

## GISSING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

On Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025, 7.30pm

At Gissing Community Building

<b>Councillors Present</b>	Cllr Eddington (Chair), Cllr Leeder, Cllr Jordan, Cllr Calton (acting RFO), Cllr Bradley, Cllr James Easter, District Cllr Catherine Rowe
<b>In Attendance</b>	3 parishioners, Parish clerk Absent
<b>119</b>	<b>To Welcome the Public</b>
<b>120</b>	It was suggested that Ellie Jenkins could be interested in joining the council.
<b>121</b>	<p><b>Adjournment of the meeting to receive reports from District and County Councillors</b></p> <p><b>121.1 District and County Councillors: Both reports are available on the parish website, <a href="http://www.gissingpc.info">www.gissingpc.info</a>, under the Minutes and Agendas page.</b></p> <p>Catherine informed councillors that big changes were ahead due to local government reorganisation plan to combine the functions of District and County Councils. Norfolk had received £15.9 million for one year to improve bus services. Catherine requested that Parish Councillors feedback on improvements to bus services, e.g. Sunday service, increase frequency and ideas for improvement at Bus Shelters. E.g. cycle racks.</p> <p>District Councillor 's report: James Easter warned of the Possible removal of District Councillors in reorganisation.</p> <p>Solar farms: Application 2024/3817 Tivetshall Maltings, Other side of the railway to power the Maltings and sell remaining power to the grid.</p> <p>Pylons. All suggestions refused due to costs and damage to environment. Pylons above ground confirmed.</p> <p>Parking provision for Park &amp; ride Long Stratton.</p> <p>Public Health campaign, 30 Day Health Online Challenge.</p> <p>Bird Flu, Guidance on spreading e.g. Housing orders.</p> <p>Food Waste New Bins Ordered, Partially funded by Government. Business changes to all recyclables.</p> <p>New dental school at UEA to cost £1.5 million with Gov grant of £2.1 million for running costs</p> <p><b>121.2 Public Participation</b></p> <p>Requesting an update from Cllr Rowett ref FP6: Confirmation that nothing can be done about concreting over the green lane where it joins the top of Malthouse Lane.</p> <p>Resident requested that when green lanes were being discussed the actual name of the lane was used and recorded rather than the generic term ( Green Lane).</p> <p>FP1 to be removed from Agenda.</p>

	<p>James was thanked for providing an estimate for new fence posts from Brown's Timber.</p> <p>Burston resident spoke at length about the problems with East Pye and other Solar Farms, Concern that companies push schemes through.</p> <p>Concern with the devastating effect of these farms as potentially 5 around Long Stratton areas. Also, environmental concerns, contamination to water course from panels and issues with manufacture. Parishes joining to look into issues.</p> <p><b>121.3 Community Groups</b></p> <p>Heart of Gissing-Tea before Christmas and 12<sup>th</sup> Night was both well attended. Café no longer will be subsidised; HOG will try to keep cafe going as long as possible.</p> <p>June 1<sup>st</sup> Vintage Car Event.</p>	
122	<p><u>To receive Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Clerk</p>	
123	<p><u>To record declarations of Interest on any items on this agenda</u></p> <p>None</p>	
124	<p><u>To approve minutes of the meeting 5th November 2024 and note any matters arising.</u></p> <p>Change Catherine Rowell to District</p>	
124.1	<p><u>FP6 Footpath re-direction</u></p> <p>Open Spaces Society have objected to the re-direction, but the original footpath is unusable as it is blocked.</p> <p>Parish Council to write a letter to Open Spaces Society supporting the redirection of the footpath.</p>	
124.2	<p><u>Village Hall Update</u></p> <p>No further business rates.</p> <p>Parish council to discuss sale with Whittleby Parish.</p> <p>Consider closing Lloyd's account and moving funds to PC Account under Village Hall.</p>	
125	<p><u>To consider any planning applications received</u></p> <p>- Update to Malthouse Lane application 2024-0559/amendment of 2022/0978</p> <p>Planning approved</p>	
126	<p><u>Trees/hedges – highways contacted re: New Road. Still waiting for action.</u></p>	
127	<p><u>Solar Farm update - land proposed at Tivetshall. Already discussed.</u></p>	
128	<p><u>Finance and Clerks Report</u></p>	
128.1	<p><u>To ratify Income and Expenditure for November and December 2024 – report to be circulated at the meeting</u></p> <p>Precept to increase by 2% to £6421.39, resolution to raise last years.</p> <p><u>Payments to be approved</u></p> <p>Clerk November and December 24 £332.80 (Proposed DE, DB seconded)</p> <p>D Cobb Maintenance £75 (Proposed KJ, seconded PL)</p> <p>Heart of Gissing CIO Hall hire £18 (Proposed KJ, seconded PL)</p> <p>HMRC £124.80 (Proposed DE, PL seconded)</p>	
128.2	<p><u>Budget for Precept</u></p> <p>Parish Councillors considered Budget for existing year and upcoming year. Including VE 80 years-Grants to be considered to the Village Groups if requested</p> <p>Again the Village hall has been written into the Budget with the hope to settle in the 25/26 tax year.</p> <p>Agreed to raise the precept by 2% for the coming year. All in agreement.</p> <p>Precept form completed for return to District Council Financial Team</p>	
129	<p><u>To receive items for next agenda:</u></p>	

	<b>Policy Updates</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Flood Emergency Plan</b> <b>Ink/Paper Costs -Clerk</b> <b>Children’s Centre request for swing in woods, Insurance to be checked.</b> <b>PC to meet in Millenium Wood 19<sup>th</sup> January 12am to inspect the wood.</b>	
<b>130</b>	<b>To confirm date of next meeting:</b> <b>4th March 2025, 7.30pm at Gissing Community Building</b>	

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