

**GIMINGHAM
PARISH COUNCIL**

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

Clerk: J Collingwood.
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1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES:

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

Absent: Michelle Englestone, County Councillor Ed Maxfield.

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 February 9th were accepted as correct and approved. Proposed by Cllr Kate Drake and seconded by Cllr Gotts.

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

5. CORRESPONDENCE. District & County Councillors' reports:

District Councillor Macdonald reported that he had spoken with another District Councillor about Mundesley Hospital and along with Peter Neatherway, Trunch DC, are happy to get involved. Cllr Gotts said he had been told there were no patients at the hospital at the present time and that it was being advertised to attract more patients. DC Macdonald added that NNDC have decided not to take any illegal immigrants into North Norfolk.

6. PLANNING:

No new applications.

7. MATTERS ARISING:

a. Allotments – Cllr Gotts reported that Wayne, one of the current allotment holders, is now taking on a second allotment on the Blakelock site. Matt Wakefield rang to say he is waiting for a breakdown truck to remove his car

which he left on his plot. The clerk has put a sign on it instructing the owner to move it within 28 days.

b. Hedge cutting near Harvey Estate – this still hasn't been cut so the Clerk will contact Flagship to remind them.

c. Playing field grass cutting – The grass cutting contractor has contacted the clerk to explain that the charge to cut the playing field will be increased from April to £160 per cut. This was accepted by councillors and proposed by Cllr Lee, seconded by Cllr Cargill.

d. Playground equipment – the clerk obtained some Keep Off signs which Cllr Lee will fix around the play area until the equipment has been checked over. Cllr Cargill suggested employing a tradesman to repair the playground equipment and then get it reinspected as it would be more economical. Cllr Gotts suggested councillors meet there to discuss what needs to be done. A meeting was arranged for Wednesday, March 25th at 5pm. The clerk will resend the playground inspection report to councillors.

e. Grants for clubhouse – Cllr Cargill will contact Anglian Water to ask if they could contribute towards the cost of repairing the clubhouse.

f. Safer Neighbourhood Teams meeting – no report.

g. Bus cage by shelter – the clerk has been informed by Highways that the bus cage will go ahead.

8. HIGHWAYS

Cllr Cargill reported that only one pothole along Heath Road has been done: others have been painted around. He also referred to the wall of Grove Farm opposite the thatched barn is in a poor state and appears to be leaning into the road. This will be checked out for safety concerns to the public.

9. BUDGET 2026 – 2027.

This was finalised and agreed. It was unanimously decided that a contribution of £600 should be made towards grass cutting costs at the church and this would be paid in two lots of £300, in April and September. Also that the clerk would have an increase in wages of £18.50 per hour and would continue working four hours per week.

10. FINANCIAL & ACCOUNTS

Purchase of 2 x Keep Off signs and pack of plastic wallets @ £6.58 and £3.39 (pd by clerk):	£ 9.97
Grass cutting for church:	£300 (first half).
Total:	£309.97

Proposer for payment: Chairman. Seconder: Cllr Cargill.

Bank balances as of today 09.03.26:

Treasurer's account (community current a/c) £5,899.81

Access account (deposit a/c) £5,215.01

The Chairman asked Cllr Cargill to speak with our M.P. to get his team behind the support to resolve drainage problems in the village.

A possible fete to be held in August was discussed. Cllr Cargill has a marquee which can be used. Dates of the Swafield and Trunch fetes would need to be checked to avoid clashing. Suggestions were made as to the type of fun events which could be held. Cllr Cargill offered to contact Olivia Colman and Stephen Fry to ask if they would be interested in being a special guest for the event.

10. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE NEXT AGENDA:

Fete.

The next meeting was confirmed as Monday 13th April 2026 at Gimingham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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

DANIEL GOTTS – CHAIRMAN

Date:

* These are draft Minutes only until confirmed and agreed at the next meeting.

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