Update to previous minutes (7 th May) The green lane referred to in the minutes of 7 th May was Slough Lane.	

	<p>93.3 Community Groups No Comments.</p>	
94	<p>To receive Apologies for absence Cllr Bradley, District Cllr Rowett</p>	
95	<p>To record declarations of Interest on any items on this agenda None</p>	
96	<p>To approve minutes of the meeting 2nd July 2024 & note any matters arising Minutes approved.</p>	
96.1	<p>FP6 re-direction The Chair wrote to Catherine Rowett asking for information regarding the objection lodged by the Open Space Society to the re-routing of Gissing FP6. She was unaware of it and said she would look into it. DE also wrote to John Lindsay who is handling the matter for Malthouse Farm for information.</p>	
96.2	<p>Village Hall update The PC has received an offer from a builder who is willing to purchase the village hall with the covenant in place. Solicitor will contact buyer to send him details of the covenant to make sure we act correctly. Need to put up a 'For Sale' board so the site can be advertised fairly. Agreed by PL and KJ. Buyers to contact clerk. Letter of Engagement and Current Position on Costs Original contract with Karen Birchall finally received. Costs so far: VH owes Parish Council £12,489.36 less VAT (£11,553.56) Karen Birchall fee so far £1,200 Plus Mike Sarsons (Gazes) fee, as yet unknown Extra meeting will be arranged when the contract and information has been read by all Councillors. Second barristers' opinion had been suggested By Karen and Mike and Pc would need to make a decision if we pursue the lifting of the covenant.</p>	
97	<p>To consider any planning applications received No new applications Council had sent notice of an enforcement order in Gissing. Enforcement re: chicken shed – PC need to determine which property this relates to and if any action is required.</p>	
98	<p>Newsletter Newsletter distributed. DE written general guidance: -single sheet trifold -late entries not included -final version sent to Chair before publishing -1 submission per group -insert possible if required</p>	

99	<p>Phone box painting</p> <p>Ask for quote from John Bessey to paint phone box. Fill in hole in floor from ants.</p>	
100	<p>Replacement/update of footpath maps</p> <p>DE reprinted and replaced copies of two different maps.</p>	
101	<p>Trees/hedges</p> <p>Article included in newsletter to all parishioners requesting hedges be cut back. A few roadside sycamores have not been removed yet – Gissing Hall – we may write a letter asking for the trees overhanging the road to be cut back.</p>	
102	<p>Bench seat at Malthouse/Rectory Road junction</p> <p>A decision needs to be made as to where to site the bench. There is doubt as to which part is common land so this needs to be checked on a commons map. Bench choices – Teak or reconstituted plastic. Councillors were shown examples of teak or recycled plastic and chose plastic for low maintenance. Also should last longer. Use CIL money to purchase agreed by PL and KJ GSG requested a plaque to be fixed on seat in memory of Richard Coombes QPM. Agreed.</p>	
103	<p>Finance and Clerks report</p> <p>103.1 CIL – Car park fence and meadow Fence posts need replacing. Fence along car park past Millennium Wood to the beck. Plan to install ourselves. Quote for posts – Jacksons Ltd 25yr guarantee -£5.25 each. Purchase 90x1650 DE to count how many required</p> <p>103.2 To ratify Income and Expenditure for July and August 2024 Ratified, report circulated at meeting.</p> <p>Account balances at 26.08.24 Current a/c £595.25 Savings a/c £11,643.03 Gross £12,238.28 Allocated JB Philip £1610.00 CIL payments unallocated £2239.48 Available £8,388.80</p> <p>Income Transfer savings to current account £500 Recycling centre payment 2024/25 £125</p>	clerk

	<p>Payments to be approved Proposed KJ, DE seconded Clerk July and August 24 £332.80 D Cobb Maintenance £120 Heart of Gissing CIO Hall hire £18 HMRC -July, August, September NI/TAX £124.80</p> <p>Lisa Fountain to be added to bank accounts so can set up payments/access statements – Proposed DE, Seconded KJ</p>	
104	To receive items for next agenda	
	None	
105	To confirm the date of the next meeting: 5 th November 2024, 7.30pm	