GIMINGHAM
PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES* of the Parish Council Meeting held at The Village Hall, Gimingham, Norfolk
on
Monday, 9th February 2026 at 7.30pm.

Clerk: J Collingwood.
Tel. 07703 129173

1. **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:**
Present: Alan Gotts, Richard Lee, Daniel Gotts, Kate Drake, Ali Cargill, and County Councillor Ed Maxfield.
Apologies: District Councillor Roy Macdonald.
Absent: Michelle Englestone.
No members of the public were present.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:**
None.

3. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING and ANY MATTERS ARISING FROM THEM:**
The Minutes from the previous meeting held on January 12th were accepted as correct and approved. Proposed by Cllr Kate Drake and seconded by Cllr Lee.

4. **PUBLIC FORUM:** no members of the public attended to raise any queries.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE. District & County Councillors' reports:**
Both councillors have already sent their reports which were also available here this evening and will be uploaded to the Parish Council's website.
The clerk has received no response from her invitation to Southern Hills hospital to attend a Parish Council meeting with a representative to provide an update on the hospital. Cllr Maxfield will contact the hospital for a meeting.
Cllr Maxfield confirmed that the Parish Council will receive £1,000 from his fund to help towards the cost of a new driveway into the allotment site. He felt that the County Council elections should go ahead, but he is not sure at present if he will stand down: he may wait for the court case to proceed which may result in the elections going ahead, but nothing will change if he resigns now. The Chairman asked what the remaining County Councillors are doing and was told that most seem unhappy that the elections were not going ahead. He felt there was a lot of pressure on not resigning; there could be more resignations yet, and will keep in his own position under review.

There has been no further response from the police in relation to recent events in the village.

6. PLANNING:

No new applications.

7. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Allotments – Quotes for an 8 yard skip to place on the allotment site had been received and ranged in cost from £280 to £330.

A car has been left on an allotment by an allotment holder. The clerk will put a sign on it instructing the owner to move it within 28 days.

b. Update re parking at Slaughter Lane junction – Cllr Cargill will obtain some No Parking signs from Jemco.

c. Beech Close street light and parking – the hedge by no.31 at Harvey Estate has still not been cut back. This is the only place to park, so the clerk will contact Flagship Housing again to chase. They had previously said they had sent details to their grounds maintenance team to action.

d. Clubhouse and field – MADRA has declined the use of it as it has no facilities. The chairman said that utilities services need to be connected to the clubhouse before it could be put back to use. The clerk will enquire on the cost of having electricity reconnected to the building. Cllr Gotts felt someone would need to be in place to run and oversee any club activities.

Cllr Lee reported a broken window to the clubhouse and it appears someone had broken in. There is also a floodlight hanging down near the patio doors which needs attention. Cllr Cargill offered the use of his teleporter to make it easier to repair.

The chairman said the bricks which have fallen onto the ground by the old spectator stand could only be removed when the ground dries out.

Cllr Lee asked about the grass cutting on the playing field. The chairman suggested we accept what we have with the current provider or to get three other quotes for the grass cutting and accept the cheapest.

e. Norfolk Marathon – this year's Norfolk Marathon will be held on Sunday 19th April and will again include participants running through the village. The clerk will remind the organisers to ask all those involved to clear their litter.

f. Safer Neighbourhood Teams meeting – having had no response from the police, the clerk informed the council that there is a neighbourhood teams meeting online on Weds 4th March and an in-person meeting in North Walsham on Thursday 5th. Cllrs Drake and Cargill expressed an interest in attending and the clerk will forward them contact details to book their attendance.

g. SAM2 camera – this had been returned to Westcotec as it had been found to leak. Cllr Gotts rang them today for an update but they refused to give him any information. The clerk will contact them for progress on its repair.

h. Textile bin – the clerk reported that the textile bin has just been replaced.

8. HIGHWAYS

Cll Cargill reported potholes on Heath Road heading towards Trimingham and also on Church Road, Trimingham. Clerk to report to Highways.
Cllr Cargill reported the garden wall in front of Home Farm is cracked and leaning into the road. As it's private property he felt the Parish Council should write to the residents about it as it is in danger of falling into the road becoming a highways issue. Clerk to action.
Cllr Lee reported that buses still can't pull in to the bus shelter properly due to inconsiderate car parking of local residents. When anyone is pulling out from Hall Road it is a safety issue. Ownership of the road by the bus shelter was queried and the clerk will speak with Highways about this.

9. BUDGET 2026 – 2027.

The budget was discussed but will be agreed at the next meeting due to the query on the value of the play equipment, and also to decide on the clerk's wages as she had not had a pay increase in almost two years.

10. FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTS

Fosters solicitors:	£599.60
Clerk wages 5 weeks to 5.2.26:	£333.40
Play Inspection Co. :	£113.94
Total:	£1,046.94

Proposer for payment: Cllr Lee. Seconder: Chairman.
Bank balances as at yesterday 08.02.26:
Treasurer's account (community current a/c) £6,295.00
Access account (deposit a/c) £5,212.65.
The church has asked for a donation and it was agreed to confirm this at the next meeting.

10. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA:

To discuss the request given to the Parish Council this evening for a £600 donation towards the grass cutting and maintenance of the cemetery at All Saints Church, Gimingham, for 2026.

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 9th March 2026 at Gimingham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 21.25 hrs.

DANIEL GOTTS – CHAIRMAN .....

Date: .....

* These are draft minutes only until approved at the next meeting.

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