

GIMINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting, held at Gimingham Village Hall.

Monday 14th September, 2026 at 7.30pm

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

Present: Daniel Gotts (Chairman) (DG). Richard Lee (RL), Michelle Englestone (ME), Kate Drake (KD), District Councillor Roy Macdonald (RM).

Apologies: Alan Gotts and County Councillor Callum Ringer.

Absent: Ali Cargill.

Six 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 July 13th were accepted as correct and approved. Proposed by KD and seconded by RL.

4. PUBLIC FORUM:

a) The problems of parking at Beech Close was raised as one property owner in Church Street was reported as leaving his car there for weeks at a time, whilst residents pay fees for their parking spaces. SE reported that a rep from Flagship Housing visited site a few days ago and spoke with Flagship this morning regarding a local resident who had claimed that he had spoken with Flagship and that they would be sending letters to all Beech Close residents, but Flagship told her they had no record of that. The Chairman asked how many spaces there were. A member of the public stated that there were 15 parking spaces for 12 properties, so parking could be very tight.

Clerk will contact Flagship about the matter.

b) Colin Hart, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee, said that the registration for the village hall was still not yet complete. The Parish Council had been paying part of its insurance. The hall's half-yearly accounts shows that it has an overspend of £600 so far this year, and it still has another 6 months to go. The insurance costs £809. More fundraising is needed. CH is asking for a donation towards the insurance from the Parish Council, which the council agreed to do 3 years ago. The Chairman said the Parish Council should seriously consider making a donation. CH said that he had spoken with a solicitor in London at the outset of the situation of the Hall, and the Parish Council are the Custodian of the Title Deeds, and the Village Hall committee are the Trustees. The Chairman said that CH had received 'off the cuff' informal advice but it cost this Parish money to organise it properly through the correct legal channels, and that the Parish Council had offered the Village Hall committee the chance to find another solicitor if they were not happy with the one being used.

Clerk will contact the solicitor to ask for update on registration and to ask the solicitor to include the Village Hall committee in his response.

The Chairman added that the Parish Council had always been the owner and paid for insurance. Another member of the public said that he would be taking on the position of Chairman of the Village Hall Committee later in the year and that it will be difficult to raise the £2,500 needed during the next six months, and that it was very difficult getting people to support the Hall; he feared the Parish Council will sell the building. The Chairman said that he will not be rewriting the constitution; he doesn't want to see the Hall sold but if people in the village decided they want to get rid of the Hall then it should be considered.

5. CORRESPONDENCE:

District Councillor report: DC Roy Macdonald sent apologies on behalf of County Councillor Callum Ringer who was unable to attend the meeting this evening. He then reported the drainage works in the village will cost around £750,000 and is on the 'to do' list but no start date has been fixed yet. To speed things up it would help if any issues could be reported. The hospital is reopened for patients. RM has a new webpage which will be regularly updated and will include Gimingham. RM now has local surgeries once every 3 months in each of the villages he covers: these are sometimes with a County Councillor or Cabinet Minister.

RM left the meeting at 8.30pm.

6. PLANNING:

None.

7. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Co-option of new Parish Councillor – Gimingham resident Tom McGregor (TM), had previously agreed to be co-opted on to the Parish Council although was unable to attend tonight's meeting. This was unanimously agreed. Proposer: KD Seconder: Chairman.

b. Allotments and skip – To assist in clearance of rubbish on Blakelock site, it was agreed for a skip to be put in place for one day only. To help speed up the process a teleporter would be needed and RL suggested AC could provide one for this purpose. AG is retiring from overseeing the allotments and KD suggested asking Tom McGregor who has an allotment already, if he might take over. RL asked if water could be provided on the Blakelock site but the Chairman said this had already been investigated and due to the huge costs involved, it would not be possible. RL said he was against moving allotment holders from the Blakelock site to the Buxton site as some people would leave. The Chairman felt if they were to move to the Buxton site, there would be a fresh start and the plots could be smaller if required and more effectively managed. To sort out the Blakelock site it would likely run into five figures. The situation regarding the allotments could be discussed with TM at the next meeting.

c. SAM2 camera – this has been collected for repair work. A member of the public expressed his concern on speeding through the village, especially motorcycles. RL said they were e-scooters and motorcycles and were particularly noisy. KD suggested putting gates at the clubhouse entrance to prevent the offenders gathering at the site. The member of public asked about a Community Speedwatch team. It was suggested this could be led by RL.

d. Playground equipment - the clerk reported settlement of the insurance claim for damage to the clubhouse had not yet been made. RL said a bolt needs replacing on the play area. Clerk has asked a local tradesman for quote which will be received shortly. The Chairman said he felt the dugout area should be demolished and to do this a skip would be required at the clubhouse to empty that at the same time as there was still rubbish left inside the building. A member of public asked what the long-term plan was for the clubhouse and field. The Chairman said that previous enquirers had been put off by the amount of work the building requires to make it useable again, and it was too much to expect any football lads who were interested in starting a team, to do all that was needed. He suggested putting CCTVs at the clubhouse which work from sim cards and solar panels; signs could also be displayed.

e. Grants – the Clerk has been looking into available grants but many are on match funding only. The clerk will arrange for a Schedule of Dilapidations to be carried out on the building so the Parish Council will know the cost of repairs involved to help with grant applications.

f. Defibrillator – CH said the batteries have been ordered (Parish Council pays for these). The clerk suggested holding defibrillator training.

g. Village hall registration update – none.

h. Complaints to police, Flagship Housing and Environment Agency – the clerk has received acknowledgments of contact, so will chase them up on these matters.

Any other matters requiring consideration before the next meeting:

RL said that David Lee can cut the beech hedge on Hall Road again and alongside both allotments for £200. The Chairman suggested it is done next month before the grass needs cutting along the verges.

8. FINANCE:

a. Forthcoming payments:

Clerk – 9 weeks work:	£666.00
TOTAL:	£666.00

Payment of above proposed by KD and seconded by ME.

Bank balances as of today 14 September 2026: Treasurer's account (current a/c) £8,642.31. Access account (deposit a/c) £5,230.18.

The clerk suggested moving some money from the current account to the deposit account and it was unanimously agreed to transfer £2,000.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

RL reported that the recent flower show at the church raised £4,300 but the organisers have been quoted £2,750 to have a tree felled. There has been an increase of £400 p.a. for their insurance which now costs around £1,644 p.a.

10. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA:

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 12th October 2026 at Gimingham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 21.30 hrs.

Signed:

Date:

DANIEL GOTTS - CHAIRMAN