

**GIMINGHAM
PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES of the Parish Council
Meeting held at The Village Hall,
Gimmingham, Norfolk
on
Monday, 11th May 2026.

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1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

Present: Daniel Gotts, Alan Gotts, Richard Lee, Kate Drake, Ali Cargill and District Councillor Roy Macdonald.

Absent: Michelle Englestone.

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 April 13th were accepted as correct and approved. Proposed by Cllr Cargill and seconded by Cllr Gotts.

4. PUBLIC FORUM:

Queries from the public had been raised in the preceding Annual Meeting. Cllr Drake said she has been informed that Southern Hill hospital has works going on at present, there are currently no patients but there should be new patients in soon.

5. CORRESPONDENCE. District & County Councillors' reports:

District Councillor Macdonald – report not yet received.

No report had been received from the new County Councillor Callum Ringer who was elected only last week.

6. PLANNING:

District Councillor Macdonald reported that under the new Local Plan, if an “annexe” is not joined to a property, permission will not be granted. Most of the Planning Committee disagrees with this. DC Macdonald said he voted against it on the Local Plan.

Planning application for Horseshoe Cottage in Church Street: the Parish Council

supports this with no objection.

There has been a Refusal of Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use/Development for Old Ben's Cottage in Slaughter Lane and a Certificate of Lawful Development granted for Blandings Cottage in Mill Street.

7. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Clubhouse - Cllr Lee said that he cleared all the smashed glass around the building following the damage caused recently.

The pole next to the clubhouse needs changing as it is bent. The Clerk will contact UK Power Networks and ask them to visit. Power needs to be reconnected to the clubhouse.

b. Allotments – due to the state of some of the allotments, future agreements will include a condition stating that every allotment holder is responsible for their plot and any appearing abandoned/neglected will be reclaimed by the Council. The Clerk was asked to contact Brian Thurston to remove his car trailer and other rubbish which is still on site having given up his allotment. The possibility of moving onto one allotment site was discussed and this idea will be offered to current allotment holders. It was agreed there will have to be an increase in the cost of the Council's agricultural land rented to a local farmer.

c. Overgrown hedge at Harvey Estate parking area – this still hasn't been cut back by Flagship Housing. The Clerk will remind Flagship it still needs doing.

d. Playground equipment – the Clerk is waiting for the two quotes to come in for work on some of the playground equipment.

e. Facebook – the Clerk has set up a Facebook page for the Parish Council.

8. HIGHWAYS

Temporary road closure orders – there are two upcoming road closures in the area: one in Swafield with Bradfield, and one in Trunch.

9. FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTS

Norfolk Parish Training annual subscription 2026 – 2027:	£133.51
Clerk wages 5 wks to 23.04.26:	£370.00
NNDC Dog and litter bins emptying:	£265.20
Total:	£768.71

Proposer for payment: Cllr Cargill. Seconder: Cllr Lee.

Bank balances as of today 11.05.26:

Treasurer's account (current): £10,476.20. Access account (deposit): £5,219.23.

The first of this year's precept was received on April 30th: £5,563.

The £300 payment to Gimingham Church was made on May 6th being the first of two payments this year, as contribution towards grass cutting at the church. The other payment for £300 will be made on receipt of the second precept, as previously

agreed by the Parish Council.

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA:

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 8th June 2026 at Gimingham Village Hall for 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 21.20 hrs.

DANIEL GOTTS – CHAIRMAN

Date:

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